



Agricultural Community Meeting minutes

Feb. 18, 2025

Location: RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Chambers

Attendance:

- Reeve Loren Schinkel
- Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk
- Councillor Jeff Easton
- Councillor Vi Enns-Preston
- Councillor Cindy Kellendonk
- Sandra Broek – RM CAO
- Karina Humniski – RM Director of Public Works
- Riley Dueck – RM Public Works project manager
- John Fleming – Lac du Bonnet Emergency Coordinator
- Declan Schroeder – RM communications specialist
- Tracy Neurenberg
- Allan Neurenberg
- Braden Neurenberg
- Dave Schwark
- JD McIntosh

1: Call to order:

- Reeve Schinkel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2: Opening remarks

- Reeve Schinkel welcomed attendees and delivered introductory remarks.

3: Update from Council:

- Reeve Schinkel noted that **the Provincial paving project for PR #433** is still on and the RM is working to pursue a service agreement with the Province. There have been discussions with Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Lisa Naylor and the Minister of Finance Adrien Sala on this.
- The RM is having continued discussions with the Province regarding **the Wardrop/Maple Creek Drain and the moratorium**. Council recently spoken to Minister Sala on this.

- Council is still waiting to hear back regarding potential solutions and the impact the moratorium has when there are large rain events.
- Deputy Reeve Mandzuk noted there's money allocated in the Province's budget for this drainage project.
- Councillor Kellendonk suggested that it may be time to sit down with the Province to once again discuss compensation packages/excessive moisture claims.
- Reeve Schinkel noted the Eastman Regional Committee meets every month to discuss these issues and potential solutions. The relationship with the Province is moving in a positive direction.
- Councillor Kellendonk spoke on **Hydro/MTS easement agreements** and the need for the Province to review/update them.
 - The issue agricultural producers are having is that utility workers assume they have the right to enter agricultural land to maintain the utility without consulting with the landowner. Councilor Kellendonk noted she has spoken to Minister Sala on this and is looking to draft a letter of concern and to bring a resolution to Canadian Agricultural Partnership and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities.
 - A discussion then ensued about the issue of snowmobilers/ATV users crossing over private farmland without permission and causing damage.

4: Public Works 2025 Projects:

- Director of Public Works Karina Humniski outlined various anticipated 2025 Public Works projects:
 - Major road reconstruction projects on Gauer Rd., Wendigo Rd., and Drifter's Bend
 - Various road-slide repairs using a new benching method and monitoring a previous road-slide repair using this method
 - Various drainage projects (the RM proactively obtained eight drainage licenses)
 - Another agricultural awareness sign to be placed in spring (one sign is already up on Highway #11)

5: Discussion of 2025 budgetary considerations and open discussion:

- Discussions ensued on the following topics:
 - prelicensing for various work if/when the Wardrop/Maple Creek moratorium is lifted and pre-surveying land. Public Works Project Manager Riley Dueck noted pre-surveying work is ongoing.
 - what the RM is hearing regarding a report on the Wardrop/Maple Creek moratorium.
 - the Province's PR #433 paving project.
 - the Blueberry Rock pumphouse and access.
 - the RM's ongoing water project.
 - the ongoing RM/Town of Lac du Bonnet Development Plan and RM Zoning By-Law revamp (specifically, the mapping within the draft plans.)

6: Adjournment

- Reeve Schinkel thanked all those in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at **11:48 a.m.**

