

## **R. M. OF VICTORIA BEACH - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** 2035 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg MB TUESDAY, MAY 06<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. – MINUTES (Signed copy of approved meeting minutes available in RMVB administration office)

Mayor McMorris, Deputy Mayor Kumka (late), Councilors Randle, Chadsey, **Present:** Axworthy

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (6:03PM)
- 2. AGENDA (6:04M)

## Res. 2025/055 – Chadsey / Randle

Be It Resolved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of an expenditure approval for FireSmart activity. Carried 4F/0A

3. MINUTES (6:05PM)

## Res. 2025/056 – Chadsey / Axworthy

Be It Resolved the following minutes be adopted as presented:

- April 22nd, 2025 regular council meeting
- Shoreline Advisory Committee meetings of 18 August 2024 and 22 September 2024. Carried 4F/0A

~ Councillor Kumka enters meeting~

#### 4. FINANCIAL PLAN PUBLIC HEARING (6:06PM)

- a. 2025 Financial Plan opening remarks by Mayor McMorris and presentation by CAO Lon Turner.
- b. Question period.
- c. Public hearing closed at 7:04pm.

#### Res. 2025/057 – Chadsey / Randle

Be It Resolved to approve the 2025 Planned Revenues and Expenditures as presented.

## Res. 2025/058 – Chadsey / Randle

Be It Resolved to approve the 2025 Capital Budget as presented.

#### Res. 2025/059 – Kumka / Axworthy

Be It Resolved to approve the 5-year Capital Expenditure Plan as presented.

#### Res. 2025/060 – Chadsey / Randle

Be It Resolved the 2025 TAX LEVY BYLAW No. 1653 be given second reading.

#### Res. 2025/061 – Randle / Chadsey

Be It Resolved the 2025 TAX LEVY BYLAW No. 1653 be given third reading and passed. RRECORDED: PM -F, IK - F, GR - F, SA - F, IC - F.

#### 5. ACCOUNTS (7:08PM)

#### Res. 2025/062 – Chadsey / Randle

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

• Cheques #13199 to #13242 in the amount of \$388,090.05 Carried 5F/0A

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### 6. NEW BUSINESS (7:11PM)

### Res. 2025/063 – Chadsey / Randle

Be It Resolved to approve the purchase of 2 golf carts from Consolidated Turf for the total cost of \$19,635.00 which includes GST. *Carried 5F/OA* 

#### Res. 2025/064 – Randle / Chadsey

Be It Resolved to award the 2025 gravel tender to Freestyle Landscaping for the quoted amount of \$30.05/cubic yard delivered. *Carried 5F/0A* 

#### Res. 2025/065 – Randle / Kumka

WHEREAS participation in municipal governance is essential for maintaining democratic representation and ensuring that municipalities are effectively governed;

AND WHEREAS there has been a noticeable decline in individuals putting their names forward to run for municipal council positions in recent elections, resulting in a significant number of acclamations or vacant seats, which undermines healthy democratic competition and representation;

AND WHEREAS many potential candidates are discouraged from running for office due to the financial hardship caused by needing to take time off work to fulfill the responsibilities of elected office;

AND WHEREAS current employment policies often require individuals to use vacation time or banked time to attend council meetings and other municipal duties, further discouraging participation in local governance;

AND WHEREAS municipal councillors play a critical role in representing their communities, and barriers such as employment insecurity or loss of income can lead to reduced participation in municipal governance and fewer diverse voices on council;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) be requested to lobby the Province of Manitoba to enact legislation that enables employees who are elected to municipal council positions to take time off work, unpaid, to fulfill their official duties without being required to use vacation or banked time, and with protection against any form of workplace retaliation or recourse as a result of their public service;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** such legislation ensure that employees are granted unpaid leave during council meetings, committee work, and other official duties, supporting the vital function of municipal governance and encouraging a greater number of qualified and diverse candidates to run for office..

#### Carried 5F/0A

#### Res. 2025/066 – Randle / Kumka

Be It Resolved to require a Public Hearing - prior to Council approval - to hear comment and input regarding the plan for the delivery and placement of an RTM to 27 Stucky Drive, which will involve cutting, removing and rehabilitation of municipal trees that are on municipal road allowance property;



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Further Be It Resolved the Public Hearing be scheduled for the June 03rd 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.

## Carried 4F/1 Abstain

## Res. 2025/067 – Randle / Chadsey

Be It Resolved to approve the FireSmart expenditure of \$24,644.00 including taxes as per the attached quote from Silvanus Tree Service.

Carried 3F/2A

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE, INFORMATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS (8:02PM)

- a. Valley Fibre activity
- b. Fire Smart Village Green, Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### 8. ADJOURNMENT (8:08PM)

### Res. 2025/068 – Chadsey / Randle

Be It Resolved the May 06<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting of council be adjourned.

Carried 5F/0A

Next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:00 PM, in Victoria Beach at EBSS, #3 Ateah Road.

Penny McMorris – Mayor

Lon Turner – CAO