



## Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

### Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting April 29, 2023 - 03:00 PM

#### PRESENT:

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

**STAFF ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Legault, Administrator

**1 This Special Meeting was called by Reeve Grant in order to: 1) Meet with Grasslands National Park and COSEWIC representatives regarding the designation of Black Tailed Prairie Dogs as a species at risk.**

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**2 Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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**3 Discussion Points for Delegates**

**Res. No. 2023-0142**

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

That the attached discussion points and summary of concerns be presented to delegates, along with the Prairie Post articles of September 5, 2019 and May 12, 2021 and letters summarizing the R.M.'s concerns with Grasslands National Park's statements in those articles.

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**4 Reports From Delegation of Council**

Dr. John Reynolds, Dr. Stephen D. Peterson, Dr. David Lee from the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC); Patricia Fornarolo, Interim Field Unit Superintendent for Saskatchewan South Field Unit Parks Canada and Dan Rafla, Acting Resource Conservation Manager Grasslands National Park were received by Council at 4:00 p.m.

Delegates reviewed the procedure that is followed when recommending species designation to the Federal Minister of Environment. Council discussed the impacts of the Black Tailed Prairie Dog colonies expanding outside of Grasslands National Park Boundaries. There was lengthy discussion between Council and delegates on the points attached.

Delegates excused themselves at 6:14 p.m.

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**5 Adjournment**

**Res. No. 2023-0143**

**Moved by:** Reeve Grant

That this meeting do now adjourn, time 6:15 p.m..

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