



## Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

### Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting April 17, 2023 - 07:00 PM

#### PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant  
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen  
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson  
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter  
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno  
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

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

#### 1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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#### 2 Approval/Adoption of the Agenda

**Res. No.** 2023-0089

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

That the agenda for this April 17, 2023 meeting be approved with the addition of:

- New Business - a letter to the Ministry of Highways regarding the detour on Highway 4
- New Business - sending R.M. representatives to meet with COSEWIC at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture
- New Business - approach request from Mike Waldner.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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#### 3 Adoption of Minutes

##### 3.1 March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Res. No.** 2023-0090

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

That the minutes of the March 8, 2023 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.** 2023-0091

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.2 List of Accounts for Approval**  
**Res. No. 2023-0092**  
**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

~~That the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved:~~

That the List of Accounts for Approval detailing the following payments be approved:

- Inn. CU Cheques 4046-4067 totalling \$45,590.21
- Inn CU CAFT Payment # 2023-0028 - 2023-0036 totalling \$12,534.70
- Inn CU Online Banking Payment # 2023-0023 - 2023-0032 totalling \$13,477.53
- Inn CU Online Automatic Withdrawal Payment # 2023-0004 totalling \$57.35
- Collabria Credit Card Payment #2023-0020 - 2023-0025 totalling \$1,929.39
- Total Payments \$73,589.18

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet**  
**Res. No. 2023-0093**  
**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet, as well as bank reconciliations as of March 31, 2023 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.4 2022 Audited Financial Statements - Final**  
**Res. No. 2023-0094**  
**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the 2022 Audited Financial Statements presented by Dudley & Company LLP be approved noting that in the auditor's opinion the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the municipality as at December 31, 2022. That the synopsis provided by Dudley & Company LLP be included in the tax notice mailing for 2023, satisfying the requirement to publicize the financial statement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**6.5 Committee Reports**  
**Res. No. 2023-0095**  
**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**7 In Camera Session**

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**7.1 Move to In Camera Session**  
**Res. No. 2023-0096**  
**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we now move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 8:37 p.m.

All staff left the meeting room, time 8:37 p.m.

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All staff rejoined the meeting room, time 9:40 p.m.

**7.2 Rise from In Camera Session**  
**Res. No. 2023-0097**  
**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we now rise from in camera session, time 9:40 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8 Unfinished Business**

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**8.1 Building Bylaw Requirements**  
**Res. No. 2023-0098**  
**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Building Bylaw Requirements of the Province of Saskatchewan be tabled until the next meeting of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.2 Village of Val Marie - Tourism Development Committee - Appointing R.M. Representative**  
**Res. No. 2023-0099**  
**Moved by:** Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Greg Kornfeld be appointed to represent R.M. 17 on the Tourism Development Committee of the Village of Val Marie.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.3 Bylaw 2023-02 - A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Village of Val Marie**

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**8.3.1 Bylaw 2023-02 - First Reading**  
**Res. No. 2023-0100**  
**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-02, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Village of Val Marie, be introduced and read for the first time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.3.2 Bylaw 2023-02 - Second Reading**  
**Res. No. 2023-0101**  
**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-02, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Village of Val Marie, be now read for the second time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.3.3 Bylaw 2023-02 - Three Readings at One Meeting**  
**Res. No. 2023-0102**  
**Moved by:** Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-02, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Village of Val Marie, be given three readings at this one meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.3.4 Bylaw 2023-02 - Third Read & Adopt**  
**Res. No. 2023-0103**  
**Moved by:** Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

Be it resolved that Bylaw 2023-02, A Bylaw to Provide for the Municipality to Enter into an Administrative Agreement with the Village of Val Marie, be read for the third time and adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Councillors Christianson and Gunter declared conflict of interest in agenda item 8.4. and refrained from voting.

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**8.4 Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada - Road Transfer Agreement**  
**Res. No. 2023-0104**  
**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Road Transfer Agreement presented by Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada be approved and signed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.5 Texas Gate Agreement - Arthur, Edna, Daniel and Heather Facette**

**Res. No.** 2023-0105

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

That the texas gate agreement with Arthur, Edna, Daniel & Heather Facette be approved and signed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.6 Texas Gate Agreement - Grasslands National Park**

**Res. No.** 2023-0106

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

That the texas gate agreement with Grasslands National Park be approved and signed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.7 Texas Gate Agreement - Brad & Kyla Tetreau**

**Res. No.** 2023-0107

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

That the texas gate agreement with Brad & Kyla Tetreau be approved and signed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Councillor Gunter declared conflict of interest with agenda item 8.8 and refrained from voting.

**8.8 Pre-qualification Agreement - Aggregate Loading & Hauling, and Excavation Services - Harlan Gunter**

**Res. No.** 2023-0108

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

That the prequalification agreement with 102039803 Saskatchewan Ltd./Harlan Gunter for Aggregate Loading & Hauling, and Excavation Services be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.9 Grasslands National Park - Outstanding Invoice Reminder to Parks Canada**

**Res. No.** 2023-0109

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That invoice 2021-00012 be forwarded to the person above the Field Unit Superintendent for South Saskatchewan Field Unit.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.10 Zoning Bylaw - Amendment (Draft Wording)**

**Res. No.** 2023-0110

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

That the draft wording for a proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment be approved for advertising and public notice before Council considers first reading of the Bylaw.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.11 Olson Bridge Replacement**

**8.11.1 Supplemental Agreement - Bridge Replacement Contract with Harbuilt Construction**

**Res. No.** 2023-0111

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

That Supplemental Agreement No. RM017-2022-001-A to the contract with Harbuilt Construction Management Ltd. for the Construction of two precast concrete and steel short-span bridges (Olson Bridge N NE 09-03-13-W3 and Jensen Bridge NE 29-04-17-W3) outlining a revised start date of June 1, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.11.2 Olson Bridge/Road Grade Tie In Project - Back sloping and Fencing Agreements**

**Res. No. 2023-0112**

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That requests for agreements with landowners for back sloping and/or fencing for the lands west and east of the Olson Bridge N NE 09-03-13-W3 sent to landowners in order to acquire and build the road grade tie in to the new bridge.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**8.11.3 Olson Bridge/Road Grade Tie In Project - Packer Rental**

**Res. No. 2023-0113**

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That renting a 72" sheep foot packer from Knudsen Excavating at a rate of \$350 per day be approved with the terms and conditions requested by Knudsen Excavating.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9 New Business**

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**9.1 Review Bylaw 2022-06**

**Res. No. 2023-0114**

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

That the fees Bylaw be updated to reflect that Sand/Gravel Reject/Rock (screened or material left from gravel crushing) is available for sale to non-ratepayers with the approval of Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.2 Grasslands National Park - Trail System Consultation Workshop**

**Res. No. 2023-0115**

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That R.M.17 decline to attend the Grasslands National Park trail consultation workshop, however would be interested in knowing about any trailheads that would affect traffic on R.M. roads.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.3 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy - Governing Sustainable Municipalities Project**

**Res. No. 2023-0116**

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

That Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (JSGSPP) be shamed for the cowardly way they delivered the Governing Sustainable Municipalities Roundtable. That JSGSPP be notified this R.M. will not participate in any of their programs or education sessions as the messages and policy framework they are promoting is not aligned with this Council's priorities. The framework outlined in the "Public Talk" is simply more federal woke liberalism and this Council will not allocate taxation monies to support those causes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.4 2023 Participation in the Frenchman-Wood River Weed Management Area**

**Res. No. 2023-0117**

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

That it be confirmed, the R.M. of Val Marie will not be participating in the Frenchman-Wood River Weed Management Area in 2023.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.5 Request for Quote - Replacing Office Lights**

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**9.5.1 Request for Quote - Replacing Office Lights - Quotes Received**

**Res. No.** 2023-0118

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

That it be noted quotes to replace lights in the municipal office at 112 Railway Ave E were received from:

- Hornes Electric
- Melhoff Electric
- Kornfeld Electric
- Riverside Electric

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.5.2 Request for Quote - Replacing Office Lights - Quotes Accepted**

**Res. No.** 2023-0119

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

That the quote from Kornfeld Electric for \$7,091.25 plus taxes to replace the lights in the municipal office be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.6 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Project: Bowdoin 2D - Commencement Date Change**

**Res. No.** 2023-0120

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Notice of Intent from the Ministry of Energy and Resources for the Licence Holder Terra-Sine Resources Ltd., Program Name: Bowdoin-Monchy 2D 2023, Program Number 22P022; be acknowledged and signed noting that this notice was previously approved by resolution 2022-302 however the commencement and end dates have changed resulting in a new program number.

**CARRIED**

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**9.7 Notice of Completion - Seismic Program - Val Marie 2D Program Number 22P054**

**Res. No.** 2023-0121

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

That the completion notice for Seismic Program Val Marie 2D Program Number 22P054 be acknowledged and signed by the Administrator.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.8 Notice of Completion - Seismic Program - Pinto Creek 2D 2023**

**Res. No.** 2023-0122

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

That the completion notice for Seismic Program Pinto Creek 2D Program Number 22P052 be acknowledged and signed by the Administrator.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.9 Notice of Completion - Seismic Program - Val Marie 2D 2022 22P048**

**Res. No.** 2023-0123

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

That the completion notice for Seismic Program Val Marie 2D 2022 Program Number 22P048 be acknowledge and signed by the Administrator.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.10 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - 23 Chambery 2D 23P009**

**Res. No.** 2023-0124

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Notice of Intent from the Ministry of Energy and Resources for the Licence Holder TerraSine Resources Ltd., Program Name: 23 Chambery 2D Program Number 23P009, be acknowledged and signed noting that this notice was previously approved by resolution #2023-027 however the commencement and end dates have changed resulting in a new program number.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.11 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - 22 Chambery 3D R1 23P007**

**Res. No.** 2023-0125

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

That the Notice of Intent from the Ministry of Energy and Resources for the Licence Holder TerraSine Resources Ltd., Program Name: 22 Chambery 3D R1 Program Number 23P007, be acknowledged and signed noting that this notice was previously approved by resolution #2022-300 however the commencement and end dates have changed resulting in a new program number.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.12 Notice of Intent - Seismic Activity - Soda Lake 3D 2023 23P001**

**Res. No.** 2023-0126

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

That the Notice of Intent from the Ministry of Energy and Resources for the Licence Holder TerraSine Resources Ltd., Program Name: Soda Lake 3D 2023 Program Number 23P011, be acknowledged and signed noting that this notice was previously approved by resolution #2022-304 however the commencement and end dates have changed resulting in a new program number.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.13 Ministry of Highways - Traffic Count Program 2023**

**Res. No.** 2023-0127

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Ministry of Highways be requested to run the traffic count program in this R.M. between June 25- August 25 and that the classifier noted as #15 be moved to a location outside Grasslands National Park.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.14 SMHI Withdrawal List**

**Res. No.** 2023-0128

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

That Darcy Andrew Kress be approved for withdrawal from Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.15 Road Committee Order - Road Closure due to Bridge Flooding**

**Res. No.** 2023-0129

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Emergency Road Closure of the road north of the NE 09-03-13-W3 be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.16 Asset Management Plan Committee**  
**Res. No. 2023-0130**  
**Moved by:** Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Councillors Christianson, Peno, and Reeve Grant be appointed to work with Administration on the development of an Asset Management Plan for the Transportation Services class.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.17 Road Legitimization Projects**

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**9.17.1 Road Legitimization Projects - Surveying Quotes**  
**Res. No. 2023-0131**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That due to time constraints, this matter be tabled until the next meeting

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.17.2 Road Legitimization Projects - Agreement for Sale of Land - Facette**  
**Res. No. 2023-0132**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That due to time constraints, this matter be tabled until the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.17.3 Road Legitimization Projects - Agreement for Sale of Land - Tetreau**  
**Res. No. 2023-0133**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That due to time constraints, this matter be tabled until the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.17.4 Road Legitimization Projects - Consent of Occupants Received - Cote and Tetreau**  
**Res. No. 2023-0134**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That due to time constraints, this matter be tabled until the next meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.17.5 Road Legitimization Projects - Grasslands National Park Contribution**  
**Res. No. 2023-0135**  
**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That GNP be requested to pay 100% of the road legitimization project costs for legitimizing the road parcels in SE 28, NE 21 & SE 21-03-12-W3 and the road parcels through the Dixon Community Pasture to the east boundary of the R.M. in NE 36-02-10-W3 (road parcels are located in the: NE 36-02-10-W3, NW 36-02-10-W3, SE 01-03-10-W3, SW 01-03-10-W3 SE-02-03-10-W3, SW 02-03-10-W3, NW 02-03-10-W3, NE 03-03-10-W3, SE 03-03-10-W3, SW 03-03-10-W3, SE 04-03-10-W3, NW 33-02-10-W3, NE 32-02-10-W3, SE 32-02-10-W3, SW 32-02-10-W3, SE 31-02-10-W3, NE 30-02-10-W3, NW 30-02-10-W3, NE 25-02-11-W3, SE 25-02-11-W3). This request is made because the establishment of Grasslands National Park has made the use of these roads/trails different than they were previously established for. Council is of the opinion that shared liability for roads with landowners/lessee's for an unregistered road is no longer reasonable.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.18 Grasslands National Park - Road Maintenance Agreement 2023-2027/28**

**Res. No.** 2023-0136

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the contribution agreement with Grasslands National Park for the 2023-24 to 2027-28 federal fiscal periods for \$12,500 per fiscal year be approved and signed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.19 Ministry of Highways - HWY #4 Detour**

**Res. No.** 2023-0137

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

That a letter to Ministry of Highways be sent urging the Ministry to establish a temporary bridge or bypass around the HWY #4 road damage south of Cadillac, SK rather than continuing to use the current detour for a long period of time.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.20 COSEWIC/Ministry of Agriculture Meeting re: Prairie Dogs**

**Res. No.** 2023-0138

**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That up to three members of Council be authorized to attend a meeting with COSEWIC regarding Prairie Dog assessments

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**9.21 Approach Request - SW/SE 18-04-13-W3**

**Res. No.** 2023-0139

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

That the request from Mike Waldner to build an additional approach from the Newton Lake Road to the SW/SE 18-04-13-W3 be approved, location to be confirmed in consultation with the public works foreman.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**10 Communications**

**Res. No.** 2023-0140

**Moved by:** Div. 4 Councillor Peno

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11 Reeve & Councillors Forum**

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**12 Adjournment**

**Res. No.** 2023-0141

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

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 12:37 AM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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