

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Council for the Village of Debden
Held April 13, 2023 at the
Village Office Chambers

Present

Mayor: Rod Fisher

Councilors: Cecile Compagna, Raymond Brad, Norm Cyr (arrived at 8:30)

Administrator: Tamara Couture

Call to Order

A quorum being present Mayor Rod Fisher, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

042/23 Brad: That the agenda be accepted as presented.
Carried

Minutes:

043/23 Brad: That the minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting be approved as read.
Carried

Correspondence:

044/23 Compagna: That the following Correspondence be approved as presented:
Highway 55 Waste- Annual General Meeting
Government of Saskatchewan- 2023 Education Property Tax Mill Rate
SUMA- 2023 AGM and 2022 Financials
Carried

Financial Statements:

045/23 Compagna: That the financial statements and bank reconciliations for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented.
Carried

Accounts Payable:

046/23 Compagna: That the accounts payable for the month of March 2023 in the amount of \$38,899.96 be approved as presented.
Carried

Water Reports:

047/23 Fisher: That the water report and verification for the month of March 2023 be approved as presented and reviewed.
Carried

Time Sheets:

048/23 Fisher: That the Maintenance Time Sheet be approved as presented.
Carried

049/23 Fisher: That the Administration Time Sheet be approved as presented.
Carried

Employee:

050/23 Brad: That Council acknowledges the resignation of Rocky Gaudry with last day of work April 28, 2023.
Carried

051/23 Compagna: That Tamara attends UMAAS June 6-9, 2023.
Carried

SUMA:

052/23 Cyr: That Council as a whole have provided our voting delegate with SUMA resolutions that we request SUMA to support.
Carried

Debden Library:

053/23 Fisher: That Council acknowledges the Debden Library 2022 Audited Financial Statement. Furthermore, Council approves the \$2040.00 Budget request for 2023 operating costs.
Carried

Bylaws/Policies:

054/23 Cyr: That Council adopts Policy 1/2023 known as Progressive Discipline Policy.
Carried

055/23 Compagna: That Bylaw 3/2023, being a Bylaw for Records Retention be introduced and read a first time.
Carried

056/23 Brad: That Bylaw 3/2023, being a Bylaw for Records Retention be read a second time.
Carried

057/23 Cyr: That Bylaw 3/2023 be given all three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously

058/23 Fisher: That Bylaw 3/2023, being a Bylaw for Records Retention, forming part of these minutes, be read a third time, adopted, signed and sealed.
Carried

059/23 Compagna: That Council acknowledges the Record Destruction form filed March 17, 2023.
Carried

R.C.M.P.:

060/23 Fisher: That the priorities Council would like to see addressed, in order of priority, are:
Safety and Security in the Community
Substance Abuse Reduction/Loitering around Establishment

Prevent and Reduce Crime Rate, mainly theft
Road Safety- Reduce stunting and speeding
Carried

061/23 Cyr:

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

WHEREAS, Local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

WHEREAS, Going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Village of Debden joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe; and be it further.

RESOLVED, That the Village of Debden conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

Carried

062/23 Cyr:

That the Village of Debden responds to the Government of Canada on the issue of retroactive RCMP pay with the attached press release.

Carried

Water:

063/23 Brad:

That Council acknowledges the Waterworks Inspection Report from Water Security Agency on March 13, 2023 and continue to work towards improving incompliances.

Carried

064/23 Fisher:

That we purchase a new 2100Q Turbidimeter.

Carried

065/23 Cyr:

That the Village reimburse Chris Beaulieu for water certification fees.
Carried

Administration/Maintenance:

- Lagoon-gravel
- UMAAS- June 6-9
- Office- desk, metal shelving
- Budget

Adjourn:

066/23 Cyr:

That this meeting be adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Mayor:
Rod Fisher

Administrator:
Tamara Couture