MUNICIPALITY OF CLANWILLIAM-ERICKSON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2025

The Council of the Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson held its regular meeting assembled on Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Reeve Victor Baraniuk;
Councillor Wade Shellborn;
Councillor Alison Burgess;
Councillor Tami Johnson;
ACAO Kaitlyn Pinette;
CAO Iain Edye;

Members Absent: Councillor Cody Cameron;

1. **Call to Order;**
   Reeve Baraniuk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda;**

Resolution No.1/25
JOHNSON – BURGESS

Be It Resolved That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes;**

Resolution No.2/25
SHELLBORN – JOHNSON

Be It Resolved That Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11th, 2024 and the Special Meeting of December 30, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **Public Hearings - NIL;**

5. **Delegations;**
   a) John Whitaker – 1:30 p.m.;

Mr. Whitaker reported to Council on the following:
- His personal history in the area as a farmer and biologist;
- Sitting on the Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District (LSRCD) as a municipal councillor in the 1990s during its formation;
- Discussed the LSRCD inception, which was attractive to municipalities due to a 3:1 funding match from the province;
- There was extensive consultation during the LSRCD formation.
- He is concerned about a quick and secretive process resulting in the Municipality withdrawing from the Assiniboine West Watershed District (AWWD);
- He does not believe the municipality should be withdrawing from AWWD;
- Conservation and watershed district programs exist to protect water and lake communities, and have many benefits to farmers and other landowners, as well as in town;
- The 3:1 funding at LSRCD inception has increased to 9:1 in recent years, as funding for conservation programs has increased;

- Climate change is increasingly concerning, and watershed districts will help communities deal with those threats;
- Zebra mussels are a threat, and AWWD can help;
- He has three recommendations for Council:
    - Rescind the resolution to withdraw;
    - Host AWWD Manager Ryan Canart for a meeting to discuss the benefits of AWWD membership;
    - Consult with ratepayers about AWWD before making changes regarding municipal membership;
- Acknowledged that there are communication problems between Municipality and AWWD, and stated that these can and should be addressed without withdrawing from the district;

b) Nelson Gourlay, Manitoba Land Stewards – 1:50 p.m.;

Mr. Gourlay reported to Council on the following:

- Thanked Council for opportunity to speak in support of the decision to withhold support from the ecological corridor project;
- The Manitoba Land Stewards group will hold a consultation for landowners regarding the Ecological Corridor project;
- They began as a group working with landowners, Council, and ratepayers in RM of Oakview;
- They expressed concern about lack of communication from AWWD board regarding the ecological corridor project;
- Stated that trust has been broken between landowners and AWWD due to Ecological Corridor project;
- Stated concern that an ecological corridor will be designated by the federal government and be part of a national ecological corridor program;
- Concern that the ecological corridor program is top-down, and does not consult with landowners who might be affected;
- Concern that farmers are being forced into the program;

c) Ryan Canart, Assiniboine West Watershed District – 2:15 p.m.;

Mr. Canart presented to Council on the following:

- Asks that Council reconsider all three resolutions from the Special Meeting of December 30, 2024;
- Apologized and acknowledges that AWWD should have communicated better and pledges to do better;
- At this time, he has communicated all the information he has, regarding the voluntary nature of the ecological corridor program, and hopes that he has alleviated Council's concerns regarding landowner rights.
- Gives credit to Don Huisman, whose experience and passion for conservation have been great assets to the AWWD and community, and hopes that Council will allow him to continue his work in the capacity of municipal representative;
- Developing a communication schedule with Mr. Huisman as community appointee should address deficiencies;
- Municipal membership in the AWWD has resulted in ratepayers receiving $63,000 in 2024, plus $20,000 in collecting information on municipal assets – a 10 to 1 benefit to cost ratio. This does not include benefits from well water testing, tree planting, and other programs.
- Improved environmental outcomes and agricultural outcomes are other benefits that have a dollar value which is harder to quantify;
- Projects include regenerative agriculture, shelterbelt, ALUS programs, and others;
- Removing the Municipality from the AWWD risks the loss of $130,000 worth of funding that has already been committed to be paid to Clanwilliam-Erickson ratepayers;

- All future AWWD programs would be unavailable to the Municipality, and landowners within the municipality, if the resolution to withdraw remains in effect;
- AWWD's project budget is approximately $4.5 million per year;
- There are supports for grain farmers through the Prairie Watershed Climate Program, and AWWD has provided $30,000 to Clanwilliam-Erickson landowners through this program over the previous two years;
- The ecological corridor program is short-lived and only lasts one year, while AWWD membership carries undeniable benefits to current and future residents in Clanwilliam-Erickson;
- In conclusion, removing the Municipality from AWWD would result in significant loss of opportunity to municipal residents, and there are no apparent positive outcomes to be gained from going forward with it;

6. Finance;

a) **List of Accounts for Approval;**

Resolution No.3/25
JOHNSON – BURGESS

Be It Resolved That Council approve the payment of the General Account of the Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson to January 7th, 2025 as recommended by the Finance Committee and as represented by:

Cheque No.'s 4652 to 4688 totalling $827,510.99 and
Direct Deposit of payroll, source deductions and service fees for the pay dates of December 13th and December 27th totalling $42,026.80,
and all online bill payments totaling $154,915.35 and

Utility Account as represented by Cheque No.'s 725 to 732 inclusive and totalling $26,321.68 and all online bill payments totaling $33,635.77, from the Utility Account.

CARRIED

b) Approval of Council Indemnities;

Resolution No.4/25
JOHNSON – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved That Council approve the indemnities and expenses for council members for December 2024 as follows:

Reeve Victor Baraniuk	$683.00;
Councillor Wade Shellborn	$708.00;
Councillor Alison Burgess	$752.40;
Councillor Cody Cameron	$600.00;
Councillor Tami Johnson	$700.00;

CARRIED

c) Unaudited Financial Statements;

Resolution No.5/25
BURGESS – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved That Council approve the Unaudited Financial Statements for the month of December 2024.

CARRIED

7. **By-Laws;**
    a) Mutual Aid By-law No.96-24;

Resolution No.6/25
SHELLBORN – JOHNSON

Be It Resolved That Council give Second Reading to By-law No.96-24.

CARRIED

Resolution No.7/25
BURGESS – JOHNSON

Be It Resolved That Council give Third and Final Reading to By-law No.96-24, Being a By-law to authorize Clanwilliam-Erickson Fire Rescue to participate in activities outside the Municipality as part of the South Central Mutual Aid District;

IN FAVOUR: Reeve Baraniuk;
Councillor Burgess;
Councillor Shellborn;
Councillor Johnson;

OPPOSED: Nil;

    b) Tipping Fees By-law No.97-24;

8. **Unfinished Business;**
    a) Rural Snow Clearing Policies;
    b) Assiniboine West Watershed District Ecological Corridors Steering Committee Appointment;

Resolution No.8/25
JOHNSON – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved That Council appoint Alison Burgess to sit as a member of the Assiniboine West Watershed District Steering Committee regarding the Ecological Corridor project;

CARRIED

9. **New Business;**
    a) Subdivision Application;

Resolution No.9/25
BURGESS – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved That Council approves the proposed subdivision of Plan 346 – Railway Avenue in Erickson;

CARRIED

    b) Municipal Sewer Maintenance Agreement;

Resolution No.10/25
JOHNSON – BURGESS

Be It Resolved That Council approves the updated contract with Municipal Sewer Maintenance as proposed;

CARRIED

c) Appoint Municipal Weed Inspector;

Resolution No.11/25
SHELLBORN – BURGESS

Be It Resolved That Council appoints Wes Huyghe as the Municipal Weed Inspector for the year 2025;

CARRIED

d) Municipal Board Hearing re: Subdivision Appeal;

Resolution No.12/25
JOHNSON – SHELLBORN

Whereas Diane Kreshewski has applied to subdivide the yardsite from SE 5-17-18 W, and has received conditional approval;

And Whereas Ms. Kreshewski has appealed a condition to remove an approach on Provincial Trunk Highway 10 to the Municipal Board;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council supports Ms. Kreshewski's appeal.

CARRIED

e) Committee Appointment to Assiniboine West Watershed District;
f) RM Shed Lighting and Wiring Upgrade Proposal;

Resolution No.13/25
JOHNSON – BURGESS

Be It Resolved That Council approves the quote from Burton Electric to upgrade lighting and wiring in the RM shed as proposed;

CARRIED

g) Designate Tax Sale Year;

Resolution No.14/25
JOHNSON – BURGESS

Whereas Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered by sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

Be It Resolved That the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction be 2024 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2023 or prior); and

Be It Further Resolved That in accordance with s. 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, "costs" shall be the actual costs incurred for each parcel listed for the tax sale (plus administration fees of $50.00 as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97);

Be It Further Resolved That the tax sale be held October 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson council chambers.

CARRIED

10. Committee Reports;

a) **Council Reports;**

Reeve Victor Baraniuk reported on the following matters;

- Watershed District meetings;

Councillor Wade Shellborn reported on the following matters;

- Watershed District meetings;
- Fire Department meeting;

Councillor Alison Burgess reported on the following matters;

- Skating Rink board meeting;
- Rossburn Subdivision Trail Association meeting;
- Watershed District meeting;

Councillor Tami Johnson reported on the following matters;

- Finance Committee meeting to plan for budgeting 2025;
- Housing Committee meeting;
- Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- Watershed District meeting;
- AMM June District meeting;

11. Chief Administrative Officer Report;

The Chief Administrative Officer advised Council of the following;

- Public Works report;
- Recreation report;
- Transfer Station construction;
- Water line repairs;
- Preliminary budget work with finance committee and Public Works;
- Meeting with A/Director of Watershed Management Branch;
- Future AMM Convention venue locations;

12. Development Officer Report;

The Development Officer advised Council of the following;

- Building permits issued to date;
- South Ditch Lake Recreational Co-op;

13. Correspondence;

a) Rolling River Festival of the Arts;
b) Ronald McDonald House Charities;
c) Darren and Deborah Holmberg;
d) Shannon and Scott Bryer;
e) Tim Town;
f) Brian Schnell;
g) Ryan Pengelly;

14. In Camera;

a) Legal;

Resolution No.15/25
JOHNSON – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved That Council recess the Regular Meeting to sit “In Camera” as a Committee of the Whole to discuss legal issues;

And Be It Further Resolved That all matters discussed are to be kept confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of *The Municipal Act*.

CARRIED

Resolution No.16/25
JOHNSON – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved That as per Section 152(4) of *The Municipal Act* Council does now resume sitting of the Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

15. Adjournment;

Resolution No.17/25
JOHNSON – SHELLBORN

Be It Resolved that the Regular Council Meeting does now adjourn at 4:00 p.m.
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

CARRIED

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Reeve Chief Administrative Officer