

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MELITA  
HELD IN THE TOWN OF MELITA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ON TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2023 AT 4:00 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Bill Holden, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Verplanche, Councillor Cara Redpath, Councillor Grant Hume (via Zoom), Councillor Camiel Serruys and CAO Breigh Crepee.

Call to Order at 4:05 pm

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**#2023-001 – SERRUYS/VERPLANCHE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda as prepared by Chief Administrative Officer for the Regular Meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted with the following additions:

- Jesse Vansteelandt Letter
- MWSB Letter

**CARRIED 4-0**

**CONFIRMING OF THE MINUTES**

**#2023-002 – VERPLANCHE/SERRUYS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**DELEGATIONS**

1. Daniel Forster for the Monarch Homestead @4:15pm Monarch

- 2023 Projects
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Festival
- Plot for Milk Weed

2. Turtle Mountain Souris Plains Heritage Association represented by Jan McClelland, Brad Coe, Ewen Mosby @4:30pm

- Invite to the Town of Melita to become a member
- Talk about future plans
- AGM is March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Deloraine

**#2023-003 – VERPLANCHE/SERRUYS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Melita does approve joining the Turtle Mountain Souris Plains Heritage Association.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

<b>From</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Matt Judd	January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Snow Removal Equipment
Eric Forster	January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Report for Council
Jesse Vansteelandt	January 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Livestock Issue
MWSB	January, 2023	Water Rate Increase for 04/23

**#2023-004 - VERPLANCHE/SERRUYS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Melita does approve the CAO to sign a new Snow Removal Agreement with Judd's Cutting Edge Services, with the addition of Grader Service, for the remainder of the 2022-2023 Winter Season.

**CARRIED 4-0**

**Councillor Cara Redpath joined Meeting**

**BY-LAWS**

**#2022-305 – VERPLANCHE/SERRUYS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law #2023-001, being a By-Law to establish indemnities for members of Council for the Town of Melita, be read a third and final time, be passed and signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer and be sealed with the Municipal Seal.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
BILL HOLDEN	X			
GRANT HUME	X			
CARA REDPATH	X			
CAMIEL SERRUYS	X			
RHONDA VERPLANCHE	X			

**CARRIED 5-0**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**#2022-306 – HOLDEN/VERPLANCHE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts be hereby authorized for payment by the administration in the following amounts:

BANK	DATE	CHQ No's/ EFT's	AMOUNT
GENERAL	01-10-2023	# 33458-33486	\$254,875.38
PAYROLL	12-30-2022	Direct	\$19,855.37
MONTH END PAYROLL	12-30-2022	Direct	\$8,499.67

**CARRIED 5-0**

**#2022-307 – HOLDEN/VERPLANCHE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Melita does approve the remaining 2022 Banked hours and Holidays to be carried over into 2023; under the condition they are used up by the end of February 2023.

Employee	Banked Hours	Holidays
Breigh Crepeele	4.5 hrs	2.5 days
Laurie Dalziel	3 hrs	1.5 days
Debbie Vanbeselaere	45.75 hrs	-
Kerry Tilbury	33.25 hrs	1 day

**CARRIED 5-0**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**#2023-008 – HOLDEN/ VERPLANCHE**

WHEREAS Section 163 of *The Municipal Act* allows Council to adopt an interim operating budget to have in effect until the operating budget for the fiscal year is adopted;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Melita adopt the following interim operating budget for 2023.

General Government Services	\$ 475,000.00
Protective Services	\$ 220,000.00
Transportation Services	\$ 485,000.00
Environmental Health Services	\$ 95,000.00
Public Health & Welfare Services	\$ 16,000.00
Environmental Development Services	\$ 24,000.00
Economic Development Services	\$ 48,000.00
Recreation and Cultural Services	\$ 280,000.00
Fiscal Services	\$ 615,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,258,000.00</b>

**CARRIED 5-0**

**#2023-009 – SERRUYS/VERPLANCHE**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Melita does approve the addition of the 'All-Net Meetings' package at the quoted price of \$3,995 annually; with the initial setup and training fee of \$1,500 in 2023.

**CARRIED 5-0**

**#2023-010-REDPATH/HUME**

WHEREAS the Town of Melita requested Audit Service Proposals for the years ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Melita does approve the proposal from MNP LLP.

**CARRIED 5-0**

**#2023-011 – VERPLANCHE/SERRUYS**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Melita does accept all committee reports as presented.

**CARRIED 5-0**

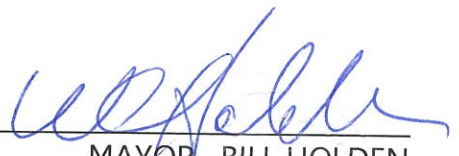
**ADJOURNMENT**

**#2023-012 – SERRUYS/VERPLANCHE** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Meeting of January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 does now adjourn at 7:04 pm.

**CARRIED 5-0**

Adopted January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**TOWN OF MELITA**

  
MAYOR – BILL HOLDEN

  
CAO – BREIGH CREPEELE