

RM of Piapot held its monthly meeting on October 14th at Piapot. Present were Councillors, Travis Harlick, Lorne Kusler, Clay Moorhead, Anita Wasilow, Kelly Bertram, Derek Moorhead, Doug Casey, Keith Winzer, Road Foreman, Marc Beaupre, Administrator, Tammy Sloan and myself, Reeve John Wagner.

There was nothing major in the Division reports. The mowers were out doing second cut and driveways. Grading is ongoing and the gravel is nearly wrapped up. Marc reported that there is a significant oil leak on the tandem drive on the 2012 Cat 140M2 grader. It is off warranty and we can save money by having Speedy Creek Mechanical do the work in the shop. Andrew Valentine, who owns and operates Speedy Creek does all of our major non warrantee work and it seems to be working well. The 2017 Cat 140M, that had the bearings on the tandem drives replaced on warrantee this summer, has the bearings failing again. They are blaming it on the installation process, however it has to go back to Finning in Swift Current to have new bearings installed under warrantee. We have to pay the freight there and back. Marc reported that there were a lot signs to go in and that they would be getting an order ready for the rest of the township and range road signs on the #724. We are doing this in phases, so be patient as we are doing the major grids first. Bart Winqvist has been hired to do mulching of trees and brush. He has been working on the Bear Creek Grid and Lorne reported that he was doing an excellent job. He will be doing some work over in the grazing reserve also. Marc also reported a sewer leak between the school and Taylor and Kwanita Nelson's. Typical of villages in Saskatchewan, it's a sewer line that we didn't even know was there. In the end they had Dion Briggs come in and dig in a new line to Nelsons. Marc always goes to Wayne Bowyer for a consultation before we start digging anything as Wayne knows where virtually everything is buried in Piapot.

Sgt. John Phipps from Maple Creek RCMP came to the meeting for the quarterly Community Policing Report. Most of the statistics are from the #1 highway. He reported that Joe and Mandy Braniff's stolen SUV was recovered in Bigger, Sask. We have installed another camera at the RM, which should help with identifying vehicles coming in and out of town.

Farron Hoffman, our weed inspector, stopped at the meeting to give an update on the weed control in the RM this year. He has a new, truck mounted sprayer so he will be able to do bigger areas. He sprayed for bindweed, leafy spurge, toadflax and absynt in the RM this year. We will be hiring him back for next year.

Some other items we dealt with are the sale of the 2001 grey Chev 3/4 ton truck we had for tender. Council only had one bid of \$500 from Keith Winzer and we sold it to him.

There is a federal government grant out called the Safe Restart Program. This is a per capita grant that is to be used to manage public spaces and critical services due to Covid. The RM received \$18,016. We allocated \$2,000 to the Piapot Curling Rink, as it is questionable if the booth will operate and that is what covers a lot of the ongoing operating expenses. The Bear Creek 4H was sent \$1,000 to help as their fowl supper and ditch cleaning fundraisers both had to be cancelled. We are looking at investing some into the computer system at the RM and will be looking at further allocations as they are brought forward.

This was the last meeting for Councillors, Doug Casey and Travis Harlick. Doug came on council January of 2003 replacing his father Keith Casey. Everyone has enjoyed working with Doug. His common sense approach, wit and humour will be missed. We all noticed that whenever you went to a SARM convention, Doug, being like his dad and mom, seems to know just about everyone at the convention.

Travis has been on council since 2016. Travis always has about three things going on at once. It is always interesting to get his views and I think Doug in particular enjoyed teasing Travis about literally everything. We will be doing a presentation to both Doug and Travis at our Christmas event, which is tentatively booked for December 5th.

There is an election for councillor in Division 1 between Brett Wagner and Dryden Schulze, Clay Moorhead in Division 3 by acclamation, there is an election in Division 5 between Kelly Bertram and Charlie Bertram, Warren McNary in Division 7 by acclamation and myself John Wagner, Reeve by acclamation. The election will take place at the RM office on November 9th from 9AM until 8PM. If you look on your tax notice the lower right corner will tell you your voting division. For corporations that do not reside in the division, the CEO is allowed one vote.

The RM is in good shape going into winter. The mowing is done. Graveling is essentially done. Grading is ongoing. We have laid off our outside workers, with the exception of Marc Beaupre, Billy Noble and Lyle Roode at the end of October. We will be laying off the entire crew as of December 31st. The advertising process will begin in November.

With a very seductive voice a woman asked her husband... "Have you ever seen Twenty Dollars all crumpled up?" "No," said her husband. She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 buttons of her blouse,

slowly reached down and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill. He took the crumpled Twenty Dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly. She then asked him, "Have you ever seen Fifty Dollars all crumpled up?" "Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice. She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, seductively reached down, and pulled out a crumpled Fifty Dollar bill. He took the crumpled Fifty Dollar bill and started breathing a little more quickly with anticipation. "Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 Dollars all crumpled up?" "No way!" he said, while obviously becoming even more aroused and excited, too which she replied ... "Go look in the garage."

Our next meeting is November 12th due to Remembrance Day.