



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting September 10, 2024 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

ABESENT:

Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno

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 7:10 p.m.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2024-0218

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the agenda for this September 10, 2024 meeting be approved with the addition of:
-request to amend the conditions outlined in resolution 2023-0952 under New Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 202-0219

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

5 Delegations

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2024-0220

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2024-0221

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

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

Inn. CU - Cheques 4383 - 4397 totalling \$27,585.15

Inn. CU - CAFT Payment No. 2024-0097 to 2024-0111 totalling - \$36,793.15

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment No. 2024-0073 to 2024-0082 totalling - \$70,915.98

Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawals Payment No. 2024-0010 to 2024-0011 totalling - \$697,150.19

Collabria Credit Cards Payment No. 2024-0071 to 2024-0075 totalling - \$633.45

Total Payments - \$833,077.92

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2024-0222

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of August 31, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2024-0223

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the committee reports and minutes be accepted and filed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 In Camera Session

7.1 Move to In Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0224

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That we move to an in-camera session in order to discuss employee matters, time 8:50 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ben McLearn left the meeting room at 8:50 p.m. Cathy Legault remained in the meeting room.

Ben McLearn returned to the meeting room, time 9:10 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2024-0225

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we rise from in camera session, time 9:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Calling Special Meeting per resolution 2024-0215

Res. No. 2024-0226

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That a special meeting be called on Oct 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. for the purposes outlined in resolution 2024-0215.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 COSEWIC 6-Month Interim Status Report on the Black Tailed Prairie Dog - Draft for Comment from the R.M. (not for public review)

Res. No. 2024-0227

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the Administrator and Councillor Christianson work on a response to the draft COSEWIC status report on the Black Tailed Prairie Dog for submission on September 20, 2024 to Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment(drafts will be circulated to all Council members before submission); and

That a meeting be requested with the Province of Saskatchewan's representative to the COSEWIC committee so that person has a clear understanding of the Council's concerns regarding the report and has toured the prairie dog colonies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 McGuire Bridge over Frenchman River Replacement (SW 30-05-15-W3) - Daily Field Reports

Res. No. 2024-0228

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That daily field report #1 for the McGuire Bridge over Frenchman River Replacement (SW 30-05-15-W3) be noted as received, and the Administrator send the daily field reports as needed but at minimum once per week by email.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Road Committee Order - Road Closure Due to Bridge Replacement

Res. No. 2024-0229

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the temporary road closure in the SW 30-05-15-W3 due to bridge replacement work be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 New Business

9.1 SaskPower - Pole Replacement - File #20454399

Res. No. 2024-0230

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the SaskPower pole replacement project (SaskPower file number 204545399) be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Request for Proposals for Audit Services for the R.M. of Val Marie & Village of Val Marie

Res. No. 2024-0231

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the RFP for Audit Services be approved for advertising provided the Village of Val Marie is also in agreement with the terms and wording.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Possible Reduction of Canada Border Services Agency Port Hours - Public Service Alliance of Canada

Res. No. 2024-0232

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the petition presented by Jeremy Patzer, MP regarding border service reduction be posted at the front counter of the Municipal Office for signature collection.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- 9.4 Canada Community Building Fund Agreement (effective April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2034)**
Res. No. 2024-0233
Moved by: Reeve Grant

That the Canada Community Building Fund Agreement be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.5 Cheque Signing & EFT Policy - Update Schedule A**
Res. No. 2024-0234
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Schedule A of the Cheque Signing & EFT Policy be updated as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.6 Civic Addressing Registry - Tier 2**
Res. No. 2024-0235
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That R.M. of Val Marie decline participation in the Civic Addressing Registry system at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.7 Village of Bracken (Administration) - Administrator Training/Evaluation Request**
Res. No. 2024-0236
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Administrator be authorized to review the Village of Bracken's Administrator's work in support of her application for an Urban Board of Examiners (Urban Municipal Administrators Association of Saskatchewan) "Standard" Certificate Application. That this work can be done during work hours as the Council wishes to extend support for neighboring municipalities when reasonable and possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.8 Jody Larson - Approach Request - NW 22-03-12-W3**
Res. No. 2024-0237
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That Jody Larson be permitted to build an approach on the road allowance north of NW 22-03-12-W3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.9 Val Marie Grazing Corp. - Blading pasture trail from NE 18-05-14-W3 to "North of McGuires"**
Res. No. 2024-0238
Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the request to blade the trail that begins at the road allowance west of the NW 17-05-14-W3 and travelling north and westerly through the Val Marie Grazing Corp pasture to the "four corners" area of the Val Marie pasture be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 9.10 Signing Authority Change - New Assistant Administrator**
Res. No. 2024-0239
Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That signing authority at Innovation Credit Union be changed from Mylee Gunter/Peter Sailer to Logan Resch as the Assistant Administrator

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 Resolution 2023-0952 - Amendment Request

Res. No. 2024-0240

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the request to open cut the road in this location for the installation of water and power lines be approved due to the road being very low profile in that location - with the following conditions:

- that the road foreman be on site to approve the trenching and backfilling procedures; and
- that the depth of the lines be increased to 3 m; and
- that the landowner agrees to be responsible for the cost to haul in more fill as needed if the trench settles; and
- at least 2 business days notice will be given to the RM so that temporary road closures can be advertised.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2024-0241

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Reeve & Councillors Forum

12 Adjournment

Res. No. 2024-0242

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting adjourns, time 11:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
