

## **Highlights, July 16, 2025 - Council Meeting**

**(Full minutes will be approved at the August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council Meeting)**

### **Administration**

- Summer newsletter will be out in early August.
- The golf course has been very busy, and it has taken up a lot of administrative time this year. I understand we are building processes for the future years, so I am hoping that this time input will reduce in the future.
- Administration investigated an alternative to IT support to enable more efficient use of its technology. Council agreed that administration ends IT support services with Fringe Consulting, and hires Munisoft to provide IT support, with the standard software package.

### **Maintenance/Operations**

- Council agreed to approve application made by 31 McCrimmon Crescent to remove tree on Municipal Reserve land adjacent to property.
- Jack Crowder has been hired for our maintenance position.
- Thode hosted a meeting attended by Shields council members, the RM council members, the Park Manager, District Manager, and other business owners in the area with the Deputy Minister of Highways. We did this to bring awareness to the Ministry in hopes to widen highway 211.
- We hosted a mower demo on battery powered units. This ranged from a zero turn mower, a utv, and whipper snippers etc. If there is ever grant funding it might be something to look at as there is suddenly no maintenance such as oil changes and engine requirements.
- I have had 4 after hour call outs and Glenn has had one this month.
- We have spent numerous hours on the golf course this month. Such things have included: Moving and stabilizing the Memorial rock, two full days from myself and staff getting the course in proper shape before the tournament and someone from Golf Canada coming out. taking apart sprinkler heads because of debris plugging the heads and for prevention Installed two filter stations in the incoming golf irrigation lines.
- Operations removed trees at 4 tee and 9 tee to help with sun light and to open the new 9 tee box.
- Operations spent a day with the STA conference (golf course training session).

### **Financial**

- Council approved the list of account payments for \$414,331.45 which includes payroll.

### **Development Permit Application**

- Council agreed on the following development permits,
  - 5 Mawson Drive – Permit to complete driveway improvements. Approval is subject to the understanding that all work completed on road allowance may be changed and altered by the village if the operations team deems it necessary.
  - 42 Mawson Drive – Permit to extend laneway. Approval is subject to the understanding that all work completed on road allowance may be changed and altered by the village if the operations team deems it necessary.

- 2 Mawson Drive – Permit to construct a home. Approval is subject to building permit approval from the building inspector.

## **Council Reports:**

### *HR Committee Report*

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields increases the administration salary by 10.1% effective July 16, 2025, keeping in line with the 2025 UMAAS Salary guidelines.
- Council agreed That the Resort Village of Shields sign the Hub Concession Rental agreement with Joshua Turner for the remainder of the 2025 Summer season.
- Don Lutz and Morgan Pasitney have been hired to share the golf starter position.

### *Project Report*

- Council agreed that That the Resort Village of Shields sign and enter into an agreement with Subterra Horizontal Directional Drilling to complete Phase 1 of the Low-pressure Sewer System project.
- Equipment has been moved in Laydown area South Mawson RM Land and beside the Operations Shop.
- Kick Off meeting – July 10 Introduced to the Subterra Team. Very organized and knowledgeable.
- Subterra plans on finishing hydrovacating this week and will start drilling the main line the week after (weather dependent) July 20th
- Plan is to finish the sewer mains first and then start the onsite part of the project.
- Council agreed to order up to 144 pumps from Aquifer Distribution Ltd. As subscriptions to the LPSS increase, more pumps are needed.

### *Social Programming Report*

- July 1 Canada Day - Canada day in Dundurn was a success. The breakfast and the parade were great. Cheryl did a great job with her creativity building a float that really stood out and had a great beachy feel to it. Thanks to the team that helped decorate and also undecorate.
- Grant Applications – Dakota Dunes will be applying for grant for the children's Christmas party.
- July 30 – Appy Potluck in the Park. Bring your own Appies to share, refreshments, dishes and cutlery. Event will be at the HUB and we will have games available for those that want to join in.
- August 16 – Family Day in the Park – Face painting, Candy Floss and a clown. Burgers/Hotdogs and Beer garden. Games will be provided.
- Social Programming will be starting a silent auction for the old street signs from the village. Minimum bid will be \$50.00. The silent auction will last until December 31<sup>st</sup> and highest bidder at that time will get the sign. The will be available at all events and possibly online.
- 2025 Children's Christmas Party – December 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Programming

- Pickle Ball league continues Sunday mornings starting at 9:30 am. Some games have been played in Dundurn on their indoor pickle ball court due to the weather and the smoke.
- Investigating putting together a sewing group and a possibly having a paint night.

#### Golf Committee

- The scramble tournament sold out once again.
- The pathway down to hole 8 is almost complete.

The next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on August 20, 2025.