

**Village of Val Marie**  
**Minutes - Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Held in the Municipal Office Boardroom, 112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan**  
**Thursday, February 22, 2024**

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Present: Mayor Roland Facette  
 Councillor Ron Denniel  
 Councillor Adam Ducan  
 Councillor Mette Ducan  
 Councillor John Reynolds

Administrator: Cathy Legault, Administrator

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A quorum being present, Mayor Facette called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2024-026	MINUTES	<p>M.DUCAN: That the minutes of the January 17, 2024 regular meeting be approved with the mover of resolutions 2024-012 and 2024-013 being noted as “A. Ducan” rather than just “Ducan”; and the minutes of the January 31, 2024 Special Meeting be approved as read.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For        A. DUCAN: For        M. DUCAN: For        FACETTE: For        REYNOLDS: For        Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-027	ADMIN REPORT	<p>REYNOLDS: That the Administrator’s report be accepted as read.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For        A. DUCAN: For        M. DUCAN: For        FACETTE: For        REYNOLDS: For        Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-028	PAYMENTS	<p>DENNIEL: That the following payments be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inn. CU - Cheques 4228-4238 totaling \$12,466.03</li> <li>• Inn. CU – CAFT Payment # 2024-0006 to 2024-0008 totaling \$808.95</li> <li>• Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2024-0013 to 2024-0014 totaling \$645.34</li> <li>• Collabria Credit Card Payment # 2023-0005 totaling \$20.78           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total Payments - \$13,941.10</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For        A. DUCAN: For        M. DUCAN: For        FACETTE: For        REYNOLDS: For        Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-029	FIN STMTS	<p>A.DUCAN: That the January 2024 Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, Sewer Utility Summary, Campground Summary, Innovation Bank Reconciliations, and Tax Enforcement Summary be accepted as presented.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For        A. DUCAN: For        M. DUCAN: For        FACETTE: For        REYNOLDS: For        Carried Unanimously.</p>
	DELEGATE	<p>Lee Friesen (Mooseworld Inc.) was received by Council at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Friesen spoke to Council about the “Grassroots Tourism Meeting” that is hosted by Prairie Winds &amp; Silver Sage, the Village of Val Marie, and Grasslands National Park which will be held on May 2, 2024 at the Palais Royale Theatre. Mr. Friesen also spoke about the opportunity provided to the Village from Tourism Saskatchewan regarding the development of a community tourism plan. Mr. Friesen did have initial conversations with Tourism Saskatchewan about this funding and support. Mr. Friesen excused himself at 2:30 p.m.</p>

2024-030	COMM- UNITY TOURISM PLAN	<p>REYNOLDS: Whereas Tourism Saskatchewan has offered to provide funding to support the development of a Tourism Development Plan as the Val Marie-Grasslands area has recently been identified as a destination in Saskatchewan with the opportunity to develop new tourism experiences in niche markets (such as birding and Astro tourism);</p> <p>That the Village of Val Marie accept this offer from Tourism Saskatchewan, with intention to work with the recently formed "Tourism Development Committee" on this project.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-031	HCYE COMMITTEE	<p><del>A.DUCAN: That the Administrator draft the necessary bylaw to amend Bylaw 7-09 "A Bylaw for the Establishing of the Heritage, Culture &amp; Youth Grain Elevator Restoration Committee" to change the name of the Committee to the "Val Marie Heritage Elevator Committee".</del></p> <p><del>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</del></p> <p><i>Rescinded March 20, 2024 res. 2024-066</i></p>
2024-032	ELEVATOR COMMITTEE MEMBER	<p>M. DUCAN: That Lacey Reid and Sarah Lilley be appointed as members of the Heritage Culture and Youth Elevator Committee with their terms expiring in 2024.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: Absent Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-033	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>A.DUCAN: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted as presented.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: Absent Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-034	BYLAW 2024-02	<p>M.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2024-02 "A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws", be introduced and read for the first time.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-035	BYLAW 2024-02	<p>A.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2024-02 "A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws", be now read for the second time.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>

- 2024-036 BYLAW DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2024-02 "A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws", be considered for three  
2024-02 readings at this one meeting.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: For  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-037 BYLAW DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2024-02 "A Bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws", be read for the third  
2024-02 time and adopted.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: For  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-038 BYLAW M.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2024-03 "A Bylaw to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use of the  
2024-03 Sewer Utility", be introduced and read for the first time.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: For  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-039 BYLAW A.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2024-03 "A Bylaw to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use of the  
2024-03 Sewer Utility", be now read for the second time.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: For  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-040 BYLAW DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2024-03 "A Bylaw to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use of the  
2024-03 Sewer Utility", be considered for three readings at this one meeting.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: For  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-041 BYLAW REYNOLDS: That 2024-03 "A Bylaw to Fix the Rates to be Charged for the Use of the Sewer  
2024-03 Utility", be read for the third time and adopted.  
DENNIEL: For  
A. DUCAN: For  
M. DUCAN: For  
FACETTE: For  
REYNOLDS: For  
Carried Unanimously.

- 2024-042 BYLAW 2024-04 A.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2024-04 “A Bylaw to Establish a Waste Disposal and Recycling Utility”, be introduced and read for the first time.  
 DENNIEL: For  
 A. DUCAN: For  
 M. DUCAN: For  
 FACETTE: For  
 REYNOLDS: For  
 Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-043 BYLAW 2024-04 REYNOLDS: That Bylaw 2024-04 “A Bylaw to Establish a Waste Disposal and Recycling Utility”, be now read for the second time.  
 DENNIEL: For  
 A. DUCAN: For  
 M. DUCAN: For  
 FACETTE: For  
 REYNOLDS: For  
 Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-044 BYLAW 2024-04 DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2024-04 “A Bylaw to Establish a Waste Disposal and Recycling Utility”, be considered for three readings at this one meeting.  
 DENNIEL: For  
 A. DUCAN: For  
 M. DUCAN: For  
 FACETTE: For  
 REYNOLDS: For  
 Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-045 BYLAW 2024-04 M.DUCAN: That 2024-04 “A Bylaw to Establish a Waste Disposal and Recycling Utility”, be read for the third time and adopted.  
 DENNIEL: For  
 A. DUCAN: For  
 M. DUCAN: For  
 FACETTE: For  
 REYNOLDS: For  
 Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-046 COMM-UNITY NOTICE A.DUCAN: That a letter be sent to all Waste and Recycling Utility participants to notify them of the changes to the Utility – specifically changes to the requirements to be part of the utility for residentially improved properties. That the letter also let participants know that the contract with the current provider expires March 31, 2026 and that there will be further community consultation on what changes the community would like to see regarding waste disposal at that time.  
 DENNIEL: For  
 A. DUCAN: For  
 M. DUCAN: For  
 FACETTE: For  
 REYNOLDS: For  
 Carried Unanimously.
- 2024-047 UNINHABIT-ABLE PROPERTIES M.DUCAN: That the Council deems 201 River Street and 405 Railway Ave E uninhabitable residences and are therefore not required to participate in the Waste & Recycling Utility.  
 DENNIEL: For  
 A. DUCAN: For  
 M. DUCAN: For  
 FACETTE: For  
 REYNOLDS: For  
 Carried Unanimously.

2024-048	ICIP TIMELINE EXTENSION	<p>REYNOLDS: That a five-year timeline extension be requested from the Ministry of Government Relations for the Village’s Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program “Landfill Decommissioning” project.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously</p>
2024-050	Dec. 17, 2024 Minutes	<p>M.DUCAN: That Caitlin Mroz-Sailer be notified the Council reviewed her request and that they do not agree that the minutes need to be amended to show that she had more than one example of the definition of “Residence”.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-051	DELEGATE REQUESTS DEC 2024 MEETING	<p>REYNOLDS: That Caitlin Mroz-Sailer and Peter Sailer be notified that Council and Administration reviewed the Villages bylaws and policies regarding sewer billing and do not agree that they were not billed properly for the “Shady Lane” property (303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 311 Railway Ave W). This property was billed for each unit since it was built and it is common practice in most municipalities for each unit in a multi-unit property to be billed separately. The sewer rates bylaw has been re-drafted to clarify this wording; and</p> <p>That Caitlin Mroz-Sailer and Peter Sailer also be notified that Triways has not agreed to remove the bins from the “Shady Lane” property (303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 311 Railway Ave W) and replace with a dumpster; so therefore, this request cannot be fulfilled. The Council agrees to evaluate waste disposal options with the community when the contract with Triways ends on March 31, 2026.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-052	BOND	<p>DENNIEL: That it be noted the Bond Coverage was presented to Council detailing the following coverage: \$500,000 Fidelity Bond from SGI Canada Insurance.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2024-053	ICY SIDEWALK	<p>A.DUCAN: That Councillor Adam Ducan speak to the homeowner north of the school property where the child slipped on the sidewalk so that they are aware the event happened; however enforcing sidewalk clearing through Bylaw enforcement is not something the Council is looking to do at this time.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>

2024-054	COUNCIL WCB COVERAGE	M.DUCAN: That the WCB Coverage for Council members for 2024 be set at the minimum coverage of \$40,382. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2024-055	LETTER FROM C. SCHMIDT	A.DUCAN: That Colin Schmidt be thanked for sharing his thoughts on beautification of the Village and the letter be shared with the Val Marie Recreation Board. Many valid points were made, and the Village will do what they can within reasonable resource levels to work towards beautification. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2024-056	COMMUN- ICATIONS	M.DUCAN: That the communications noted on the agenda be acknowledged as received, and filed as deemed appropriate. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2024-057	MARCH MEETING	M.DUCAN: That the March 20, 2024 Council meeting be held at 1:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2024-058	ADJOURN	REYNOLDS: That this meeting adjourns, time 5:45 p.m. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.