

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF GARDEN RIVER NO. 490**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

A regular meeting of Council was held in The Church in Meath Park at Meath Park, SK on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Attendance** Reeve: Ryan Scragg  
Councillor Division 1: Travis Podbielski  
Councillor Division 2: Larry Adamko  
Councillor Division 3: Ted Boryski  
Councillor Division 4: Jaret Kosowan  
Councillor Division 5: Dewell Meyers  
Councillor Division 6: John Kowalik  
Acting Administrator: Rebecca Matthews

Call to Order That a quorum being present, Reeve Scragg called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

**CARRIED**

**No. 01-02-21 Agenda**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we accept the agenda as presented, with an option to add.

**CARRIED**

**No.02-02-21 Minutes**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That the minutes of the Regular meeting held on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as read.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Ted Boryski entered The Church in Meath Park at 9:08 am.

**No.03-02-21 Correspondence**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That the following correspondence, having been read, be filed.

Garden River Fire Assoc. – December Minutes – Email dated January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Roldane Senior – Parkland Geo – Email dated January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Milligan Bio – Dust Suppressant – Letter dated January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

SARM – Fuel Prices – Email dated February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**CARRIED**

**No.04-02-21 Financial Activities**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That the Statement of Financial Activities for January 2021 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**No.05-02-21 Accounts**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That the accounts, submitted for payment totaling for \$92,726.34 per attached listing of voucher Nos. 8154-8177;

AND FURTHER THAT the January 2021 payroll and council indemnity transferred by direct deposit through Paymate in the amount of \$10,980.94 be approved for payment.

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**No.06-02-21 Electronic Transfers**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we ratify payment of electronic transfers & Debit card payments No. 425-438 totaling \$46,104.74 as per attached listing presented by the Acting Administrator.

**CARRIED**

**No.07-02-21 Day Park**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we have Jeff Horan of Associated Engineering draw up a professional plan for the potential day park located at NE 30-49-22 W2, for the approximate cost of \$400.00 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

Foreman Shaun Moritz entered The Church in Meath Park at 9:28 am.

Foreman Shaun Moritz left The Church in Meath Park at 10:05 am.

**No.08-02-21 Financial Abstract**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That with regard to publication of the annual financial statement as required by section 185(3) of the *Municipalities Act* we instruct the Acting Administrator to have a Financial Statement Abstract published on the RM website and a copy mailed out to all ratepayers with the 2021 assessment notice.

**CARRIED**

**No.09-02-21 Office Assistant Training**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we enroll Office Assistant, Jobina Comeau for the Munisoft webinars for Basic Accounting Principles and MS Excel. At the cost of \$109.00 plus tax each.

**CARRIED**

**No.10-02-21 Tax Abatement**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we approve the interest tax abatement total of \$19.88 from roll numbers 635 000 and 638 000.

Roll #635 000  
100-MUN \$8.86  
200-#119 \$1.96

Roll #638 000  
100-MUN \$7.49  
200-#119 \$1.57

**CARRIED**

**No.11-02-21 Void Cheque**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we void cheque No. 8132.

**CARRIED**

**No.12-02-21 Office Supplies**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we purchase a vertical legal 4 drawer filing cabinet at the cost of \$324.99 plus applicable taxes for the office.

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- No.13-02-21 Smeaton Policing Report**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That we acknowledge the Smeaton RCMP Community Policing Quarterly Report for the period of October 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.  
**CARRIED**
- No.14-02-21 Transfer Station**  
Moved by: Larry Adamko  
That we acknowledge the Transfer Station Site reports for January 2021 by Clinton Caruk.  
**CARRIED**
- No.15-02-21 Transfer Station Hours**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That the Transfer Station continues to be open the third Tuesday of the month from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm April to October for 2021.  
**CARRIED**
- No.16-02-21 Grant Payment Confirmation Report**  
Moved by: Larry Adamko  
That we acknowledge the 2020 Grant Payment Confirmation Report from the Financial Management Unit of Municipal Infrastructure and Finance.  
**CARRIED**
- No.17-02-21 Revenue Sharing Grant**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
The Council of the RM of Garden River #490 confirms the municipality now meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:
- Submission of the 2019 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;
  - In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;
  - Adoption of Council Procedures Bylaw;
  - Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct;
  - All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and
- That we authorize the Acting Administrator to send a letter to the Ministry of Government Relations acknowledging the municipality now meets all eligibility requirements to receive their Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant.  
**CARRIED**
- No.18-02-21 Targeted Sector Support Initiative Grant**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That the RM of Garden River along with the Village of Meath Park apply for the Targeted Sector Support Initiative Grant for the project of District Planning.  
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**No. 19-02-21 Grading Project**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we authorize the Acting Administrator to apply for the project funding from The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure (MHI), Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) under the Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Program to request more funding for the Garden River Road/Whitestar grid grading project.

**CARRIED**

Ian Mardell and Richard Mardell entered The Church in Meath Park at 10:28 am.

Thomas Gowan entered The Church in Meath Park at 10:55 am.

Ian Mardell and Richard Mardell left The Church in Meath Park at 11:18 am.

Thomas Gowan left The Church in Meath Park at 11:42 am.

**No.20-02-21 FCM Membership**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we pay \$287.03 for a membership for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for the year 2021.

**CARRIED**

**No.21-02-21 FCM Grant Application**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we have the Acting Administrator submit an application to the FCM for the Municipal Asset Management Program grant.

Furthermore:

We have Associated Engineering assistant with the application.

**CARRIED**

Retriever – Tabled to the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting.

Councillor Larry Adamko abstained from voting on motion #22-02-21.

**No.22-02-21 Excavator Purchase**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we purchase a mulcher for the excavator from Farm World for the cost of \$22,000 plus applicable taxes and hoses.

**CARRIED**

**No.23-02-21 Financing Approval**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we authorize the Acting Administrator to fill out the application to the Local Government Committee for approval to obtain financing in the amount of \$22,000 for the purchase of a mulcher for the excavator.

**LOST**

**No.24-02-21 Broadband Connectivity**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

The RM of Garden River #490 is in support of SARM lobbying for reliable broadband connectivity in rural Saskatchewan as an essential service.

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**No.25-02-21 Civic Addressing**

Moved by: Larry Adamko

That we contract Thomas Gowan of Integrity Data Management Solutions to calculate and enter address the remaining address into the PECC website and to review the current address and update the roads and highways for a cost of \$30.00/hr to a maximum of \$15,000 plus applicable taxes. Contingent on grant approval.

**CARRIED**

Range road and Township signs – Tabled to March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting.

Welcome Sign – Tabled to March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting.

Digital Sign – No motion made.

**No.26-02-21 SARM Convention**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That the following attend the Digital SARM 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention:

Ryan Scragg

Travis Podbielski

Larry Adamko

Ted Boryski

Jaret Kosowan

Dewell Meyers

John Kowalik

Rebecca Matthews

Shaun Moritz

**CARRIED**

Bridge Inspection – Tabled to March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council meeting.

**No.27-02-21 Subdivide SE 18-50-22 W2**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we approve the application to subdivide land SE 18-50-22 W2, pending a survey conducted by a professional surveying company and Community Planning's involvement and approval.

**CARRIED**

**No.28-02-21 Subdivide SE 21-50-24 W2**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we approve the application to subdivide land SE 21-50-24 W2, pending a survey conducted by a professional surveying company and Community Planning's involvement and approval.

**CARRIED**

**No.29-02-21 Lease Land Sale**

Moved by: Travis Podbielski

That we do not approve the Government of Saskatchewan Lands Branch sale of lease land located at NW 26-49-23 W2, NE 26-49-23 W2. The RM will need to do a gravel survey prior to any approval being given.

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- No.30-02-21 Gravel Exploration**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
The RM to apply for gravel exploration permits on NW 26-49-23 W2, NE 26-49-23 W2, SW 26-49-23 W2, SE 36-49-23 W2, SW 36-49-23 W2 and NW 25-49-23 W2.  
**CARRIED**
- No.31-02-21 Gravel Excavation**  
Moved by: Larry Adamko  
The RM to apply for the excavation of gravel from NW 33-50-23 W2 and SE 3-51-23 W2, based on further exploration of SE 3-51-23 W2 and the confirmation by an approved surveyor.  
**CARRIED**
- Land for Tender – No Motion made.
- No.32-02-21 AHMI Exam**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That we approve Acting Administrator Rebecca Matthews, to write the AHMI exam in Regina before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.  
Furthermore  
We approve the reimbursement of mileage and meals travel expenses.  
**CARRIED**
- No.33-02-21 Seasonal Operators**  
Moved by: Larry Adamko  
That we advertise for the position of a seasonal operator on multiple job search platforms for Spring 2021.  
**CARRIED**
- No.34-02-21 Evolution Training & Consulting**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That we enroll the following into the One Day Refresher training with Evolution Training & Consulting for the cost of \$2100.  
  - Shaun Moritz
  - Calvin Scriven
  - Mary McLane**CARRIED**
- Councilor Dewell Meyers left The Church in Meath Park at 2:40 pm.
- No.35-02-21 Bylaw No. 07-2020**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That bylaw No. 07-2020 be read a second time.  
**CARRIED**
- No.36-02-21 Bylaw No.07-2020**  
Moved by: Larry Adamko  
That bylaw No.07-2020 being a bylaw for Public Notice be read a third time and adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- No. 37-02-21 Bylaw No. 08-2020**  
Moved by: Travis Podbielski  
That bylaw No. 08-2020 be read a second time.  
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**No.38-02-21 Bylaw No. 08-2020**

**Moved by: Larry Adamko**

**That bylaw No. 08-2020 being a bylaw for Council Procedures be read a third time and adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**No.39-02-21 Next Meeting**

**Moved by: Travis Podbielski**

**That the next regular meeting of council be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 am.**

**CARRIED**

**No.40-02-21 Adjournment**

**Moved by: Larry Adamko**

**That this meeting is adjourned at 4:20 pm.**

**CARRIED**

**Minutes adopted by resolution of Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.**

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**Reeve, Ryan Scragg**

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**Acting Administrator, Rebecca Matthews**