

PRESS RELEASE
Town Council Meeting
April 26, 2016

Attendance: Mayor: Elvina Rumak; Councilors: Paula Kowalko, Betty Lou Palko, Glen McCaffery, Brent Dyck; Administrator: Richard Dolezsar; Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager: Vince Simpson; Community Development Director: Jeanine Holowatuik

The following were received and acknowledged:

- April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Community Development Director's Report
- Recreation Facilities Maintenance Manager's Report
- Financial Statement & Bank Reconciliation
- Accounts
- Overtime Report

TOWN/R.M. JOINT MEETING PACKAGE

Council acknowledged the finalized agenda and meeting package for the April 28, 2016 Town/R.M. Joint Meeting.

2016 BUDGET and MILL RATE

The 2016 Budget was adopted, and the 2016 mill rate was increased from 13.0 mills to 13.5 mills with the \$65,000 tax levy increase designated to building infrastructure reserves. Other highlights contained in the 2016 Budget include allocation of \$250,000 in reserves for water and sewer capital projects, \$100,000 to paving reserves, the completion of the Town Shop/Fire Hall expansion and plans for the installation of sidewalks to serve pedestrian access to the new school site.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Councilor Kowalko was appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period May 1, 2016 to July 31, 2016.

PLASTIC BAGS – INITIATE COMMUNITY POLICY

The Town will follow up with a proposal to initiate a Community Policy to eliminate the use and accumulation of plastic bags.

STEWART HAWKE SCHOOL – BUILDING ASSESSMENT REPORT

Council acknowledged the April 14, 2016 Stewart Hawke School Building preliminary Assessment Report, as provided by Carcoana Architecture Ltd. and McGinn Engineering.

SEDA CONFERENCE

Community Development Director Jeanine Holowatuik was authorized to attend the annual SEDA Conference June 1-2, 2016 in Swift Current.

ALLIED ARTS – COMMUNITY ART SHOW

The \$50.00 per day non-profit rate will be provided for the use of Brooks Hall for the May 4 -5, 2016 Allied Arts Community Art Show.

HUDSON BAY ART CLUB – BLAKE BEATTIE ROOM

The Town will provide the Hudson Bay Art Club with one of the empty classrooms at Blake Beattie for their programs at a rate of \$150.00 per month.

BYLAW NO. 5-16

Bylaw No. 5-16, being a bylaw to set Minimum Tax Rates, was adopted. The following minimum tax rates shall apply to all classes of property within the Townsite of Hudson Bay:

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Minimum Tax on Land</u>	<u>Minimum Tax on Land & Improvements</u>
Residential and Agriculture	\$185.00	\$535.00
Commercial and Industrial	\$222.00	\$645.00

PROVINCIAL PARATRANSIT MEETING

Mayor Rumak and Councilor Kowalko were authorized to attend the June 14, 2016 Provincial Paratransit Service Provider Meeting in Regina.