

Council Meeting Highlights – March 5, 2018

This the first edition of a new communications vehicle for prompt updates following Council meetings.

The full minutes of each meeting are posted online, but minutes have to be approved at the following Council meeting before release, causing a delay. This “Highlights” document allows ratepayers to keep up to date on major decisions in a timely way, while waiting for full minutes to be officially approved.

A brief RM Council on March 5, 2018 dealt with two resolutions, both of which were unanimously approved.

- **Sale of the former office in Strasbourg**

Council approved the sale of the RM's half of the administration building in Strasbourg. The sale is to the Town of Strasbourg for \$150,000. The Town owns the other half of the building.

- The sale price is at market value – within 10% of the appraisal estimate which Council had ordered in advance for guidance.
- And the price is higher than unsolicited offers that had come to Council last fall.
- The amount is also well above the roughly \$85,000 which the RM paid for its current office in Bulyea.

Because the sale was done directly with the Town of Strasbourg, there were no costs for a real estate listing/commission.

- **Administrative policy on attendance at SARM conventions**

Council approved a policy for proper financial oversight by ensuring that Council would be required to authorize any Councillors' attendance at conventions of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

While there is no registration fee for the conventions in Regina and Saskatoon, Councillors' attendance at the events incurs expenses for the RM.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2018.