

**TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 10th, 2024**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

Mayor Peter Dueck called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Peter Dueck, Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston
Councillors: Rob Thorsteinson, Ron Rogowsky and Donna Gislason
Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason
BE RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – December 10th, 2023

2-2024

Johnston / Gislason
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes from the following Meeting be adopted:

Regular Meeting – December 10th, 2023

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS – Nil

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. CAO Report

Cindy reported on:

- Year-end processes

Attendance at the following:

- Meeting with Ministers of Justice & Health
- IERHA & MEC Forum
- Well Mechanization Pre-Tender Meeting
- Meeting with Portage Learning & Literacy

2. Council Reports

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- ABP&RC Meeting

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- Meeting with Ministers of Justice & Health
- Bifrost Airport Commission Meeting
- Well Mechanization Pre-Tender Meeting

Councillor Donna Gislason reported on attendance at the following:

- Meeting with Ministers of Justice & Health
- ASRC Meeting
- A&DMHV Meeting

Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston had no meetings to report.

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- Meeting with Ministers of Justice & Health
- Meeting w/ Reeve Johnson

3. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. List of Accounts for Approval

3-2024

Johnston / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2023 be approved for payment:

Cheque No.	14591 - 14670	\$186,387.42
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AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2024 be approved for payment:

Cheque No.	14671 - 14686	\$58,134.19	CARRIED
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2. Elizabeth Dueck Park
* Contribution Approval

4-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize payment in the amount of \$45,591.48 to Vidir Solution as part of their 2023 commitment towards the completion of Elizabeth Dueck Park. **CARRIED**

3. Federation of Canadian Municipalities
* 2024/25 Membership Renewal

5-2024

Rogowsky / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize payment of the 2024/25 Membership Renewal with Federation of Canadian Municipalities in the amount of \$524.57. **CARRIED**

4. Bifrost Municipal Airport Commission

a) 2023 Financial Statement	<i>Received as Information</i>
b) 2024 Proposed Budget	<i>Forward to Budget Meetings</i>

5. Manitoba Water Services Board
* Watermain Renewals & Water Supply Upgrades

6-2024

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Invoice received from Manitoba Water Services Board, in the amount of \$1,044,243.12, for costs incurred to December 31, 2023 with respect to Arborg (17) – Watermain Renewal & Water Supply Upgrades, be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. By-law No. 1-2024, Employee Salaries for 2024

7-2024

Gislason / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1-2024, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Set Annual Salaries for Employees and to Establish Hourly Rates for Casual Labour in 2024, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

8-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1-2024, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Set Annual Salaries for Employees and to Establish Hourly Rates for Casual Labour in 2024, be read a third time and finally passed. **CARRIED**

As required by Section 137 of *The Municipal Act*, a recorded vote was taken on the motion:

Council Member	For	Against	Abstained
Mayor Peter Dueck	✓		
Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston	✓		
Councillor Donna Gislason	✓		
Councillor Rob Thorsteinson	✓		
Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION – cont’d

2. By-law No. 2-2024, Council Indemnities

9-2024

Johnston / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2-2024, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Provide for Remuneration for its Mayor and Councillors, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

10-2024

Rogowsky / Gislason

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Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston	✓		
Councillor Donna Gislason	✓		
Councillor Rob Thorsteinson	✓		
Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

3. By-law No. 3-2024, Borrowing Funds for 2024

11-2024

Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 3-2024, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Provide for Borrowing Funds for Current and Capital Expenses for 2024, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

12-2024

Johnston / Rogowsky

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Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 3rd Annual Volunteer Gala – Nominee *Moved to In Camera*

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Well Mechanization Project *Received as Information*

2. Manitoba Water & Wastewater Association
* 2024 Annual Conference

13-2024

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Brent Melsted to attend the MWWA 2024 Annual Conference in Brandon, MB on February 25th to 28th, 2024;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all applicable expenses be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

1. Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba *Received as Information*
* 2024 Municipal Recycling Funding Payments

2. STARS *Received as Information*
* Request for Donation

3. Manitoba Economic Development, Investment and Trade
Forestry and Peatlands Branch *All Received as Information*

a) 2024/25 Community Forest Grant Agreements
b) Free Community Tree Planting and Elm Fungicide Injection Opportunities

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS – Nil

12. IN CAMERA

14-2024

Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii) & (iii), Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera. **CARRIED**

15-2024

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

- 1. Personnel Matters
 - * ABPRC Employee Hiring

16-2024

Rogowsky / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Chase O'Neill, Facility Attendant, Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission, be designated an employee of the Town of Arborg only for the purposes of employment benefits, effective ~~August 31st, 2020~~; January 8th, 2024. *es.*

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT there is a 6-month customary probation period for Chase O'Neill prior to being eligible to join the Municipal Employees Benefits Program as well as Group Benefits through Western Financial Group Insurance Solutions;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Arborg-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission reimburse the Town of Arborg for all costs of employment and benefits on a monthly basis. **CARRIED**

- 2. Preliminary Discussions
- 3. 3rd Annual Volunteer Recognition Gala – Nominee
Discussion: CAO to advise ABPRC of the Town's nominee.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 10:52 a.m.

17-2024

Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on January 24th, 2024. **CARRIED**

Peter Dueck
Mayor

Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer