

## **Highlights, December 18, 2024 - Council Meeting**

**(Full minutes will be approved at the January 30, 2024, Council Meeting)**

### **Administration**

- Administration Office will be closed January 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Loraas Disposal has presented the village with a 10% increase to rates. Council feels this is unacceptable and has approved the Administration to negotiate with the vendor.
- Agreed to advertise the RFP for a food service provider for the HUB for the 2025 season.
- Council authorized Kelly Dodd to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations which will confirm the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing grant:
  - Submissions of the 2023 audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations.
  - Submission of the 2023 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations.
  - In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes.
  - Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw.
  - Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct
  - All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required

That we accept the following dates for council meetings in 2025:

January 30, 2025 (agreed and changed after the meeting)

February 19, 2025

March 19, 2025

April 16, 2025

May 21, 2025

June 18, 2025

July 16, 2025

August 20, 2025

September 17, 2025

October 15, 2025

November 19, 2025

December 17, 2025

### **Operations**

- Servicing winter equipment
- Fred and Brian attended the Sask. Turf conference to network with trained people in the golf industry which is helpful to the success of the golf course.

- Fred and Glenn attended the Water and Wastewater conference for their water and wastewater certifications.
- Assisted Associated Engineering with questions regarding the preliminary design.
- Taking care of all the snow. We have been pushing back road edges and moving piled snow that was moved to open roads as quick as we could during our snow events.
- Cleared the storage lot so residents could access trailers and ice shacks.
- Put wind rows through the empty lots are in Sunterra to help catch snow.
- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields will send letters to residents who have items impeding snow clearing on the roadways to inform them of the traffic bylaw, and next steps if items are not moved.

### **Project Committee**

#### *Low Pressure Sewer System Project*

- Council agreed to Option “B” as presented by Associated Engineering. A continuous pipe network that optimizes the flows by combining all of the flow to a single trunk main. There is not a split and all flow goes direct to SPS 1. This is similar to how Thode functions. The costing for this option is estimated at \$5,740,000 which is within the planned budgeted allotment. The ICIP grant will cover 73.33% of the cost of the project with the village through infrastructure charge being responsible for the remainder. This quote includes the cost of the connection and the grinder pump into the individual septic tanks. Now that we have a preliminary design and budget we can begin arranging the financial end of the project. The SMB protocols will be followed, and we are hoping that we can announce more details towards the end of January beginning of February.

### **Dundurn & District Fire Commission**

- Insurance – DDFC will remain with SUMAssure.
- DDFC Agreement updates – An updated DDFC Agreement will be circulated to councils to review and provide input.
- Fire Hall – Possible grants discussed.
- *Fire Chief’s report circulated.*  
122 total DFD calls from Dec 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024.  
74 medical calls, 0 water rescues, 27 motor vehicle collisions, 21 fires.  
39 Town of Dundurn, 73 RM of Dundurn, 6 Shields, 1 Thode, 3 Blackstrap, 0 mutual aid.  
Total of 857.5 hours of active service and \$20,027.50 for man hour salaries.  
2025 Rate Review.
- Agreed that the fire call-out rate be increased to \$1250.00/hour as of Jan 1, 2025.
- Matt Jurkiewics will be the new Dundurn and District Fire Commission Chair.

### **Human Resources Committee**

- Council agreed that the job position as presented for a CAO Assistant be posted with interviews being held in January to early February.
- Council agreed that the mileage rate of .5724 per km as per the Government of Saskatchewan standardized rate effective Jan. 2025.

- Council agreed that the Operations Manager and the Assistant Operations Manager be awarded a 3% salary increase effective January 1, 2025.  
Operations costs are shared with the resort Village of Thode.
- Council agreed that Kelly apply to the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) Program to hire three students, in the areas : Golf Course (1), Waste Management and Maintenance (2)

### **Bylaw Review Committee**

- The Committee is still in the process of reviewing the Traffic Bylaw.

### **Parks, Culture and Recreation Board Reports:**

#### *Social Programming Committee Report*

- The children’s Christmas party was a huge success! There were 50 children along with parents that came out to enjoy the horse driven sleigh rides, cookie decorating, games, the balloon man and one another’s company. The day ended with Santa, paying a visit and handing out gift boxes of goodies. It was a fun-filled day. It’s nice to hear comments from the parents of how events such as this are part of the good memories that their children will carry with them into their adult life. Thanks to the social programming committee. This group is amazing!!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SHIELDS COUNCIL AND STAFF. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING THE VILLAGE IN 2025!!**



*Left to right: Councillor Chad Schmidt, Acting Administrator Kelly Dodd, Administrator Jessica Arguin, Operations Manager, Fred Fehr, Assistant Operations Manager, Glenn Robbie, Sant Claus, Mayor, Angela Larson, Councillor Gary Hovland and Maintenance Technician, Ken Klassen. (Missing Councillor Vanessa Bombier, Councillor Chad Pysden and Golf Course Greenskeeper, Brian Detillieux)*

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on January 30, 2025.