

ANNUAL RATEPAYERS MEETING

Special Area No. 3, Subdivisions 4, 5 & 6 Cereal Community Centre, June 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m., with approximately 17 ratepayers in attendance.

SA3Div456 Motion 1:

Moved by John Kimber to nominate Kevin Wilson as the meeting Chair. Erika Tessier moved nominations cease. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 2:

Moved by Dave McKinstry to adopt the 2023 minutes as read. Seconded by Elizabeth Roberts. **CARRIED.**

ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORTS

Erika Tessier:

Commented on;

- Medical Dental Board, Doctor's Clinic, Henry Kroeger Regional Water Services Commission, Acadia Foundation, Palliser Economic Partnership, Doctors, and housing for Nurses.

Kevin Wilson:

Commented on;

- Medical Dental Board, Nurses housing, the Municipal Planning Commission, Big Country Waste Management Commission and more staff hired for cleanup around the Youngstown waste site.

John Kimber:

Commented on;

- The Chinook Applied Research Association and soil lab, Palliser Regional Municipal Services, and the Agricultural Service Board.

SPECIAL AREAS BOARD REPORTS

Jordon Christianson, Chair, Special Areas Board:

Commented on;

- Irrigation,
- TRLS,
- Municipal partnerships through; recreation grants, tax transfer, in kind equipment, etc..
- Rural health care struggles,
- Acadia Foundation construction is underway to add assisted living and dementia care, and
- Board governance and appointments; Daryl Swenson's SAB term is over, and Kevin Wilson is the new SAB Member.

Darren Jones, Coordinator of Financial Services:

Commented on;

- Financial status, a clean audit, arrears collection, revenue and expenses, assessment changes, supply chain constraints, and recruiting issues.

Shaune Kovitch, Director, Municipal Services:

Commented on;

- Secondary highway agreement, road construction and surfacing projects, water distribution systems, Emergency Services, Community Peace Officers, and Parks.

Trent Caskey, Director, Property Administration:

Commented on;

- TRLS, assessment, Lease Rental rates, renewable energy projects, Community Pastures, Land Use Order review, Sheerness industrial park, irrigation project, and rail.

DISCUSSION:

Items discussed included:

- Strychnine,
- Grasshoppers,
- Big Stone store,
- Recreation grants,
- Consider cleaning up hamlets,
- Extra staff have been hired at the Youngstown Waste Site,
- SAB continually evaluates the emergency services equipment purchased, retained, etc.,
- Good roads are critical for the region - completing a good surface on the Girletz Road is important, and
- Prairie Rose is purchasing 40 new buses themselves; the SAB continues to bring busing issues forward to the School Division.

MOTIONS:

SA3Div456 Motion 3:

Moved by Elizabeth Roberts that the 2 year Special Areas operation of the community center be extended to 5 years. Seconded by Hans Mundt. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 4:

Moved by Murray Senkiw that Special Areas revisit roadside cutting starting date of June 15, and move it to July 15. Seconded by John Kimber. **CARRIED.**

SA3Div456 Motion 5:

Moved by Murray Senkiw that the SAB look at firefighting incentives for ratepayers and come up with cost sharing to adapt the high clearance sprayers with "fire tamers" to assist with firefighting. Seconded by Richard Bailey. **CARRIED.**

Hans Mundt Moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm.



Darran Dick, Administrator
Special Area No. 3

Motion to approve minutes to occur at the next annual ratepayer meeting.