

**Special Council Meeting  
January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.  
Carroll Hall, Carroll, MB**

All present except for B McGregor

**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Sowiak-Hatch

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 28, 2021 meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Cory-Hargreaves

BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Brett McGregor be excused from the special meeting of Council due to a family member being tested for Covid-19. CARRIED.

McDonald-Sowiak

BE IT RESOLVED that the special meeting of council be recessed to allow council to hold Public Hearings to receive representations from any person who wish to make them in respect to Local Improvement Plan 01-2021 for the installation of fibre optics in the rural area. CARRIED.

**Local Improvement Plan 01-2021 for Fibre Optic Installation in the Rural Area**

Written representation was received from the following in support of the levy:

\*Warren Ellis, NE 28-7-17 WPM  
\*Pam and Brian Elder, Lot 1 Plan 57629  
\*Arron Jackson, SE 1-8-19 WPM  
Connie Moffatt, NE 6-8-19 WPM  
\*Terry McKenzie, NE 2-8-18 WPM  
\*\*Kyle and Vicky Conrad, 18-8-19 WPM  
Sheila Cline, SW 16-7-17 WPM  
\*Diniece and Dale Rose, SE 5-7-17 WPM  
Jackie and Jeff Wilton, SW 11-7-17 WPM  
Tammy McKenzie, NW 31-7-18 WPM  
Simon Ellis, NW 35-7-17 WPM  
\*\*Bill Gallaway and Vivian Thorgeirson, 107152 Tower Road, NW 18-8-18 WPM

In addition, in response to a survey circulated by RFNow to gauge initial interest, there were 78 who were interested in receiving the service (7 of which submitted written support and noted by \*) and 2 who were not.

There are 48 current clients of RFNow who would benefit from the local improvement plan as it would result in a refund of their previously paid installation fees (2 of which submitted written support as noted by \*\*). Two current clients had installation fees that were less than the amount of the local improvement plan, so their refund would not be as much.

Written representation was received from the following in opposition to the special levy:

William and Melanie Mallette, NE 35-8-19 WPM  
Charlotte Krahn, 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, 29 6<sup>th</sup> Street Carroll, MB  
Terry and Linda Cory, SW 27-7-18 WPM  
\*Cathy Kolosky, Lot 2 Plan 29153  
Judy and Wayne Whittingham, SE 24-8-19 WPM  
Deborah Murray, NW 14-8-19 WPM  
Roger and Heather Eppert, NE 14-8-19 WPM  
Dennis Rome, NE 26-7-18 WPM  
\*Barry and Wendy Fowell, SE 16-7-19 WPM  
Don and Joyce Couling, NW 15-8-19 WPM  
Brenda Buckley, Lot 1 Plan 2114  
Robert Braun and Viola Fast Braun, SE 26-8-19 WPM  
Ken MacRuy and Marilyn Young, SW 17-18-18 WPM  
Norman Cory, NW 22-7-18 WPM  
Thomas and Constance Will, SW 19-8-18 WPM  
Luc and Gisele Corriveau, NW 22-8-19 WPM  
Terry and Natalie Degerness, SW 17-8-17 WPM  
David Doucet, NE 25-7-19 WPM  
Joel and Pat Lovatt, NW 17-7-19 WPM  
Kirk Budd, 75 First Avenue Carroll MB

Of those in opposition to the local improvement program, 3 have indicated an interest in receiving the service as noted by \*.

Letters with questions or suggestions were received from:

Marcel Lanoie, NW 31-7-18 WPM  
Pat King, 11 First Avenue, Carroll, MB  
Del and Terry Winters, 25 Second Avenue, Carroll, MB

Copies of the written representation were retained on file.

Verbal representation was received as follows:

Glenda Garden, 27 Souris Street, Nesbitt, MB on behalf of the Nesbitt Community Club, read a written presentation in opposition to the local improvement plan as community clubs had seen a reduction in revenue with the Covid-19 situation and an increase in taxes would add to the distress. A copy of the presentation was kept on file.

John Robinson, SW 4-7-18 WPM, appeared to ask questions with respect to running fibre optic to a farm property. He also indicated that many residents were facing financial hardships and that applying additional taxes could increase the hardship. That said, he reported that as a person who had been involved in the industry, he believed fibre optics was the way to go and he supported the levy.

Norma Vint, SE 26-7-19 WPM, appeared in opposition to the plan and to ask questions including whether or not the decision was already made or if there was still the opportunity for input. She enquired if Starlink had been investigated. She voiced a concern with respect to the ability to receive information about the project from either RFNow or the Municipality. She indicated her family was not interested in fibre optic connection.

Lorna Kincaid, S ½ 26-7-18 WPM appeared before Council to ask questions with respect to the ability to connect everyone who is interested, to the fibre optic.

Neil Bok, NE 12-8-19 WPM, appeared before Council in support of the plan and to advise that his home was connected to fibre optic and has had excellent service. He was supportive of the opportunity to receive free installation for the fibre optic service, particularly if the free installation was offered for 7 years.

Charlie Clark, SW 33-8-18 WPM, appeared before Council in support of the proposal. As a person who has been in the internet business for several years, he reported that fibre optic is definitely the best option available, even better than satellite systems, and has always told individuals that if they have the opportunity for fibre optic, to take it.

Chad Lalonde, SE 36-8-17 WPM, appeared before Council in support of the proposal and to ask questions with respect to costs for the monthly service, and noted that improved service was worth the fees.

Cory-McDonald

WHEREAS all representatives in regard to Local Improvement Plan 01-2021 for Fibre Optic Installation in the rural area have been dealt with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this public hearing be concluded. CARRIED.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **Local Improvement Plan 01-2021 for Fibre Optic Installation in the Rural Area**

McDonald-Sowiak

BE IT RESOLVED that By-law 01-2021 being a local improvement plan for the installation of fibre optics in the rural area be read a first time. CARRIED.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Hargreaves-Cory

BE IT RESOLVED that property owners with more than one (1) residential property located in the rural area, not currently listed for sale or development, be charged the local improvement levy on a maximum of two (2) properties whereby the required adjustment will be done annually via journal entry. CARRIED.

**ADJOURN**

Hatch-McDonald

BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting does now adjourn (7:15 p.m.). CARRIED.

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Dave Kreklewich, Head of Council

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Joni Swidnicki, Chief Administrative Officer