

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF KING GEORGE No. 256

The minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of King George No. 256 was held in the Dinsmore Municipal Office on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Reeve: Norm McIntyre

Councilors:

- Division 1 - Brad Peters**
- Division 2 - Jason Lawes**
- Division 5 - Bonnie Simonson**
- Division 6 - Ed Omiecinski**

Kelly Dodd - Administrator

Travis Toth - Foreman

Absent:

Councilor: Chris Buchanan

Reeve Norm McIntyre called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Foreman Travis Toth presented a verbal report to council at 9:04 a.m. He left the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Foreman Travis Toth returned to work yesterday April 4. He advised council that the John Deere Grader purchased in 2022 needs to be belted. Council recommended that a maintainer be put on the secondary Grader when not in regular use to ensure longevity of the batteries. Foreman Toth advised that he would like to commence work on the Civic Address Sign Installation project as soon as weather allows and will require temporary assistance.

33-23 Foreman’s Report

Peters: That we accept the verbal Foreman’s report as presented. **CARRIED**

34-23 Minutes

Lawes: That the minutes of the regular meeting of council, held on March 7th, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

35-23 Bank Reconciliation

Simonson: That the Bank Reconciliation for March 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

36-23 Accounts Payable

Omiecinski: That the bills and accounts be paid as presented: Cheque #1510– 1524 and online payments in the amount of \$25,461.38 and Payroll – Direct Deposit \$11,986.35, for a combined total of \$37,447.73 as attached and forming part of these minutes. **CARRIED**

37-23 **Correspondence**

Lawes: That we accept the correspondence as presented.

CARRIED

Reeve Norm McIntyre and Councilors Simonson and Omiecinski provided a recap of the SARM Convention attended in mid- March. Resolution session determined that councilors are split on whether Mid Term convention should continue, and therefore it will continue. There was a focus on rural health, and discussions on Tax Tools.

Reeve Norm McIntyre & Councilor Omiecinski attended the 2023 Coteau Hills Municipal Group Meeting in Outlook hosted by the RM of Rudy. When comparing our wages, rates and fees with other RM's in our region we measured competitively. There is still a need for a Regional Pest Control Officer.

The Gravel committee consisting of Councilors Buchanan, Omiecinski & Peters are to make arrangements to meet to discuss the RM's future gravel needs an options and report to council at their earliest convenience.

The 2023 Gravel Map will be discussed at the May meeting.

The Administrator Kelly Dodd is to look for paperwork regarding the King George Hall Ownership & Operator agreement.

Councilor Bonnie Simonson provided an update on The New Fire Hall Building Project. The building is complete and the building inspector recently inspected the work. Hand rails are to be installed on both sides of the stairs leading to the second story. The builders will return after the ground thaws to repair chips in the concrete out front. The Dinsmore & Area Kinsmen Association provided a \$40,000 donation towards the project. Reeve Norm McIntyre and Councilors Lawes & Omiecinski attended a Dinsmore & District Fire meeting last week. King George is responsible for paying 37% of the total annual operating levy and 25% of capital costs as needed.

38-23 **Final Invoice Fire Hall**

Omiecinski: That we pay the final installment payment for our ¼ share of the new Fire Hall Build to the Dinsmore & District Fire Protection Corp. in the amount of \$9404.60 plus applicable taxes

CARRIED

39-23 **King George Hall Insurance**

Lawes: That the King George Hall be insured annually for Actual Cash Value at 90% [\$259,000] of the total value [287,684] at a cost of \$594.40 plus applicable taxes this year.

CARRIED

Councilors expressed concerns regarding trucks hauling in the RM without appropriate Heavy Haul Agreements in place. The administrator Kelly Dodd will issue a reminder and invoice as needed.

Kelly Dodd advised that since the last meeting she has assisted the King George Hall Board with insurance questions. She prepared for the annual audit of Financial Statements to be held April 13. Se has reworked financial reports to present more accurately and concisely. She attended the SARM convention and MLDP Training. Business cards have been produced and provided to councilors. The Final Draft of the 2023 Operating budget will be presented to council today.

40-23

2023 Dinsmore & District Fire Association Operating Levy

Lawes: That we pay the 2023 Dinsmore & District Association Operating levy in the amount of \$14,890.69

CARRIED

41-23

Administrator’s Report

Simonson: That we accept the Administrator’s report as presented.

CARRIED

A joint office meeting will be held on April 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

Council reviewed the Final Draft of the 2023 Operating Budget and proposed Mill Rate.

2023 Operating Budget

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Simonson: That we accept the 2023 operating budget as attached and forming part of these minutes.

CARRIED

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Mill Rate

Omiecinski: That the 2023 Municipal Mill rate be set at a rate of 5.75 mills.

CARRIED

44-23

Education Property Tax

Peters: That we acknowledge the 2023 confirmed Education Property tax rates:

Agricultural Property	1.42 Mills
Residential Property	4.54 Mills
Commercial/Industrial	6.86 Mills
Resource	9.88 Mills

CARRIED

Triways Disposal Service would like to come to council to discuss Waste Disposal Options for the RM.

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May Council Meeting Date

Lawes: That the next regular meeting of council be held May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.at the Municipal Office.

CARRIED

46-23

Adjourned

Omiecinksi: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

CARRIED