

**TOWN OF ARBORG
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Tuesday, March 17th, 2020
Agenda**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 10:00 A.M.
Mayor Peter Dueck called the Meeting to Order at 9:57 A.M.

Present: Mayor Peter Dueck, Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston
Councillors: Rob Thorsteinson
Via Telephone: John Crackle, and Ron Rogowsky
Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer, and Lorraine Bardarson,
 Past Chief Administrative Officer

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

86-2020 Johnston/Thorsteinson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented. **(Carried)**

3. **DELEGATIONS**

 1. **10:00 A.M. S/Sgt Rob Gray, RCMP**
Re: Arborg RCMP Detachment Plans
 S/Sgt Gray was welcomed by Mayor Dueck.
 S/Sgt. Gray advised of the detachments plans for a new building in the RM of Gimli. He reported that the plans would mean that no investments would be made to the current RCMP buildings, including the one located in Arborg. S/Sgt Gray provided assurances that this wouldn't mean a reduction in services including counter services such as criminal record checks. Council advised S/Sgt Gray that they have not had any correspondence with the Province of Manitoba with regards to this matter and would like the communications to remain ongoing.

 S/Sgt. Gray was thanked for his attendance and left the meeting.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

 1. Municipal Capacity and Assessment Manitoba Municipal Relations
 * Bulletin # 2020-04, COVID-19 – Social Distancing Measures
 (Received as Information)
 2. Kristy Hill, Duty Officer Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization
 * COVID-19 Information – Preparedness Planning (Received as Information)
 3. President Ralph Groening Association of Manitoba Municipalities
 * Statement from AMM, COVID-19 (Received as Information)

5. **NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS**

 1. COVID-19
 - a) Office Closure to Public
87-2020 Thorsteinson/Crackle
BE IT RESOLVED THAT in response to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, and acting upon recommendations given by the Province of Manitoba, the Town of Arborg office be closed to the public walk-in traffic effective March 17, 2020 until further notice. **(Carried)**

 - b) March 23rd, 2020 Special Meeting
 - i) Variance Public Hearing – 10:00 a.m.
Discussion: Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the variance public hearing will be postponed until further notice.
 - ii) Delegations
88-2020 Rogowsky/Thorsteinson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Meeting schedule for March 23rd, 2020 be cancelled. **(Carried)**

5. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS – cont'd

c) Committee Meetings

89-2020 Thorsteinson/Rogowsky
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, unless deemed necessary or other avenues of communicating are implemented such as conference or video calls, all committee meetings be suspended until further notice. **(Carried)**

d) Sick Note Requirement Policy

90-2020 Johnston/Crackle
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council waive the requirement of a *Sick Note* from the Town of Arborg employees during the *COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis*. **(Carried)**

e) Continuity Planning

- i) Snow Removal
- ii) Water Treatment Plant
- iii) Office Administration

Discussion: CAO to review Continuity Plans. All staff will be directed to use social distancing measures at all times.

f) Meeting Communication Facilities

91-2020 Thorsteinson/Johnston
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allow all members to participate in meetings of Council by using other communications facilities such as conference calls or video calls during the *COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis*. **(Carried)**

2. Arborg Bifrost-Riverton Recreation Review Committee, Alternate

92-2020 Crackle/Rogowsky
WHEREAS John Crackle was appointed as Council representative to the **Arborg-Bifrost Riverton Recreation Sub-Committee** on October 9th, 2019;
AND WHEREAS Council deems it as prudent to appoint an alternate;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **Ron Johnston** be appointed as an alternate to said committee. **(Carried)**

6. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Preliminary Matter

93-2020 Rogowsky/Johnston
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole. **(Carried)**

94-2020 Johnston/Rogowsky
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council go out of Committee of the Whole and re-convene into Regular Meeting. **(Carried)**

7. ADJOURNMENT – 11:37 A.M.

95-2020 Thorsteinson/Johnston
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Special Meeting be adjourned. **(Carried)**

Peter Dueck
Mayor

Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer