



**Town of Big River  
Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2024 – 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 February 21, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

**Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**AGENDA**

RES#24/24

Croshaw: THAT the February 21, 2024, Agenda be adopted with the power to add.  
Carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

RES#25/24

Gilbert: THAT the Administrator’s Report be accepted as presented.  
Carried.

**MAINTENANCE AND SEWER & WATER REPORTS**

Maintenance Foreman, Terry Olsen, attended the meeting from 8:55 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Lana Meyers entered the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

RES#26/24

Gilbert: THAT the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to January 31, 2024, be accepted.  
Carried.

**QUOTE FROM FLOCOR – SEWER LINE CAMERA**

RES#27/24

Croshaw: THAT quote no. 1857003 from Flocor for a sewer line camera in the amount of \$12,410.21 (plus \$620 GST and \$744.61 PST) be approved.  
Carried.

**WATERWORKS COMPLIANCE INSPECTION - HUMAN CONSUMPTIVE USE (PART I)**

RES#28/24

Gilbert: THAT the Waterworks Compliance Inspection Report dated January 24, 2024, from the Government of Saskatchewan, Water Security Agency, Environmental Project Officer, Evan McLeod be acknowledged.  
Carried.

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**DELEGATIONS**

Honorable Minister Gene Makowsky, Minister of Social Services and Natasha Sebastian, Director, Housing Authority Operations, Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, Ministry of Social Services attended the meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. via MS Teams.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

RES#29/24

Gilbert: THAT the minutes of the January 16, 2024, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.  
Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

RES#30/24

Gilbert: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2024 be acknowledged.  
Carried.

RES#31/24

Dunn: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2024 be acknowledged.  
Carried.

RES#32/24

Croshaw: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of January 2024 be acknowledged.  
Carried.

**ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

TOWN REGULAR

RES#33/24

Gilbert: THAT accounts for approval to include cheque nos. 20822 through 20895 for a total of \$274,806.62 plus payments to CIBC Visa \$215.79, Terry Olsen \$167.99, Purolator Inc. \$57.95, and SUMA \$577.50 be approved for payment.  
Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

RES#34/24

Gilbert: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.  
Carried.

**BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURAL BOARD 2024 BUDGET

RES#35/24

Croshaw: THAT the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board 2024 budget be accepted as presented, a copy attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.  
Carried.

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE BAR AND COAT ROOM RENOVATIONS**

RES#36/24

Gilbert: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the recommendation from the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board to allow the Big River Recreation Improvement Association (RIA) to renovate the Big River Community Centre bar and coat room, with associated cost be that of the RIA.  
Carried.

**BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE**

Dave Krawetz has been appointed as Chairperson and Rick Croshaw has been appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Big River & District Fire Committee for 2024.

**BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE 2024 BUDGET**

RES#37/24

Croshaw: THAT the 2024 Big River and District Fire Committee Budget be accepted as presented; such budget to attached to these minutes.  
Carried.

**RESCUE TRUCK**

RES#38/24

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the recommendation from the Big River and District Fire Committee to splitting the cost 50/50 with the R.M. of Big River No. 555 to purchase a rescue unit to a maximum \$150,000.00 total.  
Carried.

**RESIGNATIONS**

RES#39/24

Dunn: THAT the resignations of Deputy Fire Chief Darryl Meyers and Firefighter George Hildebrand be acknowledged.  
Carried.

**2024 RATES FOR FIRE AND RESCUE UNITS**

RES#40/24

Dunn: THAT the following rates for Fire and Rescue Units be acknowledged:

Fire Truck E721S & E722S	\$800.00/hr. (each)
Utility Van U721S	\$200.00 (Flat Rate)
Water Tanker Truck T721S	\$300.00/hr.
Rescue Unit R721S	\$1090.23/hr. (SGI 2024 Rate)
Firefighter Hourly Rate	\$30.00/hr. (each)
Practice Hourly Rate	\$20.00/hr. (each)
False Alarm Rate	\$700.00 (Flat Rate)
Personal Vehicle Rate	\$100.00/hr.

Carried.

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**2024 SVFFA MEMBERSHIP**

RES#41/24

Krawetz: THAT the 2024 SVFFA Membership for all members of the Big River & District Fire Department be acknowledged.  
Carried.

**OUTSTANDING INVOICES**

RES#42/24

Croshaw: THAT Invoice #2023-FD005 to SPSA be written off as unpaid.  
Carried.

**SUMA FIRE FIGHTER COVERAGE**

RES#43/24

Gilbert: THAT, the Town of Big River renew the Firefighter Insurance coverage under Basic Volunteer Fire Fighter/First Responder Insurance Option Plan B with a cost of \$854.06 plus GST, for our Big River and District Fire Department volunteer firefighters.  
Carried.

**REGIONAL PARK LEASE 2024**

RES#44/24

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to renewing the annual lease agreement with Big River Regional Park Authority.  
Carried.

**CONTROL BURN – REGIONAL PARK, COWAN LAKE**

RES#45/24

Gilbert: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the Big River & District Fire Department performing a controlled burn at the Regional Park on Cowan Lake while conditions are desirable.  
Carried.

**EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (EMO)**

RES#46/24

Gilbert: In response to the request from Emergency Management Specialist, Anne Chambers regarding how much each municipality is willing to contribute to the costs of a Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator and additional costs of an overall Emergency Measures Organization, THAT the Town of Big River request clarification on what the associated costs are projected to be.  
Carried.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL POSITION**

RES#47/24

Croshaw: As recommended by the Personnel Committee, THAT the Town of Big River extend an offer of employment to Clay Gear for the position of Maintenance Personnel, such offer of employment attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.  
Carried.

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RES#48/24

Croshaw: THAT the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.  
Carried.

Council recessed from 12:00 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS**

PARCEL BB 84B07193 – 300 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE NORTH

RES#49/24

Meyers: THAT it be acknowledged that the Town of Big River consulted with the Water Security Agency regarding the natural drainage which flows through part of Parcel BB 84B07193 – 300 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and the Water Security Agency (WSA) has notified the Town that the Town of Big River has no obligation to alter the natural drainage course in question under regulations administered by the WSA.  
Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST TO ADD BLOCK Y PLAN AK1410 – 206 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE SOUTH TO THE LIST OF LANDS FOR SALE

RES#50/24

Gilbert: THAT 206 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue South – Block Y, Plan AK1410 remains off the list of lands for sale.  
Carried.

REQUEST FOR TOWN TO CONSIDER PURCHASING LOT 125 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE SOUTH, LOT 1, BLOCK 7, PLAN AA4863

RES#51/24

Gilbert: THAT the Town accept the request from the property owner of 125 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South to make an offer to purchase the lot.  
**Defeated.**

**NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL PERMIT**

RES#52/24

Meyers: THAT the Town make application to renew the Nuisance Wildlife Control permit to control muskrats at the town lagoon area, and THAT Jason Klassen be named as the Nuisance Control Officer.  
Carried.

**ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITOR**

RES#53/24

Croshaw: THAT Novus Law Group be appointed as the solicitors for the Town of Big River for the 2024 year.  
Carried.

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**BYLAWS**

BYLAW 2024-01 TO PROVIDE FOR ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING REPRESENTED THEREIN BY THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS

RES#54/24

Croshaw: THAT Bylaw 2024 – 01 a bylaw to provide for entering into agreement with His Majesty the King Represented Therein by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans be introduced and read a first time.

Carried.

RES#55/24

Meyers: THAT Bylaw 2024 – 01 now be read a second time.

Carried.

RES#56/24

Gilbert: THAT Bylaw 2024 – 01 be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

RES#57/24

Dunn: THAT Bylaw 2024 – 01 be read a third time and adopted.

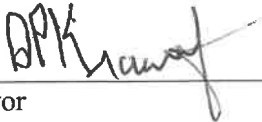
Carried.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday March 19, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor David Krawetz adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

  
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Administrator