

January 13th, 2010

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Preeceville held on Wednesday, January 13th, 2010 in the Preeceville Town Office Council Chambers, Preeceville, Saskatchewan.

In Attendance: Mayor – Garth Harris
Councillors - Ralph Ager
- Johnny Petryshyn
- Jim Ward
- Derrick Wiwcharuk
- Brian Yates
Administrator – Lorelei Karcha
Public Works Foreman – John Masko

Absent: Councillor - Sheldon Nelson

The Special Meeting of council was called by Resolution of Council at the regular meeting held on Wednesday, December 9th, 2009 to meet with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure to discuss the Urban Highway Connector Program.

Mayor Garth Harris called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm.

Agenda 001-10 Ager/Ward: That the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

1:06 pm to 2:00 pm Jeffery Holland and Miranda Carlberg of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure met with Council to discuss the Urban Highway Connector Program.

Overview of presentation and discussion:

- Under the Urban Highway Connector Program the Town would take over all operations and maintenance of the highways within Town limits with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure providing an annual operating grant and funding assistance for capital projects.
- Preeceville has 3.33 km of Highways with in Town limits. 1.81 km is currently maintained by Highways and 1.52 km is currently maintained by the Town. As well there is 0.57 km of service roads that is currently maintained by Highways.
- Preeceville would qualify for Level 2 or 75% operation and maintenance yearly funding assistance, totaling approximately \$12,459/year. Operations and Maintenance includes such things as snow and ice maintenance, line painting, lighting, signing, mowing, hand patching, crack filling and micro surfacing. The Ministry of Highways could be contracted to provide custom work which would be paid for through a reduction in the town's yearly funding. For example it could be arranged that the Ministry of Highways will conduct the snow and ice removal on certain areas of the highway.
- For the first rehabilitation of the highways that run through town, the 1.81 km currently maintained by the Ministry of Highways would be eligible to be 100% funded by the Ministry and the 1.52 km currently maintained by the Town could be eligible for 75% funding by the Ministry if the project is approved.
- The Town would be required to conduct a Transportation Planning Study that would be funding 100% by the Ministry as well any changes to permit, weight requirements, speed limits, access points etc. must be mutually agreed to by the Ministry and the Town.
- Fifteen out of the fifty-eight municipalities eligible to join this program have agreed to join so far. Joining the program would give the Town a better chance of getting the Highways rehabilitated.
- The Ministry will be looking into the following questions and getting back to Council prior to a final decision being made on joining the program: Is the Bridge considered in town limits?, How much would be taken off of the yearly funding if the Highways would continue snow and ice maintenance and line painting on the portion of the highways and service roads they currently maintain? When were the portions of the highway currently maintained by the Ministry last rehabilitated? What are the costs for replacement of signage?

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Adjourn. 002-10 Ward: That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 2:30 pm.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR