



## **Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting October 21, 2021 - 01:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Reeve: Larry Grant; Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen, Division 2 Councillor: Timothy B. Christianson; Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter; Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

**REGRETS:** Division 4 Councillor amp; Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Legault, Administrator; and Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

#### **1 Call to order**

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order, time 1:10 p.m.

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#### **2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda**

**Res. No. 210/21**

**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That the agenda for this October 21, 2021 meeting be approved with the addition of a letter to Ministry of Highways regarding the increase in extraction fees from Ministry aggregate pits.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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#### **3 Adoption of Minutes**

##### **3.1 September 7, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

**Res. No. 211/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Special Meeting be approved as read.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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##### **3.2 September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Res. No. 212/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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#### **4 Public Hearings**

#### **5 Delegations**

#### **6 Reports of Administration & Committees**

##### **6.1 Administrative Update**

**Res. No. 213/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.2 List of Accounts for Approval**

**Res. No. 214/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the attached List of Accounts be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet**

**Res. No. 215/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2021 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.4 List of Lands in Arrears**

**Res. No. 216/21**

**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That the lands less than 50% of the previous years levy be discluded from the Tax Enforcement List.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.5 Committee Reports**

**Res. No. 217/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the committtee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7 Unfinished Business**

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**7.1 Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency - Request to Amend 911 Fire Dispatch Agreement**

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**7.2 Bylaw 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20**

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**7.2.1 First Reading - Bylaw 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20**

**Res. No. 218/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

Be it resolved that Bylaw No. 8-21 a Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20 be introduced and read for the first time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.2.2 Second Reading - Bylaw 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20**

**Res. No. 219/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

Be it resolved that Bylaw No. 8-21 A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20, be now read for the second time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.2.3 Give Three Readings at One Meeting - Bylaw 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20**

**Res. No. 220/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

Be it resolved that Bylaw No. 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20, be given three readings at this one meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.2.4 Third Read and Adopt - Bylaw 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20**

**Res. No. 221/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

Be it resolved that Bylaw No. 8-21, A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 20-20, be read for the third time and adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.3 Reply from Village of Val Marie re: Lots 8 & 9 Blk 15**

**Res. No. 222/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Lots 8 & 9 Blk 15 be transferred from the Village of Val Marie and that the Lots be retained for municipal use and recorded in the asset register under Transportation Services.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.4 Letter to Ministry of Highways re: Speed Limit on Hwy 4 south of Val Marie**

**Res. No. 223/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the reply from the Ministry of Highways regarding speed limit concerns on Highway No. 4 be acknowledged.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.5 Letter to Minister of Agriculture regarding reducing lease fees due to drought conditions**

**Res. No. 224/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the reply from the Minister of Agriculture regarding reducing lease fees due to drought be acknowledged.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.6 Lot B Blk 5 Plan 101629032**

**Res. No. 225/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

Whereas Lot B Blk 5 Plan 101629032 was recently acquired via *The Tax Enforcement Act*; and

Where as the municipality wishes to retain this parcel for municipal use pursuant to section 31 (7) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*;

That Lot B Blk 5 Plan 101629032 be retained for municipal purposes so that this property can become part of the Orkney Hall property, and the municipality pay the costs of all outstanding taxes and other liabilities on the land.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.7 ICIP Conditional Approval - Olson Bridge - Further Engagement**

**Res. No. 226/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That it be noted the Administrator received direction from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to consult with the Cowesses First Nation regarding the Olson Bridge Project and that has been sent to them by email and registered mail.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.8 TC Energy Crossing Agreements Re: Reshaping Road Ditch SE/SW 26-02-14-W3**

**Res. No. 227/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That it be noted TC Energy has agreed to assume the costs of the hydrovac for the work done over the right of way in the SE/SW 26-02-14-W3 and the Administrator may sign the amended agreement once received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7.9 Fire Ban Implemented June 28, 2021**

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**8 New Business**

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**8.1 Bylaw 3-21, A Bylaw to Provide for the Destruction of Documents**

**Res. No. 228/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That draft Bylaw 3-21 have further amendments and be brought back to the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.2 Lise Perrault Painting Donation**

**Res. No. 229/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the offer of a painting for public display be referred to the Village of Val Marie for the Village Complex lobby.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.3 Texas Gate (Cattle Gaurd) Policy Review**

**Res. No. 230/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Administrator draft a new policy or bylaw regarding the installation of texas gates on municipal roads.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.4 Former Well in NE 17-01-14-W3**

**Res. No. 231/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator begin the process to dissolve BIK A Plan 75SC1329 into the surrounding parcels.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.5 SARM Legal - Undeveloped Roads Opinion (from website)**

**Res. No. 232/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the administrator investigate the procedure and costs to legitimize the north/south trail through the Beaver Valley and Val Marie pastures, the road to the Jensen Bridge, and the most southerly road/bladed trail from R.M. of Mankota through the Dixon Community Pasture and entering Grasslands National Park.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.6 Gas Tax Summary and Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) Criteria**

**Res. No. 233/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Gas Tax Summary and Infrastructure Investment Plan Criteria be noted as reviewed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.7 RMAA Div. Meeting - Requirement for Division Boundary Policy**

**Res. No. 234/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Ministry of Government Relations and the Premier be written and request that the changes to The Municipalities Act requiring a division boundary policy reviews be removed from The Municipalities Act as it is an unnecessary and illogical request. The current division boundary system has already proven to work and will create chaos if changed. This requirement brings the possibility of changing council structure often and unnecessarily - causing instability to the governance of Rural Municipalities.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- 8.8 Furnaces at Community Church**  
**Res. No. 235/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld
- Approve quote from Lens plumbing for the replacement of the furnaces at the Community church.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 8.9 October 1, 2021 Public Health Order effect on Municipal Operations**
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- 8.10 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity**
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- 8.11 Grasslands National Park - Road Transfer Request**
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- 8.11.1 Draft Bylaw 9-21 - A Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Transferring of Municipal Roads and Road Allowances**  
**Res. No. 236/21**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant
- That the Draft Bylaw 9-21 have further revisions to the wording of the agreement with Parks Canada before forwarding to Parks Canada for review.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 8.12 2022-25 Gravel Hauling Contract Tender (draft)**  
**Res. No. 237/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter
- That the gravel loading/hauling/spreading for 2022-2025 tender be approved for advertising.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 8.13 Dudley & Company LLP - Audit Engagement**  
**Res. No. 238/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter
- That the audit engagement letters be noted as reviewed and signed and that the gravel inventories be changed to actual volumetric report on December 30, 2020 as recommended by the auditors.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 8.14 Bylaw 10-21, A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws**
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- 8.14.1 Bylaw 10-21 - First Read**  
**Res. No. 239/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson
- Be it resolved that Bylaw # 10-21 a Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws be introduced and read for the first time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 8.14.2 Bylaw 10-21 - Second Read**  
**Res. No. 240/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen
- Be it resolved that Bylaw #10-21, A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws be now read for the second time.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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- 8.14.3 Bylaw 10-21 - Hear Three Readings at One Meeting**  
**Res. No. 241/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld
- Be it resolved that Bylaw #10-21, A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws, be given three readings at this one meeting.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
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**8.14.4 Bylaw 10-21 - Third Read & Adopt**

**Res. No. 242/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Be it resolved that Bylaw #10-21, A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws, be read for the third time and adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.15 Road Work near SE 17-01-12-W3**

**Res. No. 243/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the road be built up to cover the pad over the pipeline near south of SE 17-01-12-W3 provided TransCanada produce a permit to work over the right of way.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.16 November Meeting - November 9, 2021 \*Needs to be rescheduled**

**Res. No. 244/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the November 9, 2021 meeting be rescheduled to Nov 15 at 1:00 p.m. due to conflict with the SARM Convention.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.17 Haul Road Agreement with AECON**

**Res. No. 245/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the haul road agreement with AECON entered into on September 20, 2021 by the Administrator be acknowledged.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.18 Royal Helium Ltd - Development Permit Request**

**Res. No. 246/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the development permit request from Royal Helium Ltd. for the construction and operation of a wellsite for the drilling one helium well be granted as it is a permitted use under the R.M.'s Zoning Bylaw; and the approval to utilize and upgrade the existing approach be granted provided all changes and improvements are first approved by the R.M.'s Public Works Foreman.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.19 Administrator Annual Leave Request**

**Res. No. 247/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator be permitted to use annual leave or accumulated time to take off October 26, 27, 28,29, and November 1, 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.20 Gravel Extraction Rates from Ministry of Highways Aggregate Pits**

**Res. No. 248/21**

**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a letter of concern regarding proposed rate increase to extraction fees from Ministry of Highways aggregate pits be sent.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9**            **Communications**  
**Res. No. 249/21**  
**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.6.2**        **Midterm Convention Moving to Online Format**  
**Res. No. 250/21**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That Councillors Christianson and Gunter be appointed as voting delegates for the 2021 SARM Midterm Convention, any and all Council are welcome to attend.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10**            **Reeve & Councillors Forum**

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**11**            **Adjournment**  
**Res. No. 251/21**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 6:02 pm.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Reeve

Administrator