



Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet
Agricultural Community Meeting
February 20, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Location: R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Council Chambers

Attendance:

Reeve Schinkel (Chair)	Sandra Broek, CAO
Deputy Reeve Mandzuk	Deanne Duke, DCAO
Councillor Kellendonk	David Atkins, Director of Public Works
Councillor Easton	Ron Buller, Operations Manager
Councillor Enns-Preston	Declan Schroeder, Communications
	John Fleming, Emergency Management Coordinator

Agricultural Community Attendees:

Lynn Fosty, Terry Kaminski, Orest Kaminski, Kevin Matchizen, Blair Matchizen, Devon Hoffman, Paul Mcintosh, John McIntosh, Jenneth Johanson

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Reeve Schinkel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with introductions of the RM of Lac du Bonnet Council, Administration and Agriculture Community attendees.

2. R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Update from Council

Reeve Schinkel and Deputy Reeve Mandzuk provided updates on the Northeast watershed district meetings. Council discussed drainage and road repair as primary concerns.

3. Public Works 2024 Projects

Director of Public Works, David Atkins, provided an update on proposed projects that will be included in the 2024 budget.



4. Discussion on 2024 Budget Considerations

4.1 Agriculture Awareness Signage

There was discussion regarding agricultural signage and developing a road safety campaign. J. McIntosh suggested large billboards for the road safety campaign that includes sharing the road and further education to the public about the importance of the agriculture community fiscally. The R.M. is budgeting for agriculture billboards in the 2024 financial plan. The R.M. started a road safety campaign on social media during the fall harvest and will continue this campaign moving into the spring seeding season.

5.2 Ditching

Ratepayers are encouraged to alert the Public Works department of any drainage concerns for their crops.

5.2 Brushing requests

Ratepayers are encouraged to contact the Public Works department for all brushing requests either through service tracker or by contacting the Operations Manager.

5.3 Boundary Roads

A community member shared a concern that boundary roads were not being maintained, specifically the municipal roads along the Alexander boundary.

5.4 Retention Ponds

Deputy Reeve Mandzuk provided an update on the retention ponds being proposed by the Watershed District.

5.5 Maple Creek and Drifter's Culverts

Maple Creek and Drifter's culverts were expressed as needing attention. It was suggested that the RM should budget for drainage licenses in preparation if the drainage moratorium is lifted.

5.6 Municipal Graders

There was a general discussion about the grader operations including the RM to consider parking graders on a private location to reduce travel time to and from improving operations.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.