



## R. M. OF VICTORIA BEACH - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

705-1661 PORTAGE AVE - WINNIPEG

TUESDAY, MARCH 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 6:00 P.M

# MINUTES

**Present:** In-person – Deputy Mayor Kumka, Councillors Randle, Chadsey  
Virtual – Councillor Axworthy, Absent - Mayor McMorris

*Deputy Mayor Irwin Kumka is Chair of today's meeting.*

**Call To Order: 6:00PM**

### **Res. 2023/046 – Chadsey / Randle**

Be It Resolved that the Agenda be adopted with the following additions: Storage container purchase, ORV survey. ***Carried 4F/0A***

### **Res. 2023/047 – Chadsey / Randle**

Be It Resolved that the minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted as presented. ***Carried 4F/0A***

### **Delegations:**

#### **1. Laura Jones, Shoreline Erosion**

- Worried about increased intensity and frequency of storms causing erosion.
- Presented picture of King Edward beach erosion.
- A solution is needed now to protect developed properties.
- Asking Council to agree that shoreline protection is essential and leaving as-is is not a solution.

#### **2. Nicole Toews, ORV bylaw**

- A long-time resident of Albert Beach whose family are avid snowmobilers and they moved to the area to enjoy this winter recreation activity and she was aware of the bylaws at the time.
- Now, with the recent bylaw changes, they trailer snowmobiles to access trails and they see more police cars and police tape in the area.
- Asking for egress/regress permission to access trails and lake.

#### **3. Graham Cameron, ORV bylaw - virtual**

- Refuted the claim that ORVs in area cause more break-and-enters and that property values decrease because of ORV use; facts do not support these claims.
- Wants to solve this ORV issue maturely and do away with the factions that are dividing the community.
- Not in favour of grand-fathering permitted uses of ORVs and
- Not in favour of issuing VB special permits to ORV operators.

#### **4. Ian Fish, ORV bylaw**

- Wants to stop arguing back and forth and use facts free from “confirmation bias” to support any bylaws going forward, referring to delegations at the 21 Feb 2023 Council meeting.
- Stated ORV use was not in the top 10 reasons for cottage fires and suggested other activities in VB pose more risk for fire.
- Stated noise pollution caused by ORVs at 20km/hr is lower than chainsaw use or even large gatherings of people.
- Wildlife migration changes (deer) are more affected by pedestrian activities than snowmobiles.



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### 5. Jerry Bourassa, ORV bylaw

- States Council needs to be responsible to all residents and BYLAW 1614 was a failure for many residents of VB.
- BYLAW 1643 first reading draft was weak and does not solve the issues.
- Suggests ORV restriction time period should match the VRA period and that Saffie Road should be open to ORVs all year.
- AB2VB trail portion is only safe route for ORV travel and wants Council to work with interested user groups to find solution and offered support.

**Petition:** A sufficient petition signed by 273 residents of VB (*verified by CAO*) is presented to Council regarding ORV use in the municipality and reads as follows:

*Be it resolved that we the undersigned propose either an addendum to Bylaw 1614 or a new Bylaw to replace Bylaw 1614 allowing for the following:*

- *Legal egress and regress for ORVs to and from our RMVB properties to access the SnoMan trails or the lake in winter for ice fishing.*
- *Legal egress and regress for ORVs to and from our RMVB properties to access the ditches of PR 504 and PTH 59 to allow safe passage to the ORV trails in the RM of Alexander and beyond.*
- *Legal access to and from Saffies Store on Saffie Road and Rue Girard to purchase gasoline, food, and supplies as required.*
- *A speed limit of 20KPH for the above noted on Municipal Roadways.*

### Res. 2023/048 – Randle / Chadsey

Be It Resolved that the following list of accounts be approved for payment:

- Accounts Payable Cheques #11008 to #11038, amount of \$43,645.59;
- Credit Card statement 21 Feb 2023 balance owing of \$4,065.98.

**Carried 4F/0A**

### Res. 2023/049 – Chadsey / Randle

BE IT RESOLVED BY-LAW NO. 1643 being A By-Law to regulate the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) within the Municipality be given 2nd reading.

**Carried 3F/1A**

### Res. 2023/050 – Randle / Axworthy

Be It Resolved to approve the Mayor, CAO and any Councilor who wishes to attend the one-day, in-person Municipal Medical First Response Planning Workshop:  
April 25, 2023, 9:00am – 4:00pm, Canad-Inns Destination Centre, 2401 Saskatchewan Avenue, Portage la Prairie.

Further Be It resolved the RM cover registration costs and other incidentals as per the Meals and Travel Allowance Policy 2022/001.

**Carried 4F/0A**



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### Res. 2023/051 – Chadsey / Axworthy

Be It Resolved to approve the Mayor, CAO and any Councilor who wishes to attend: MEDIA Training for Municipal Officials, AMM Education Interactive and In-Person Workshop, April 3, 2023 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm OR April 3, 2023 - 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Further Be It resolved the RM cover registration costs and other incidentals as per the Meals and Travel Allowance Policy 2022/001.

**Carried 4F/0A**

### Res. 2023/052 – Axworthy / Randle

Be It Resolved to approve Variation Application 2023/001 to vary the Detached Private Garage maximum square feet requirement to allow for a more accommodating garage size for two vehicles plus storage as follows:

- In the Seasonal Resort (SR) District
  - From: 576 square feet
  - To: 640 square feet

**Carried 4F/0A**

### Res. 2023/053 – Chadsey / Axworthy

Be It Resolved to approve the application for the proposed subdivision File No.: 4198-23-7697 to create a lot for a communication facility, with the following conditions:

- 1) That variance order be obtained to ensure compliance of the lot with the RM of Victoria Beach Planning Scheme;
- 2) A Development agreement siting requirement of the communication structure and any other public works deemed necessary by Council including a provision that all structures on the proposed lot be built to an elevation of 220.06 metres (722 feet) CGVD28.

**Carried 4F/0A**

### Res. 2023/054 – Axworthy / Chadsey

Be It Resolved that the R M of Victoria Beach council accept the proposal from Napier Consulting for Emergency Management Consulting Services at a cost of \$5,000.00, plus GST for a one (1) year period from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

**Carried 4F/0A**

### Res. 2023/055 – Randle / Chadsey

Be It Resolved to approve the purchase of a 40' used storage container for \$9,485.00 plus applicable taxes from ADM Storage, which includes delivery, set-up and install (quote attached).

**Carried 4F/0A**

### Res. 2023/056 – Axworthy / Randle

Be It Resolved the RM of Victoria Beach will conduct a census or survey of exclusively Victoria Beach residents in order to properly assess the position of the majority in allowing the use of summer ORV operators on municipal roads before making any decision that would allow summer ORV operation on RMVB property.

**Defeated 1F/3A**



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### Spring Brush Pick Up 2023

2023 RMVB is trying something different this year to help control costs and still provide brush pick up and chipping service.

In the Vehicle Restricted Area June 22nd gates will close for VRA this year. Starting May long weekend until June 18th, please pile brush at end of your driveway and public works staff will pick up.

Outside the Vehicle Restricted Area Starting May long weekend until June 24th, please pile brush at end of your driveway and public works staff will pick up.

If you can and are able to, please help VB public works staff by trailering your brush and drop off at the firehall. Your help is greatly appreciated.

### Correspondence:

- Letter to Council stating interest for a dog park to be located in VB.
- AMM Training available for Abuse Policy
- MB GOV increased annual operating grant to VB from \$76,325 to \$127,838.
- Federal government seeking alternative funding models for libraries.
- ORV letters to council:
  - John Quinton, Andrew Stelmack, VBCOA, Peter Jessiman, All Terrain Vehicle Association of Manitoba (ATVMB), Birchwood Motor Hotel (Kyle Wingate), Red River North Tourism, Trails Manitoba via Blake Taylor.

### Res. 2023/057 – Chadsey / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the March 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular council meeting be adjourned; next regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – 7:00 P.M. in VB at EBSS.

***Carried 4F/0A***

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Irwin Kumka – Deputy Mayor

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Lon Turner – CAO