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Village Council Meeting May 6, 2014

- Minutes of the regular meeting on April 1st were approved as were the payment of accounts, the bank reconciliations, balance sheets, financial statements, and March and April's Waterworks Monthly Log Records.
- Council tabled the Waterworks Quality Assurance/Quality Control Policy & Waterworks Emergency Plan until a meeting can be arranged with Sask Environment and the Village's EPO.
- Council did 3 and final readings on the new Water and Sewer Rates Bylaw. The new water rate will increase to \$20.75/1000gallons and sewer rate \$6.50/1000gallons. The water and sewer base fees will remain the same. It currently costs the Village \$19.55/1000gallons to purchase water through Sask Water.
- Council passed the 2014 budget and set the 2014 mill rate at 6.50. Council also passed a Base Tax Bylaw where land pays \$415 and Land w/ improvements pays \$755. The provincial government has set the education mill rate at 5.03. Tax notices will be sent out soon. A copy of the 2013 Audited Financial Statements will accompany the notices.
- Council has identified several areas throughout town for road and ditch improvements. A few of the areas that we will be working on this year are Burton St, Rider Bay, south Samantha St, Railway Ave, Maple Ave and Assiniboia Ave. We are also planning on trying a dust control product on a couple of the main roads. The Fire Captain, Kevin Joa, was asked to put together a proposal to purchase a brush fire truck mini pumper for the Village.
- Council gave first reading on the "Repeal Bylaw" to eliminate the municipal discount on early tax payment, starting in the year 2015. Additionally, they have changed the tax due date to September 30 starting in the year 2015.
- Tim Cheesman Associates have been contracted to develop an Offsite Development Levy.
- Stantec Consulting has been contracted to provide engineering services for topographical survey and design for site grading and deep utilities for the proposed Outdoor Ice Rink facility, Skate Shack and Parking Lot as well as to produce a grading plan for the remainder of the consolidated MR.
- A rate payer asked council to consider doing another survey regarding the frequency of pick-ups for garbage and recycling. At this point council declined and tabled it until the current contract expires in 2016.
- Council members will be attending the public meeting in Pense on Monday, **May 12 @ 6pm regarding PVSD- Change in Attendance Area and Transportation** letter that was emailed on 17th of April, 2014. Council will also be asking the Council of Pense to meet to discuss possible options.
- A reminder that the Village has an ATV Bylaw. Part of the bylaw states that it is allowed for a resident to operate an ATV from their place of residence to the closest point of exit and from the closest point of exit to their place of residence. The RCMP has a copy of the bylaw. If you see someone who is not following it, please call the RCMP. To see the bylaw in full please contact the Village office. As well, fires on Village property are strictly prohibited unless you have the permission from Council.
- **YEARLY COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR DRINKING WATER**
Saskatchewan Environment "Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Regulations" requires that at least once a year waterworks owners (Village of Grand Coulee) provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied, as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by the "Permit to Operate Waterworks". This is to

notify, pursuant to these regulations, that a summary of the Village of Grand Coulee's water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1st 2013 to December 31st 2013 time period is now available at the Village office. This information can also be seen online at www.saskh20.ca.

- The foreman will be attending a course in Regina the week of May 12-16 to obtain his Class 1 Waste Water Certificate.
- The office will be closed this Friday, May 9 and Monday, May 19.
- **Next recycling pick-up will be Tuesday, May 20.** If you require an additional bin for either garbage or recycling please contact the office.

The next council meeting is Tuesday, June 3, 2014 @ 7:30pm at the United Church