



Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Rural Municipality of Wilton No. 472 held in the Municipal Boardroom at the NE 06-48-26-W3, Saskatchewan, on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

Reeve	Glen Dow	
Division 1	Sharon Carruthers	
Division 2	Daryl Hemsley	
Division 3	Les McDougall	
Division 4	Ron Clark	regrets
Division 5	Neil Reece	
Division 6	Tim Sawarin	
Chief Administrative Officer	Darren Elder	
Corporate Affairs Manager	Jill Parton	

#### Call To Order

Reeve Glen Dow Called the Meeting to order at 9:14 am.

#### Adopt Agenda

122/2021 SAWARIN That the agenda for September 16, 2021 be adopted.  
**CARRIED**

#### Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

123/2021 SAWARIN That the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Council, be approved, as read.  
**CARRIED**

#### REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION AND COMMITTEE

##### RM of Wilton Financial Statement

124/2021 CARRUTHERS That the Financial Report for the month of August 2021 be received.  
**CARRIED**

##### RM of Wilton - Accounts

125/2021 MCDUGALL That the accounts for payments for cheques & other payments as listed on the "List of Accounts for Approval" Report Dated 9/14/2021 be approved.  
**CARRIED**

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Subdivision - NW 2-48-27-W3

126/2021 HEMSLEY That the application to subdivide approximately 30 acres on the NW 2-48-27 W3 be denied.  
**CARRIED**

##### Subdivision - NW 2-49-27-W3

127/2021 SAWARIN That the application to subdivide an approximate 10 acre subdivision on Block A Plan 64B03165 on the NW 2-49-27-W3 be approved subject to:

- RR3272 is currently a 66' Right-of-Way, so additional road widening in the amount of 42' to be



taken and registered in the name of the queen at the time of subdivision.

- Compliance of all local government bylaws, policies and provincial government legislation.
- Servicing agreement is not required.
- Municipal reserve is required.

**CARRIED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Lone Rock**

128/2021 CARRUTHERS

That the Lone Rock water treatment plant was terminated on August 9, 2021 and having received no further requests for assistance the RM close opportunity from the homeowners in Lone Rock for Water Conversion Assistance.

**CARRIED**

### **Sarm Co-sponsor**

129/2021 REECE

That the municipality support the RM of Eye Hill No. 382 and co-sponsor their Arrears of Municipal Taxes by Oil Companies Resolution for the November 2021 Sarm Convention.

**CARRIED**

## **Arrears of Municipal Taxes By Oil & Gas Companies**

130/2021 REECE

- Whereas: With more and more Oil & Gas companies defaulting on their tax payment obligations for municipal and education purposes, thus forcing both governing bodies to lower the level of service to their ratepayers and,
- Whereas: Oil & Gas companies use municipal infrastructure to access their oil & gas facilities that provide their revenue, and by defaulting on their tax obligations thus not providing necessary funds to municipalities for the upkeep/repair and upgrade(s) to the same municipal infrastructure they use to produce their revenue and,
- Whereas: An increasing number of Oil & Gas companies having their assets sold through acourt orders that, often contain vesting orders that not only protect the purchasers from paying both municipal and education tax arrears but also include direction from the courts to have these tax arrears written off, and
- Whereas: The amount of Oil and Gas taxes that have been written off to date by the responding RM of Wilton No. 472 is \$1,257,046.23 Municipal and \$169,007.34 Education.
- Whereas: The amount of outstanding arrears of Oil & Gas taxation of the responding RM of Wilton No. 472 is \$464,371.99 Municipal and \$105,815.95 Education and,
- Whereas: Changes must be made to where these vesting orders are not given a chance to become "Case Law" or at the very least a "Loophole", as a way for Oil & Gas companies to avoid their tax obligations.
- Therefore Be It Resolved that SARM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan to legislate that municipalities have the opportunity to register a lien



against oil and gas licenses and to provide for a procedure to realize on that lien.

**CARRIED**

**Wilton EMO Coordinator - Krista Bondy**

131/2021 SAWARIN

That Krista Bondy be appointed EMO Coordinator for the RM of Wilton No. 472.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**Resolution to go in camera.**

132/2021 SAWARIN

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 am for an in camera session.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution to adjourn from in camera.**

133/2021 HEMSLEY

That the regular council meeting be reconvened at 11:55 am.

**CARRIED**

**Code of Ethics**

134/2021 CARRUTHERS

That the September 13, 2021 Code of Ethics complaint by Donna Woods be deemed invalid.

**CARRIED**

**Adjournment**

135/2021 SAWARIN

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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**Reeve**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**