MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF LOON LAKE NO. 561 HELD AT 100 – FIRST STREET SOUTH AT LOON LAKE, SK ON MONDAY MARCH 24, 2025 AT 1:00 P.M.

Present:

Reeve Greg Cardinal

Councilors:

Division 1: Grant Preece Division 2: Maurice Jeannotte - absent

Division 3: O'Neil Lavoie Division 4: Grant Huber Division 5: Rodney Schneider Division 6: Larry Lantz

Administrator: Erin Simpson

Assistant Administrator: Jessica Dyck

Foreman: Nick Honish

Reeve, Greg Cardinal called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

RM of Loon Lake Budget Meeting Summary

The meeting began with a review of the **five-year capital plan**. Nick provided input on the condition of existing equipment and identified items that may require replacement in the coming years. Council reviewed infrastructure and equipment priorities within the municipality. The Administrator will present the revised capital plan at the April meeting for further review and approval.

64/25 **Reserve Account Transfer**

CARDINAL

That the RM of Loon Lake reallocate the existing \$140,000.00 from the TLE Funds for Future Road Projects reserve account to the bridges reserve account.

Carried

The **2025 operating budget** was discussed, and adjustments were made. The Administrator will bring the updated budget to the April meeting for final review and approval.

65/25 Tree Removal – Hummingbird Way

PREECE

That the RM of Loon Lake hire Jerms Tree Service at the quoted price of \$3,000.00 to remove the selected trees from Hummingbird Way within Jumbo Beach subdivision that have been identified as potential hazards. These trees pose a risk of falling and may obstruct access for graders maintaining that portion of the road.

FURTHER, the contractor is authorized to retain the birch trees from the project. AND FURTHER, the Foreman will consult with Highways regarding a potential cost-sharing arrangement for the project.

Carried

66/25 **Gravel Crush 2025-01**

LANTZ

That the RM of Loon Lake No. 561 award the contract and enter into an agreement with Von-Rose Enterprises Ltd. for gravel crushing and stripping of pit located at the N1/2 10-61-23-W3 as follows:

- Crushing approximately 10,000-15,000 cubic yards of oversized rock at a rate of \$17.86 per cubic yard.
- Crushing up to an additional amount of approximately 20,000 cubic yards of gravel at a rate of \$11.00 per cubic yard.
 Carried.

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Council also reviewed the RM of Loon Lake Strategic Plan, which outlines the municipality's key goals and objectives. The following are updates to the top priorities for the RM:

- 1. Civic Addressing The initiative to assign civic address signs to all residences and public locations within the RM is progressing well and is expected to be completed by early summer 2025.
- 2. Infrastructure Upgrades and Improvements Efforts continue to enhance sightlines and revitalize sections of road annually. Administration will actively seek funding opportunities to support these infrastructure improvements.
- 3. Inter-Municipal Cooperation and Partnerships The RM remains committed to strengthening collaboration with neighboring communities and pursuing joint funding opportunities.
- 4. Division Boundaries Council continues to explore options for adjusting division boundaries within the municipality to ensure fair and balanced voter representation.

The meeting concluded with a strong commitment to advancing these priorities while maintaining financial responsibility and long-term sustainability.

67/25 Adjournment

CARDINAL That this meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m. Carried

Reeve