

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Piney held on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Vassar, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve:	Wayne Anderson (Via Video Conference)
Councillors:	Ken Prociw (Ward 1)
	Dale Edbom (Ward 2)
	David Beaudry (Ward 3)
	Mark Bernard (Ward 4)

Recording Secretary: Martin Van Osch, Chief Administrative Officer

The Reeve took the chair at 6:00 P.M. and called the meeting to order.

<u>1. Approve Amended Agenda</u>	Resolution 311
<u>Resolution No. 311</u>	

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw	Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the regular meeting amended agenda. Carried

2. Minutes Approval

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| a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023                  | Resolution 312 |
| b) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on<br>December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 | Resolution 313 |

Resolution No. 312

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom	Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 313

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw	Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 are hereby adopted. Carried

3. Delegations: N/A

4. Cheques & Online Payments

Resolution 314/315

Resolution No. 314

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom	Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw
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WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending December 12, 2023 have been found to be in order;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques no's.15064 to 15116 amounting to \$195,023.31 be approved for payment. Carried

Resolution No. 315

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw	Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom
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WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending December 12, 2023 have been found to be in order;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT online payments from November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 amounting to \$67,591.09 be approved for payment. Carried

5. Council Indemnities: November 2023

Resolution 316

Resolution No. 316

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom	Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council's indemnities submitted during the Regular Meeting be paid as presented. Carried

6. CAO Attendance Report for the month of October 2023  
a) CAO Statement of Expenses for November 22, 2023

Resolution 317  
Resolution 318

Resolution No. 317

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney approve as submitted the Chief Administrative Officer's attendance report for the period of November 2023.

Carried

Resolution No. 318

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's expenses account for November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 be paid as presented.

Carried

7. Financial Statement:

Resolution 319

- a) As of November 30th, 2023

Resolution No. 319

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. By-Law & Policies:

- a) Personal Protective Equipment Allowance Policy

Resolution 320

Resolution No. 320

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney adopt the PPE Allowance Policy as amended.

Carried

9. Unfinished Business:

- a) Manitoba Real Estate Services Branch Re; Sale of NE 11-2-11 EPM.

Resolution 321

Resolution No. 321

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney has no issues with Lands Branch Application Type & Number: Sale No. 75294 the Northerly 50 feet Perpendicular of Section NE ¼ 11-2-11 EPM.

Carried

10. General Business:

- a) Permanent Public Transit Program Amendment to Agreement
- b) Eastman Region Economic Development Training Opportunity
- c) Interim Operating Budget
- d) Committee Appointments
- e) Deputy Reeve
- f) Government of Manitoba Strategic Municipal Investment Fund Agreement
- g) Lobbying Document Updates
- h) Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities Letter of Expression

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Resolution No. 322

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

WHEREAS the RM of Piney entered into a Rural Transit Solutions Fund Agreement for the Purchase of a Vehicle for On-Demand, Door-to-Door Service in Rural Municipality of Piney and the Buffalo Point First Nation, with His Majesty the King in Right of Canada, on June 21, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney agree to the amended Rural Transit Solutions Fund Agreement as presented to include two vehicles and further the Reeve and C.A.O. are authorized to sign the said agreement;

Carried

Resolution No. 323

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney authorize Council to attend the Community Economic Development Training in Steinbach, Manitoba on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney absorb all out of pocket expenses to attend. Carried

Resolution No. 324

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney hereby adopts the Interim Operating Budget for all operating and capital expenditures of the RM for the period of January 1, 2024 until the adoption of the annual estimates;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following interim budget is hereby adopted:

Operating Requirements	\$325,000.00
Capital Requirements	\$150,000.00

Carried

Resolution No. 325

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint the following individuals to the respective committees listed:

1. Triple R Community Futures
  - a. David Beaudry
  - b. Mark Bernard, Alternate
2. Piney/Stuartburn Weed/Building Inspection Board
  - a. Dale Edbom
  - b. David Beaudry
3. Vita Vet Board
  - a. Dale Edbom
  - b. Mark Bernard, Alternate
4. Roseau River International Watershed
  - a. Ken Prociw
  - b. David Beaudry, Alternate
5. East Borderland Community Housing
  - a. Mark Bernard
  - b. Wayne Anderson, Alternate
6. Eastman Tourism
  - a) Mark Bernard
7. Piney Pinecreek Border Airport Commission
  - a. David Beaudry
  - b. Dale Edbom
  - c. Ratepayer: Harold Grawberger
  - d. Martin Van Osch
8. Roseau River Conservation District
  - a. Ken Prociw
  - b. Ratepayer: Randy Tkachyk
  - c. David Beaudry, Alternate
9. Seine-Rat River Conservation District
  - a. Ken Prociw
  - b. Ratepayer: Robert Kuchma
  - c. David Beaudry, Alternate
10. Southeast Provincial Trail System
  - a. Ken Prociw
  - b. David Beaudry, Alternate

11. Southeast Cellular Group
  - a. Mark Bernard, Alternate
  - b. Wayne Anderson
12. LGD Ad Hoc Group
  - a. Wayne Anderson
  - b. Martin Van Osch
13. Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce
  - a. Mark Bernard
14. Recreation Commissions Committee
  - a. Mark Bernard
  - b. Ken Prociw
15. East Borderland Primary Health Care
  - a. Wayne Anderson
16. LGD Resource Council
  - a. David Beaudry
  - b. Dale Edbom, Alternate
17. Piney Stuartburn Economic Development District
  - a. Mark Bernard
  - b. Ken Prociw
18. Southeast Community Services Co-op
  - a. Wayne Anderson
  - b. Martin Van Osch
19. Transit Committee
  - a. David Beaudry
  - b. Martin Van Osch
20. Buffalo Point Piney Stuartburn Recycling & Waste Mgt.
  - a. Dale Edbom
  - b. David Beaudry
  - c. Wayne Anderson, Alternate
21. Red River Basin Commission
  - a. Ken Prociw
  - b. David Beaudry, Alternate
22. Protective Services Committee
  - a. David Beaudry
  - b. Ken Prociw
  - c. Mark Bernard
  - d. Martin Van Osch
23. Southern Health Community Stakeholders Committee
  - a. Ken Prociw

Carried

Resolution No. 326

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney appoint Dale Edbom as Deputy Reeve.

Carried

Resolution No. 327

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney enter into a Funding Agreement with the Government of Manitoba under the Strategic Municipal Investment Fund for 2023 to support strategic infrastructure projects, and further the C.A.O. is authorized to sign the said agreement;

Carried

Resolution No. 328

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

WHEREAS the 12 former LGD's formed an Ad-Hoc Committee back in 2012 and developed a lobbying document called Main Market Road Funding 2018 and beyond to secure at a minimum the 2012 funding commitment from the Provincial Government;

AND WHEREAS this document is needing to be updated for the Ad-Hoc Committee to lobby the current Government for continued financial assistance of these Main Market and 50/50 roads, including inflationary costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney commits up to \$3,000.00 for the Ad-Hoc Committee to hire a consultant to refresh the lobbying document. Carried

Resolution No. 329

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney support Council Letter of Expression to the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities to become a member. Carried

11. Correspondence:

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| a) Support for Valley Fiber Application for Universal Broadband Fund | Resolution 330 |
| b) Ronald McDonald House Charities                                   | Resolution 331 |
| c) Vassar Community Recreation Center Occasional Liquor Permit       | Resolution 332 |
| d) Rate Payer Letter of Concern – Road Conditions                    | Noted          |

Resolution No. 330

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney council supports Valley Fiber's application for Universal Broadband Fund to bring high-speed internet to the southeast region;

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Resolution No. 331

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney will donate \$250.00 to Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba. Carried

Resolution No. 332

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney has no objection to Vassar Community Recreation Center applying for an Occasional Liquor Permit for the End of the Year Celebration on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Carried

12. Correspondence for Information only: N/A

13. General Discussion :

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| a) 2024 Council Meeting Dates        | Noted |
| b) RM Office Closed for the Holidays | Noted |
| c) Fire Fighter Appreciation Gifts   | Noted |
| d) Piney Pinecreek Airport Lights    | Noted |
| e) Main Street South Junction        | Noted |
| f) Main Street Middlebro             | Noted |

14. Next Regular Council Meeting

Resolution No. 333

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney next Regular Meeting be held on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Vassar, Manitoba. Carried

15. Adjournment  
Resolution No. 334

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Resolution 334

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting be adjourned, time 8:23 P.M.

Carried

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Head of Council

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Chief Administrative Officer  
(Subject to errors and omissions)