



R. M. OF VICTORIA BEACH - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Winnipeg, 705-1661 Portage avenue

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 2023 – 6:00 P.M. - MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 PM.

2. AGENDA

Res. 2023/178 – Kumka / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried 5F/0A

3. MINUTES

Res. 2023/179 – Axworthy / Chadsey

Be It Resolved that the minutes of the September 05th 2023 regular council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried 5F/0A

4. DELEGATIONS

a. Proposed removal of sandbags and replacement with toe protection revetment along King Edward and Alexandra Beaches paid for by shoreline owners

- Kathy McKibbin
 - Not surprised to see the revetment proposal issue resurface.
 - Suggests replacing sandbags and hiring a professional engineer for erosion protection and install revetment and groins according to the Baird report, engineers hold professional and personal liability insurance.
 - Need to start saving RMVB money in a 'beach fund' for beach nourishment including seeking grants and private tax-deductible donations to keep the "beach" in Victoria Beach; suggests that tax payers should pay for Beach nourishment.
- Jennifer Engbrecht
 - Was part of the VICTORIA BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SHORELINE AND BEACH MANAGEMENT in 2011, and the 2017 Shoreline Committee
 - Not all designs of toe protection are the same. As per the RMVB Development Plan, shoreline project proposals should have to involve a geotechnical study, and an environmental impact study to ensure it is safe, that it will not cause damage to adjacent natural areas, ie will not damage beaches. (Page 16-17, 19, 37, 44).
 - Involvement of geotechnical/coastal engineers to current and future projects, as well as community consultation for decisions (ie reinstatement of the Shoreline Committee made up of stakeholders from all areas of the RM) will help ensure community solutions going forward.



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- Helen Forrest
 - Asks Council take time to make a long-term plan and learn how to do sand nourishment and do it well. Need Council to obtain specifics from professionals on how to build a sloped sand bank based on Baird beach plans and on the SETC report. Also determine sand sources, in vicinity.
 - Asks Council to research species of deep-rooted vegetation, stop clear cutting and start planting in conjunction with property-owners as outlined in the SETC report.
 - Recommends rocks need to be imbedded to lowest lake level of 711 (SETC) and the current proposal shows embedded only to 716 (too shallow). However, no rocks should be placed at the toe as they will scour and tumble down with wave and drainage actions (BAIRD and SETC) and asks Council to establish a formal process for applying and approval of concerned including transparency for all residents (see BAIRD).

- Sean Taylor
 - There have been 50 years of research on hard-surface revetments showing that they do not work, why would council consider the proposal in front of them?
 - Cites multiple research papers on hard revetments, which eliminates beach as well as reducing riparian habitats and wildlife.
 - Presents option to Council of taking a “living shoreline” approach to erosion control and shoreline protection.

- Jim Mansfield
 - Introduced himself as a professional scientist for 25 years but is not an engineer. He understands how to read technical reports. Baird report states revetments cause sand loss for dynamic beaches, but Baird Report is not a detailed action plan. It is an opinion of the beaches in Victoria Beach.
 - Varying lake levels year-to-year are cause for reactionary measures and periods of little activity. Climate change will only worsen this problem.
 - Sand bags or toe rock revetment will prevent erosion of the sand cliffs but could cause sand loss on the beach. Other beaches need protection solutions and funding solutions and suggest using Baird report to determine long-term solutions.

- Council, comments and questions
 - Mayor McMorris recalls reports from Baird, “the time to do the necessary studies, planning, engineering, and implementation for this more innovative approach (pocket beaches and nourishment) was the last 10 years before it got to this point.”
 - Councilor Kumka cites page 20, Baird report of a revetment slope suggestion of 1.5:1 to 3:1 for revetments and reiterates the Baird report is a report, not a bylaw or legal document
 - Councilor Axworthy states no decision has been made by Council on this proposal and reiterates resident’s property size and dimensions along shoreline does not change once erosion encroaches



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- Councilor Randle says there is no federal or provincial grant support for erosion control

Break 7:17PM to 7:33PM

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Res. 2023/180 – Axworthy / Kumka

Be It Resolved to adopt the monthly committee reports as presented.

Carried 5F/0A

6. ACCOUNTS

Res. 2023/181 – Chadsey / Axworthy

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

- Accounts Payable Cheques #11594 to #11636 total \$186,940.22
- Visa statements dated:
 - May 21st 2023 in the amount of \$5,486.12
 - June 21st 2023 in the amount of \$4,977.65
 - July 21st 2023 in the amount of \$5,738.19

Carried 5F/0A

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a. Zoning bylaw status:
 - i. Planner reviewed with Council all feedback provided to them by residents and associations and suggested possible new zones along with permitted uses
 - ii. Next step is to create a proposed draft zoning bylaw, share with residents and associations and then to have another open house to receive more feedback and to answer questions (date, location TBD)

8. NEW BUSINESS

Res. 2023/182 – Axworthy / Kumka

WHEREAS service of first notice of tax sale auction could not be effected within the time frame prescribed in 367(1) of the Municipal Act;
AND WHEREAS pursuant to 369(1)(c) of the Municipal Act a municipality may adjourn the auction of all properties offered for sale;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach adjourn the tax sale scheduled for November 15, 2023 to December 13, 2023;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to 369(2) a notice of the adjournment be posted in the municipal office.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/183 – Axworthy / Randle

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 987 (OE987) and the Rural Municipality of Victoria Beach expired 31 December 2022; and



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WHEREAS, RMVB CAO made a request to OE987 in September of 2022 to submit a new CBA for review and approval; and
WHEREAS, RMVB CAO received on 08 September 2023 a new CBA for the period of 01 January 2023 through to 31 December 2025;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the entry into and approve the Agreement in accordance with its terms and content and to authorize Mayor McMorris and CAO Turner to sign the agreement on behalf of Council.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/184 – Kumka / Axworthy

Be It Resolved to approve a 3% CAO wage increase starting 25 September 2023.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/185 – Kumka / Chadsey

WHEREAS, RMVB passed bylaws 1637 closing a road allowance and 1638 opening a road allowance, which involved switching property ownership of parcels to account for public waterworks pathways;
Therefore, Be It Resolved to authorize Mayor McMorris and CAO Turner to sign the agreement on behalf of Council.

Carried 5F/0A

9. CORRESPONDENCE, INFORMATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Winnipeg office is moving to 2035 Portage avenue October 5th, 2023
- b. Lake Winnipeg levels are very low

10. ADJOURNMENT

Res. 2023/186 – Kumka / Chadsey

Be It Resolved that the September 19th, 2023 regular council meeting be adjourned; next regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday October 3rd 2023 – 6:00 P.M. in Winnipeg, Unit #705-1661 Portage Avenue.

Carried 5F/0A

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Penny McMorris – Mayor

Lon Turner – CAO