

**TOWN OF OXBOW**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**April 6, 2020**

**In attendance:** Mayor R. Goodward; Councillors D. Dunnigan, C. Mercer, R. Rossow, R. Lamontagne, W. Nordin, D. Pierce and CAO L. Pierce

**Regrets:** NIL

**Call to Order:** A quorum being present electronically, the Mayor called the meeting to order; 7:15 PM.

**1. Agenda**

**Rossow/Mercer**

**71-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow adopt the agenda as circulated.

**Carried**

**2. Minutes**

**Dunnigan/Pierce**

**72-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow adopt the March 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes as circulated.

**Carried**

**3. Delegation – NIL**

**4. Correspondence**

- a) FCM – Request for additional levy for Board members travel expenses; Declined
- b) Government of Canada – Gas Tax allocation; Acknowledged
- c) Anglican Church – Offer to utilize facility if necessary during pandemic; Acknowledged
- d) RCMP – update on COVID measures; Acknowledged
- e) Province of Saskatchewan – 2020 Education Mill Rates; Acknowledged and directed CAO to write a letter to Minister Lori Carr expressing disagreement that the mill rates have not changed with the revaluation.

**5. Bylaws/Policy/Agreements - NIL**

**6. Old Business**

- a) Update on 211 Spruce – Work has commenced to complete demolition of the house and clean up the yard.

**7. New Business**

- a) Convention 2021 – How many rooms? Book 4 rooms under CAO's name as it is uncertain who will be on Council after the fall election.
- b) Appoint Daniel Dekker as a Firefighter and appoint Hunter and Kylan Pierce as Junior Firefighters

**Mercer/Dunnigan**

**73-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow hereby appoints Hunter Pierce as a Junior Firefighter and that Daniel Dekker be appointed as a firefighter.

**Carried**

- c) Landfill – Hours increase starting April 1. Do we want to keep it open that much with the current situation? Yes.

**Lamontagne/Pierce**

**74-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow hereby waives all fees for the landfill indefinitely for the Town of Oxbow, RM of Enniskillen and the Village of Glen Ewen in order to encourage a good use of the time people have during the COVID pandemic without being cost prohibitive.

**Carried**

- d) COVID – Saskarc/Axiom and Bow Wood request for relief on property taxes. Most communities are suspending interest on taxes and utilities, not shutting off water for non-payment, and pausing on tax enforcement. Until the assessment roll is closed and the impacts of COVID are more certain, Council will follow what surrounding communities are doing and monitor the situation. A program will be

developed for relief for businesses as well. CAO will advise both Saskarc Group of Companies Inc and Bow Wood.

**Lamontagne/Pierce**

**75-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow hereby waives all interest on utility and taxes, suspends disconnections for non-payment, and suspends tax enforcement measures for every property within the Town of Oxbow until September 1, 2020 at which time these measures will be reevaluated. **Carried**

## 8. Financial

a) February 2020 Bank Reconciliation

**Rossow/Dunnigan**

**76-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow hereby accepts the February 2020 bank reconciliation. **Carried**

## 9. Accounts

**\*Councillor R. Lamontagne cited conflict of interest as a payee and abstained from the vote\***

**Pierce/Mercer**

**77-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow approve the following accounts for payment:

Chqs 20056 - 20075	\$27,949.61
Online pmts	\$7,179.41
Payroll	\$ _____
TOTAL (March 7 – March 27, 2020)	<u><u>\$35,129.02</u></u>

VOID CHEQUES: NONE

## 10. Reports

a) **Council Reports**

**General Government**

- Revenue sharing for 2020 is \$302,678; Acknowledged
- An event will be planned to have the community show support for all the workers on the front lines during the pandemic. Council is extremely grateful for these individuals that put themselves at risk each day to continue to serve the needs of many. Letters of appreciation will be sent as well. CAO will discuss will work on this with the CDO.

**Protection**

- Commissionaires reports – March 23, 2020; Reviewed

**Health and Economic Development**

**Recreation**

- Recreation Board February 25, 2020 meeting minutes; Reviewed
- Recreation Facilities Status Report March 2020; Reviewed

**Transportation**

- February 2020 Public Works report; Reviewed

**Sanitation**

b) **Administration**

- There have been issues with an individual picking through garbage cans and the garbage left in various spots in Town. CAO will follow up to determine the best way to handle this situation.
- The office has received reports on gatherings larger than 10 persons have been taking place. Government Relations has advised that this is a matter for the RCMP, as the restrictions have been set by the Province and not the Town.

**Rossow/Mercer**

**78-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow accepts all reports as presented.

**Carried**

**11. Adjourn  
Dunnigan  
79-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Oxbow hereby adjourn; 8:32 PM.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer