



R. M. OF VICTORIA BEACH - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Ave, Winnipeg, MB - Room Royal A

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

For the second meeting in a row, Council would like to thank the many who came to today's Council meeting. The feedback was appreciated and heard by Council.

Call To Order: 6:02PM

Res. 2023/034 – Kumka / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that the Agenda be adopted with the following deletions: Table Agenda 8a-BYLAW 1643 ORV BYLAW, 2nd/3rd readings.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/035 – Kumka / Chadsey

Be It Resolved that the minutes of the February 07th, 2023 regular council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried 5F/0A

Delegation: Regarding RMVB ORV BYLAW 1614, RMVB enforcement

1. Ian Fish, new VB resident (VRA)

- Spoke to the inherent bias present from different perspectives on an issue;
- By-laws should be rational, supported by data, objective without bias;
- Snowmobiles have been in use in VB for over 50 years with minimal impact and risk to area so wants amendment to the current ORV by-law.

2. Kevin Handregan (virtual), VB resident 23 years, President WBCOA

- Reviewed history of ORV bylaws 1511, 1582, and 1614;
- Questions regarding the TCT agreement and allowed uses;
- Wants current ORV bylaw amended to allow egress/regress for registered ORVs

3. Michael Dyck, B.A., J.D.

- Provided insight on Highway Traffic Act, ORV Act and municipal by-laws;
- Reviewed multiple sections of each Act;
- No need to be redundant in municipal by-laws if covered by other legislation.

4. Trish Richardson (Letter not submitted in time for meeting).

5. Sean Taylor

- Discussed the environmental Implications of Off-Road Vehicle Use;
- Provided statistics on ORVs relating to fire hazards, impact on wildlife, soil erosion, air quality.

6. Bill Kennedy (opted not to present).



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7. Blake Taylor, President VBCOA

- VBCOA mandate is to preserve character and unique history of the VRA;
- Supportive of opening Saffie Road and Rue Girard to snowmobiles and asks Council to consult with Albert Beach residents;
- Asks Council to consider “grandfathering” permits to current snowmobile users in the VRA and would like a public hearing in the summer for VRA residents.

8. Robert Monkman, Metis Citizen, Harvester

- Metis recognized harvesting agreement area September 2012, the MMF and the Province of Manitoba entered into an agreement that recognizes Metis rights to harvest for natural resources for food and domestic use in the defined area of Manitoba, of which VB is part of;
- Asks about the Metis Federation being consulted in the past on municipal by-laws;
- Promotes diversity in decision-making, to be all encompassing.

9. David Gray (virtual), Chief Electoral Officer, Manitoba Metis Federation

- Is appreciative of the by-law and consultation process;
- A number of Metis citizens are concerned about the impact that the ORV bylaw has on their traditional activity and access to the Lake;
- Asks Council to include Red River Metis citizens for input on future by-laws that may affect them.

Res. 2023/036 – Randle / Chadsey

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

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/037 – Chadsey / Randle

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

- Accounts Payable Cheques #10970 to #11007, amount of \$75,049.15;

Carried 5F/0A

Previous Business:

Zoning bylaw review of activity to date: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) is being completed and will be posted on VB website soon.

Agenda item “8a – ORV BYLAW No 1643” was tabled.



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Res. 2023/038 – Chadsey / Axworthy

Whereas CIBC requires an updated borrowing resolution to meet their security requirements;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the R.M. of Victoria Beach Council authorize the ongoing operating line of credit of \$500,000 and the 4 Corporate Visa cards with a total credit limit of \$20,000 each for the year 2023.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/039 – Randle / Axworthy

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2023 Vehicle Restricted Period be set as follows:

- From: Thursday, June 22, 2023 – 11:59 pm
- To: Monday, September 04, 2023 – 6:00 am

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/040 – Randle / Axworthy

Whereas the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Insurance Program requires the adoption of an Abuse & Molestation policy to help protect municipalities against potential statements of claim and to create a zero-tolerance environment for abuse within communities;

Therefore, Be It Resolved to approve RMVB Abuse Policy No. 2023-001.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/041 – Randle / Chadsey

Be It Resolved that BY-LAW NO. 1641 authorizing the payment of indemnities and expenses to the Mayor and Council, be given 2nd reading.

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/042 – Chadsey / Axworthy

Be It Resolved that BY-LAW NO. 1641 authorizing the payment of indemnities and expenses to the Mayor and Council, be given 3rd reading and passed.

Recorded: (PM-For, IC-For, IK-For, SA-For, GR-For).

Carried 5F/0A

Res. 2023/043 – Kumka / Chadsey

Be It Resolved to approve the MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM PROJECT CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA and RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA BEACH;

Further be it resolved to authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the agreement.

Carried 5F/0A



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Res. 2023/044 – Chadsey / Kumka

Be It Resolved to approve the Mayor, CAO and any Councilor who wishes to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Spring Convention, taking place April 3 to 5, 2023 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg;
Further Be It resolved the RM cover registration costs and other incidentals as per the Meals and Travel Allowance Policy 2022/001.

Carried 5F/0A

Correspondence:

- Multiple letters to Council regarding the ORV bylaw was noted;
- Review of the by-law development process and purpose of 3 different readings required to pass a by-law;
- Petition for ORV bylaw was reviewed.

Res. 2023/045 – Chadsey / Kumka

Be It Resolved that the February 21st, 2023 regular council meeting be adjourned; next regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday March 07th, 2023 – 6:00 P.M., in Winnipeg. ***Carried 5F/0A***

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Penny McMorris – Mayor

Lon Turner – CAO