

**Northern Village of Sandy Bay
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Town Council
July 9, 2024**

Present: Mayor: Gertrude Bear,
Council: Kevin Morin Sr., Nola Morin, Phillip Ray Jr.
Other: Dave Zarazun (Financial Controller)

Absent: Council: Jesse McKay
Administration: Gloria Bighetty

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to Order at 5:26 pm

Adopt

Agenda

#287/2024

Moved By: Nola Morin

"that the agenda be adopted as presented"

/CARRIED

Minutes

#288/2024

Moved By: Phillip Ray Jr.

"that the Minutes of June 11, 2024 meeting be adopted as presented"

/CARRIED

Financial

#289/2024

Moved By: Phillip Ray Jr.

"that the Bank Reconciliation dated July 5, 2024 for the Business Account #5941 be accepted and respectively filed"

/CARRIED

Financial

#290/2024

Moved By: Nola Morin

"that the Bank Reconciliation dated July 5, 2024 for the Old Operating Account #6880 be accepted and respectively filed"

/CARRIED

Financial

#291/2024

Moved by: Phillip Ray Jr.

"that the Bank Reconciliation dated July 5, 2024 for the Main Operating Account #8456 be accepted and respectively filed"

/CARRIED

Financial

#292/2023

Moved By: Kevin Morin Sr.

"that the cheques and disbursements in the amount of \$ 111,375.37 be approved for payment as attached to and forming a part of these Minutes dated July 9, 2024"

/CARRIED

Mayor Initials

Acting Administrator Initials

Financial Controller Initials

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**Tax
Adjustment
#293/2024**

Moved By: Phillip Ray Jr

Whereas,

The Northern Municipalities Act, 2010 (Act) requires a municipality to annually prepare and send tax notices for all taxable property of the municipality before September 1 of the year in which the taxes are imposed, and;

The Village accounted for the municipal and education property tax levies in the Munisoft system for the years 2020 and 2021 on taxable properties, and;

The Village did not account for municipal and education property tax levy in the Munisoft system for the year 2022, and;

It was discovered that the Village neglected to send tax notices to taxpayers in the years 2020, 2021, and 2022, and;

Subsection 285(3) of the Act states that ‘...the municipality may impose the tax for the current year only...’.

Therefore, be it resolved that

“Tax notices can no longer be issued for tax years 2020, 2021 and 2022, and;

Tax levies that were added to property tax cards need to be reversed for 2020, and 2021 since these levies are uncollectable, and;

Tax levies (arrears) will not be added to property tax cards for 2022, and;

All applicable recorded tax arrears will be added to 2024 tax cards, and;

The Education Property Tax for 2020, 2021, and 2022 will become a liability of the municipality”

/CARRIED

**Utilities
Adjustment
#294/2024**

Moved By: Nola Morin

Whereas,

The Northern Village of Sandy Bay (Village) will strive to ensure utility rates and discounts or additional charges on overdue amounts are set at rates that:

- are equitable to all users.
- generated revenue that is sufficient to offset all expenses including maintenance and debt retirement resulting from borrowing for capital utility projects, and;

The Village strives toward having a self-sustaining utility and creating a reserve for maintenance and future capital projects, and;

The Village adopted Bylaw 03-2022 a Bylaw to Provide for the Water Rates and Sewer Services Charges in the Northern Village of Sandy Bay which replaced Bylaw 2-92., and;

The Saskatchewan Municipal Board Local Government Committee approved Bylaw 03-2022, and;

It was discovered that the Village neglected to send utility notices to connected residents in the year 2022, and;

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As of the date of this motion unspent utility bills include Q1 through Q4 in 2022, Q1 through Q4 in 2023, and Q1 and Q2 in 2024, and;

Sending all outstanding utility bills to residents may cause undue distress and financial hardship on residents, and;

Therefore be it resolved that

“Utility bills will not be sent to connected residents for 2022 and 2023, and;

Utility bills will be sent to connected residents for 2024”

/CARRIED

Assessment

Appeal

Bylaw

#295/2024

Moved By: Phillip Ray Jr.

that Bylaw #13-2024, a bylaw to establish an Assessment Appeal Fee for the Northern Village of Sandy Bay be read a first time”

/CARRIED

#296/2024

Moved By: Nola Morin

“that Bylaw #13-2024, a bylaw to establish an Assessment Appeal Fee for the Northern Village of Sandy Bay be read a second time”

/CARRIED

#297/2024

Moved By: Kevin Morin Sr.

“that Bylaw #13-2024, a bylaw to establish an Assessment Appeal Fee for the Northern Village of Sandy Bay be given three readings at this meeting”

/CARRIED -
UNANIMOUS

#298/2024

Moved By: Philli Ray J.

“that Bylaw #13-2024, a bylaw to establish an Assessment Appeal Fee for the Northern Village of Sandy Bay be read a third time and adopted”

/CARRIED

Record

Retention

Bylaw

#299/2024

Moved By: Phillip Ray Jr.

that Bylaw #12-2024, a bylaw to provide for the Retention and Disposal of Records for the Northern Village of Sandy Bay be read a first time”

/CARRIED

Mayor Initials

Acting Administrator Initials

Financial Controller Initials

