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**Town of Big River  
Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Big River was held in the Community Centre Board Room, 606 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, on April 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

**Present:**

- Mayor: David Krawetz
- Councillors: Rick Croshaw
- Chad Dunn
- Sandra Gilbert
- Lana Meyers
- Administrator: Noreen Olsen

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**AGENDA**

RES#85/23

Dunn: THAT the April 11, 2023 Agenda be adopted with the power to add.  
Carried.

**MAINTENANCE & SEWER & WATER REPORTS**

Maintenance Foreman, Terry Olsen, attended the meeting from 8:43 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

RES#86/23

Dunn: THAT the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to March 31, 2023, be accepted.  
Carried.

**2022 DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE/ANNUAL NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

RES#87/23

Croshaw: THAT the 2022 Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Annual Notice to Customers document is approved by the Council of the Town of Big River, and THAT advertisement be made on [www.bigriver.ca](http://www.bigriver.ca) and on the May utility bill of its availability to the public.  
Carried.

**DELCO WATER SITE VISIT, March 7 to 9, 2023**

RES#88/23

Meyers: THAT the site report from Delco Water's visit on March 7 to 9, 2023, be acknowledged.  
Carried.

**DELCO AUTOMATION INC. – MEMBRANE TREATMENT UNIT (MTU) CLEANING QUOTE TO RETURN TO CLEAN MTU NO. 2**

RES#89/23

Meyers: THAT it be acknowledged that Delco Automation has agreed to return to clean MTU No. 1 properly at no cost to the Town.  
Carried.



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**BIOFILTRATION BASICS WORKSHOP**

RES#90/23

Gilbert: THAT the maintenance staff be registered to take the online Biofiltration Basics Workshop being offered by Advanced Municipal Solutions, on April 26, 2023.  
Carried

**DELEGATIONS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RES#91/23

Gilbert: THAT the minutes of the March 21, 2023, regular meeting be adopted as presented.  
Carried.

RES#92/23

Meyers: THAT the notes of the March 23, 2023, Joint Committee meeting of Councils of a Whole be adopted as presented.  
Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**LAWN MOWER**

RES#93/23

Meyers: THAT RES#78-23 be revised;  
Rather than purchasing the new Kubota #T2090BR 20hp 42" gas mower from Earthworks Equipment Corp. (\$6790.00 plus \$339.50 GST and \$407.40 PST), THAT it be exchanged for the #Z200 K300132001 42" zero turn (\$7,100.00 plus 355.00 GST and \$426.00 PST) from Glenmore Equipment.  
Carried.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

RES#94/23

Gilbert: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2023 be acknowledged.  
Carried.

RES#95/23

Meyers: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of March 2023 be acknowledged.  
Carried.

RES#96/23

Croshaw: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of March 2023 be acknowledged.  
Carried.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

**TOWN REGULAR**

RES#97/23

Croshaw: THAT accounts for approval to include cheque nos. 20088 through 20127 for a total of \$73,331.73 be approved for payment.  
Carried.



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**CORRESPONDENCE**

RES#98/23

Gilbert: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.  
Carried.

**MINISTRY OF CORRECTIONS, POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

RES#99/23

Gilbert: THAT we send a letter to the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety regarding Council’s concern of the ongoing lack of having a fully staffed R.C.M.P at the Big River Detachment, and that the time spent within the Town and R.M. of Big River is low compared to the time outside of the municipalities, and THAT the Town request a reduction in the annual fee rate charged per capita due to the lack of coverage.  
Carried.

**BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BIG RIVER & DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURAL BOARD**

**SOUND SYSTEM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL**

RES#100/23

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the request from the Recreation and Cultural Board for the Town to pay for the new sound system (less the \$2500.00 donation) and to be cost shared 50/50 with the R.M. of Big River No. 555.  
Carried.

**BIG RIVER HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

RES#101/23

Gilbert: THAT the funds which are currently in the Health Fundraising Committee account be transferred to the Town of Big River to be added to the Big River Health Care Fund Term Deposit account at Diamond North Credit Union.  
Carried.

**LANDFILL/TRANSFER STATION**

**GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM**

**QUOTE TO R.M. OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 FROM CLIFTON ENGINEERING GROUP INC.**

RES#102/23

Meyers: THAT the scope of work and cost estimate from Clifton Engineering Group Inc. to complete an Annual Groundwater Monitoring Program at the former landfill site SE 1/4 36-56-08 W3M be acknowledged.  
Carried.

Council recessed from 9:48 a.m. to 9:56 a.m.

**BIG RIVER & DISTRICT REGIONAL PARK SEWER AND WATER CHARGES FOR 2023**

RES#103/23

Gilbert: THAT the Big River Regional Park water and sewer charge for 2023 be \$1000.00 for each of the two services at the Regional Park on 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, and THAT the water meter at the Cowan Lake Regional Park be added to the Town’s regular quarterly billing.  
Carried.



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**PERSONNEL – ADMINISTRATOR OVERTIME**

RES#104/23

Croshaw: THAT Noreen Olsen be paid out overtime hours.  
Carried.

RES#105/23

Gilbert: That the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.  
Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**APPLICATION TO MUNICIPAL BOARD**

**TO REQUEST PERMISSION TO BORROW BY WAY OF DEBENTURES**

RES#106/23

Gilbert: THAT application be made to the Local Government Committee for permission to borrow by way of debentures, the sum of up to \$1,500,000.00 in 2023, repayable over a period of 10 years for the purpose of purchasing of a new fire rescue/pumper truck, fire utility unit, and bridge.  
Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT FOR THE MATTHEW NEUFELDT MEMORIAL FISH DERBY**

RES#107/23

Dunn: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority to be issued to Lyndon Johnson for the Matthew Neufeldt Memorial Fish Derby, to take place at the Big River Regional Park at Cowan Lake north of the washrooms, on Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Carried.

**2023 UMAAS CONVENTION**

RES#108/23

Gilbert: THAT Noreen Olsen attend the 2023 UMAAS Convention in Saskatoon from June 6 to 9, 2023 with associated expenses paid.  
Carried.

**REQUEST TO KEEP A TEAM OF RACING PIGEONS IN TOWN ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

RES#109/23

Croshaw: THAT the request from Kelly Gear to keep a team of racing pigeons in Town at his residential property be approved.  
Defeated.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

RES#110/23

Croshaw: THAT the Town of Big River advertise to hire one summer employee for 35 hours per week starting May 29, 2022 until September 16, 2023, at an hourly wage of \$15.00 per hour  
Carried.



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**BIG RIVER PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2022-2023 YEARBOOK AD  
RES#111/23**

Gilbert: THAT the Town of Big River support the Big River Public High School 2022-2023 Yearbook with an advertisement at a cost of \$60.00.  
Carried.

**COUNCIL BURSARY  
RES#112/23**

Gilbert: In conjunction with the R.M. of Big River No. 555, THAT the Town commit \$500.00 for the annual bursary for a Big River Public High School student who is graduating and who is planning to attend post-secondary school in the Fall of 2023.  
Carried.

Council recessed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – LED LIGHTING IN ARENA AND COMMUNITY CENTRE  
INVESTING IN CANADA INFRASTRUCUTE PROGRAM (ICIP) – PROJECT NO. 40210037  
TOWN OF BIG RIVER – RINK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE REVITALIZATION  
RES#113/23**

Croshaw: THAT advertisement be made for Request for Proposals to upgrade the lighting in the skating and curling arenas and the Community Centre to LED's.  
Carried.

**PROMOTIONAL VIDEO FOR BIG RIVER WEB SITE  
RES#114/23**

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to hiring Tyson Johnson to create a promotional video of the Community of Big River for the web site.  
Carried.

**CRIME STOPPERS DONATION  
RES#115/23**

Gilbert: THAT a \$200.00 contribution be donated to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers for their continued program to fight crime.  
Carried.

**BYLAWS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE  
Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Mayor David Krawetz adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

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Mayor

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Administrator