Village of Val Marie
Minutes - Regular Meeting of Council
Held in the Municipal Office Boardroom, 112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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

Staff Attendance: Cathy Legault, Administrator
Logan Resch, Assistant Administrator

A quorum being present, Mayor Facette called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Councillor Ron Denniel was not present at the call to order.

2025-063	MINUTES	REYNOLDS: That the minutes of the March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as read. DENNIEL: Absent A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously. *Councillor Ron Denniel joined the meeting, time 7:06 p.m.*
2025-064	ADMIN REPORT	DENNIEL: That the Administrator's report be accepted as read. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-065	PAYMENTS	A.DUCAN: That the following payments be approved: • Inn. CU - Cheques 4406-4418 totaling $23,025.24 • Inn. CU – CAFT Payment # 2025-0013 to 2025-0017 totaling $1,472.42 • Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2025-0039 to 2025-0051 totaling $2,275.62 • Inn. CU – Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2025-0004 totaling $118.57 • Collabria Credit Card Payment #2025-0010 to 2025-0011 totaling $212.91 o Total Payments - $27,104.76 DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-066	FIN STMTS	M.DUCAN: That the March 2025 Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, Sewer Utility Summary, Campground Summary, Innovation Bank Reconciliations, and Tax Enforcement Summary be accepted as presented. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-067	COMMITTEE REPORTS	REYNOLDS: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted as presented. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.

2025-068	ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT	A.DUCAN: That an Anniversaries Committee be established for the purposes of planning the 100th Anniversary of the Village of Val Marie in 2026 and that a bank account be opened for keeping track of revenue and expenses for the event. That the following persons be appointed to the committee: Cathy Legault, Jessica Severson, Logan Resch, Roland Facette, Kira Glas, Kathy Grant, Jessie Grant, Kathryn Baxter, Glen Baxter, Alex McPhee, Shelly Larson, Jodie Harbor. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-069	MOWER AMORTIZA-TION	REYNOLDS: That the amortization period for the 2025 Kubota mower be recorded at 10 years with no residual value. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-070	LANDFILL DECOMISSION-ING	M.DUCAN: That the Ministry of Environment's letter approving the Landfill Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan be noted as received. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-071	TTP TENDER LOT 17 BLK 1 PLAN BK4552	DENNIEL: That it be noted no bids were received by Dudley & Company LLP for the tender advertised for Lot 17 Blk 1 Plan BK4552 (212 Centre Street) which closed April 11, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-072	ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT LETTER	REYNOLDS: That Don Brown's letter re: Anonymous Complaints be responded to noting that the council has reviewed section 19 of the Council Procedures Bylaw and will handle matters as stated by said bylaw in the future. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-073	OFFER TO PURCHASE 212 CENTRE STREET	DENNIEL: That Donald U. Brown's offer to purchase Lot 17 Blk 1 Plan BK4552, civic address: 212 Centre Street, for $1,000 (which was received at the office on April 15, 2025) be accepted; with the agreement to the 5 year tax and sewer fees exemption request. This offer is accepted in order to save the building from being demolished and support the economic development initiative of developing the building into a commercial retail space. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.

2025-074	VM REC BOARD	A.DUCAN: That the following changes to the Val Marie Recreation Board be approved: • Twila Hayes be removed. • Colette Schmidt be added with a term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025. • Jody Larson be added with a term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-075	HCY ELEVATOR COMM.	M.DUCAN: That the following changes to the Heritage, Culture, & Youth Elevator Committee be approved: • Madonna Hamel be removed. • Adam Ducan be removed but will continue to be the Village of Val Marie representative. • Vicki-Lynn Burnside-Anderson be added with a 2025-2026 term. • Duncan Stewart be added with a 2025-2026 term. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously. *Mayor Facette left the meeting room, time 9:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor John Reynolds assumed the position of meeting chair.*
2025-076	BYLAW 2025-05	M.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2025-05 "A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 5-16, A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committee's" be introduced and read for the first time. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: Absent REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-077	BYLAW 2025-05	A.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2025-05 "A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 5-16, A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committee's" be read for the second time. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: Absent REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-078	BYLAW 2025-05	DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2025-05 "A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 5-16, A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committee's" be given three readings at this one meeting. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: Absent REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.

2025-079	BYLAW 2025-05	REYNOLDS: That Bylaw 2025-05 "A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 5-16, A Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committee's" be read for the third time and adopted. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: Absent REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously. *Mayor Facette rejoined the meeting, time 9:07 p.m. and assumed the position of meeting chair.*
2025-080	BYLAW 2025-06	REYNOLDS: That Bylaw 2025-06 "A Bylaw to Provide a Base Tax" be introduced and read for the first time. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-081	BYLAW 2025-06	DENNIEL: That Bylaw 2025-06 "A Bylaw to Provide a Base Tax" be read for the second time. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-082	BYLAW 2025-06	M.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2025-06 "A Bylaw to Provide a Base Tax" be given three readings at this one meeting. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-083	BYLAW 2025-06	A.DUCAN: That Bylaw 2025-06 "A Bylaw to Provide a Base Tax" be read for the third time and adopted. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-084	BUDGET 2025	M.DUCAN: That the attached budget for 2025 be approved and adopted. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.

2025-085 MILL RATE

REYNOLDS: That the mill rate for 2025 be set at 2.5 mills noting that Bylaw 2025-06 "A Bylaw to Provide a Base Tax", applies the following:

Property Class	Land Base Tax	Improvements Base Tax
Agriculture	$1,000	-
Residential	$500	$200
Commercial	$500	$200

DENNIEL: For
A. DUCAN: For
M. DUCAN: For
FACETTE: For
REYNOLDS: For
Carried Unanimously.

2025-086 R.M. OF VAL MARIE – CUSTOM WORK

DENNIEL: Whereas the agreement from 2018 with the R.M. of Val Marie regarding them providing custom work for the Village in exchange for the Village paying for a contractor to stockpile the RM's gravel from the railbed (in order facilitate lagoon construction) has concluded in the fall of 2024; and

Whereas the R.M. of Val Marie recognizes that the Community Well located at Lot 1 Blk 14 Plan 02SC05736 is wired to the Village of Val Marie's lift station so that the well will operate during power outage which is a benefit to both municipalities for firefighting purposes; and

Where as the Village does assume costs for the power of the well;

That it be noted the R.M. agrees to provide custom work services to the Village (per their resolution 2025-0083 of March 25, 2025) with the following conditions:

1. The R.M.'s work has priority; RM staff are to schedule custom work for the village around the RM's work plans.
2. Rates charged are the rates outlined in the R.M.'s Fees Bylaw – Ratepayer Rates apply.
3. The rate for the use of the backhoe is the same as the ratepayer rate for the grader.

DENNIEL: For
A. DUCAN: For
M. DUCAN: For
FACETTE: For
REYNOLDS: For
Carried Unanimously.

2025-087 COMMUN-ICATIONS

A.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.

2025-088 ADJOURN

FACETTE: That this meeting adjourn, time 10:40 p.m.
DENNIEL: For
A. DUCAN: For
M. DUCAN: For
FACETTE: For
REYNOLDS: For
Carried Unanimously.