

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Preeceville held on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, in the Preeceville Town Office Council Chambers, Preeceville, Saskatchewan.

In Attendance: Mayor - Ralph Ager
 Councillors - Florian Balawyder
 - Sheldon Luciw
 - Jesse Nelson
 CAO - Lorelei Karcha

Mayor Ralph Ager called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Agenda	265-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That the agenda be approved.	CARRIED.
Minutes	266-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held July 18 th , 2023, be approved.	CARRIED.
Bylaw Enforcement	267-23	Luciw/Nelson: That it be acknowledged that the Order to Remedy issued under the Town's Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 9-2005, to the following property owner has not been complied with; and as such, the Town will proceed with the remedial clean up action: 617 2 nd Street NE.	CARRIED.
	268-23	Balawyder/Nelson: That it be acknowledged that the Order to Remedy issued to the property owner of 202 1 st Avenue NW under the Town's Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 9-2005, has been complied with; and further that it be acknowledged that the Order to Remedy issued to the property owner of 376 1 st Avenue NW under the Town's Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 9-2005, has been cancelled as the property was cleaned up prior to the Order being delivered.	CARRIED.
	269-23	Luciw/Nelson: That as recommended by the Town's Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Orders to Remedy under the Town's Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 9-2005 be issued to the following property owners and/or occupants: 641 Railway Avenue SE and 634 Railway Avenue SE.	CARRIED.
	270-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Reports from July 27 th , August 1 st and August 10 th , 2023, be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.
Tax Enforcement	271-23	Balawyder/Nelson: That the Quote provided by DM Property Maintenance Ltd. of Canora, Saskatchewan, to remove and dispose of all contents within the Town's Tax Title Property of 504 Highway Avenue E for \$8,400.00 plus taxes be accepted and further that this clean up work be proceeded with as soon as possible.	CARRIED.
	272-23	Luciw/Nelson: That in accordance with the Tax Enforcement Act the property of 504 Highway Avenue E, Lot C, Block 22, Plan CB5878 be offered for sale by public tender.	CARRIED.
	273-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the List of Lands in Arrears of Taxes as of August 16 th , 2023 be accepted as presented and TAXervice on behalf of the Town of Preeceville be authorized to prepare and advertise the list, less any adjustments for payments received, in accordance with Section 4, 5 and 6 of the Tax Enforcement Act.	CARRIED.
AWSA AGM	274-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the report provided by Councillor Florian Balawyder from the Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Annual General Meeting held August 15 th , 2023 be acknowledged as presented.	CARRIED.

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Mayor's Report	275-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the Mayor's Report be acknowledged as presented.	CARRIED.
Legion Air Conditioning	276-23	Nelson/Balawyder: That the invoice provided by K. Danielson Plumbing and Heating Ltd. for work completed to date on the Preeceville Community Legion Hall Air Conditioning Project for \$29,610.75 plus GST be approved and paid.	CARRIED.
CD&RC Report	277-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That the Community Development and Recreation Coordinator's Report be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.
Office Position	278-23	Luciw/Nelson: That it be acknowledged that Madison Comerford has been hired for the Town of Preeceville Office Assistant Position at rate of pay of \$18.50 per hour as of July 31 st , 2023.	CARRIED.
7:47 pm – Councillor Florian Balawyder declared a conflict of interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.			
In-Camera	279-23	Luciw/Nelson: That as the next matters to be discussed includes personnel information, Council move into an in-camera session where a portion of the meeting be closed to the public, under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Time: 7:48 pm.	CARRIED.
8:08 pm – Councillor Florian Balawyder was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he had declared a conflict of interest in had been dealt with.			
	280-23	Nelson/Luciw: That Council move out of the in-camera session and reopen the meeting to the public. Time: 8:18 pm.	CARRIED.
Assistant Arena Operator	281-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the position of Part-Time Assistant Arena Operator be advertised and filled for the 2023/2024 Arena Operating Season.	CARRIED.
Photo Copier	282-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the quote provided by Success Office System to replace the operating panel on the Town's Canon C3530 Photocopier/Scanner/Printer/Fax Machine for \$1,500.00 plus taxes be approved.	CARRIED.
CAO Report	283-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That the Chief Administrative Officer's Report be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.
Town Well Pump	284-23	Balawyder/Luciw: That it be acknowledged that through email poll conducted of Town Council on August 1 st , 2023 the purchase of a Complete Well Pump (motor end and pump end) for \$9,972.00 plus taxes from Smalley Plumbing of Preeceville, Saskatchewan, was approved to replace the failed well pump in the Town Well #2 (PW-2013).	CARRIED.
Tree Pruning	285-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the quote received from Sky High Tree Services of Preeceville, Saskatchewan for approximately 20 hours of Town Tree pruning and clean up services for \$4,500.00 plus taxes be accepted and approved.	CARRIED.
SWWA Convention	286-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That Town Foreman Ashley Ward and Shop Employee Chris Halkyard be authorized to attend the Saskatchewan Water and Wastewater Association Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from November 1 st to 3 rd , 2023 and that the conference registration fee of \$420.00 plus GST and membership fees of \$60.00 plus GST each and all other expenses incurred for attending this event be paid by the Town.	CARRIED.

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Foreman's Report	287-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the Foreman's Report be acknowledged and filed.	CARRIED.
Accounts	288-23	Balawyder/Luciw: That the accounts listed on the attached "List A - Accounts Approved As Paid" and dated August 16 th , 2023, be approved as paid.	CARRIED.
8:56 pm – Councillor Jesse Nelson declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.			
	289-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That the account of Paul's Drugs Ltd. in the amount of \$20.26, be approved and paid.	CARRIED.
9:00 pm – Councillor Jesse Nelson was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he had declared a pecuniary interest in had been dealt with.			
	290-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the accounts listed on the attached "List B – Accounts Approved & To Be Paid" and dated August 16 th , 2023, be approved and paid.	CARRIED.
Financial Activities	291-23	Nelson/Balawyder: That the Statement of Financial Activities - Detailed and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending July 31 st , 2023, be accepted as presented.	CARRIED.
Building Permits	292-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the following Building Permit be approved as per the conditions stated on the permit: 1) 105 Railway Avenue SW, Permit #10-2023 to construct attached garage; 2) 73 1 st Avenue SE, Permit #11-2023 to construct a shop addition; and 3) 636 3 rd Avenue NE, Permit #12-2023 to construct a crawl space, move in an RTM dwelling and construct a deck.	CARRIED.
Lot Lease Agreements	293-23	Balawyder/Luciw: That the Lease Agreements between the Town of Preeceville and the property renters of the following Trailer Lots be approved as presented and further that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign these agreements on behalf of the Town and they be attached to and form a part of these minutes: 703 Railway Avenue SE, 729 Railway Avenue SE, 733 Railway Avenue SE, 739 Railway Avenue SE, 722 Railway Avenue SE, 627 & 631 Railway Avenue SE, 529 1 st Avenue SE, 533 1 st Avenue SE, and 633 1 st Avenue SE.	CARRIED.
Town House	294-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the quote provided by Ab Snider of Preeceville, Saskatchewan to replace the Garage Door at the Town owned house located at 542 1 st Avenue NE for \$1,549.99 plus taxes be accepted.	CARRIED.
RCMP Levy	295-23	Luciw/Balawyder: That the 2023 RCMP Rural Policing Invoice in the amount of \$61,060.05 be approved for payment.	CARRIED.
Lot Consolidation	296-23	Luciw/Nelson: That the request of the property owner of 39 4 th Street SE, Lot 20 Block 26 Plan BV3924, to have this property consolidated with their adjoining lot of 43 4 th Street SE, Lot 19 Block 26 Plan BV3924, for taxation purposes, be approved and further that this change be in effect for the 2024 Assessment and Taxation year.	CARRIED.
Memorial Play Structure	297-23	Nelson/Luciw: That the request to place a Play Structure and Bench In Memory of Jim Ward at the Town of Preeceville Railway Avenue SE Park be approved; and, further that the memorial donation funds held in trust by the Town of Preeceville be issued for this project.	CARRIED.

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9:45 pm - Mayor Ralph Ager vacated his position as Chair of the council meeting and requested an Acting Mayor be appointed to Chair the meeting to allow him to make a motion on the next matter to be discussed. Councillor Sheldon Luciw was appointed as Acting Mayor and took over chairing the meeting.

Tax Concession 298-23 Ager/Nelson: That the request of the property owner of 206 Highway Avenue E for a tax concession be approved as follows: 50% of the Commercial Assessment will be exempt from taxation for the first year and 25% of the Commercial Assessment will be exempt from taxation for the second year, effective January 1st, 2024, and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign such an Agreement and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes. CARRIED.

9:51 pm - Acting Mayor Sheldon Luciw vacated the Chair position of the meeting and Mayor Ralph Ager resumed Chairing the meeting as the motion he made had been dealt with.

GPS Network 299-23 Nelson/Luciw: That the request of Insight Services & Co. to install an GPS/GNSS Network RTK Antenna and Equipment at the Preeceville Skating Arena be approved; and, further that the GPS Reference Station Host Agreement between Leica Geosystems Inc. and the Town of Preeceville be approved, and the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town and it be attached to and form a part of these minutes. CARRIED.

Committee Reports 300-23 Balawyder/Nelson: That the following committee reports be acknowledged: Preeceville Economic Development/Tourism Committee, Preeceville Sports Grounds Committee and Preeceville Arena Board. CARRIED.

Correspondence 301-23 Balawyder/Nelson: That the correspondence listed below be acknowledged and filed:
- SUMA - Municipal Updates
- RCMP CTSS District Commander Update
- SaskTel Fiber Optics Construction Coming to Preeceville. CARRIED.

Adjourn 302-23 Nelson/Luciw: That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 10:09 pm. CARRIED.

MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER