

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

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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

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A quorum being present, Mayor Facette called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2025-120	MINUTES	REYNOLDS: That the minutes of the June 18, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as read. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-121	MINUTES	DENNIEL: That the minutes of the July 14, 2025 Special Meeting be approved as read. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
	DELEGATE	<p><i>Councillor John Reynolds declared a conflict of interest in the following agenda item and left the meeting room, time 7:10 p.m.</i></p> <p>Ms. Bev Reynolds was received by council at 7:10 p.m. to discuss assessment and taxes on properties owned by John Reynolds within the Village. Ms. Reynolds gave a history of the lots and what has changed in the previous years. In approximately 2014, 2 out of the 3 lots were amalgamated, meaning currently it is assessed as two lots. In approximately 2020, a physical re-evaluation was completed by SAMA, Ms. Reynolds expressed to the appraiser that she had to leave but wished she waited to do the inspection until she got home. The inspection was completed without Ms. Reynolds and multiple new buildings were assessed and were then taxed. Ms. Reynolds explained that any buildings that were added to the lots were mobile buildings that could be moved and aren't permanent as they don't have a foundation. Ms. Reynolds wanted clarification about why the taxes on their lots were increasing by such a large amount when others lot in the Village were amalgamated and the taxes were not increased by this significant of an amount. As well as clarification on why there has been an increase in taxes in recent years when new structures haven't been added recently (were added before the previous re-evaluation year). It was explained to Ms. Reynolds that the lots have an agriculture assessment and a residential assessment, both have a base tax and that makes up majority of the total taxes for the lots. Ms. Reynolds expressed her surprise for the jump in taxes in recent years, and inquired about what could be done to have their assessment looked at again. It was explained that she could contact SAMA for clarification (Swift Current office information was given) and the lots could be placed on the maintenance list for 2026, as well as an appeal could be filed when the assessment roll is open in 2026. Ms. Reynolds excused herself at 7:43 p.m.</p> <p><i>Councillor John Reynolds rejoined the meeting room, time 7:57 p.m.</i></p>

DELEGATE	<p>Mr. Lee Friesen was received by council at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the Tourism Development Committee (TDC) image development. Mr. Friesen gave council handouts which included information on the tourism report and a verbal summary was given about TDC's purpose, how the committee meetings were going, and what they have been working on and discussing (Celebrating Centuries, logo/image development). Mr. Friesen expressed that it appears the council and community feel TDC has not done anything or made progress, and that at recent TDC meetings the committee has been divided and motions are being made back and forth on top of each other. There was a motion made that Sara Lilley would be hired to develop a seal logo so a contract was developed including an invoice for 50%, but it was noted that the agreement was dependent on approval of the Village council. At the following meeting the motion was rescinded as some of the committee wanted to invite the community to submit designs. A few members of the committee wanted to honor the motion made to Sara Lilley and offered to pay for the design out of pocket. It was noted there was a misunderstanding and council thought a new logo was being designed for the whole Village, but it was clarified that a logo in the shape of a seal would be developed to be used on merchandise. The seal logo/image would be property of the Village of Val Marie, and if the Celebrating Centuries Committee wishes to make their own logo for merchandise they can. Mr. Friesen requested that council give approval for the funds to be used for the creation of a seal logo. Council clarified with Mr. Friesen that they were expecting a physical copy of the revised Tourism Plan that included the steps, goals, what should be achieved, and how it could be achieved, council doesn't want multiple committees to be working on the same project. It was agreed upon between council and Mr. Friesen that the Tourism Plan would be presented to council in the Fall of 2025. Mr. Friesen excused himself at 8:55 p.m.</p>	
2025-122	IMAGE DESIGN	<p>A.DUCAN: That the Tourism Development Committee has the authority to use the \$500 (plus GST) donation received from Destinate Group in 2024 to develop an image to be used for the Celebrating Centuries design that will be used on merchandise for sale.          DENNIEL: For          A. DUCAN: For          M. DUCAN: For          FACETTE: For          REYNOLDS: For          Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-123	ADMIN REPORT	<p>M.DUCAN: That the Administrator's report be accepted as read.          DENNIEL: For          A. DUCAN: For          M. DUCAN: For          FACETTE: For          REYNOLDS: For          Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-124	PAYMENTS	<p>DENNIEL: That the following payments be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inn. CU - Cheques 4443-4456 totaling \$38,203.54</li> <li>• Inn. CU – CAFT Payment #2025-0031 to 2025-0036 totaling \$3,885.98</li> <li>• Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2025-0086 to 2025-0098 totaling \$3,234.07</li> <li>• Inn. CU – Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2025-0007 totaling \$1,226.15</li> <li>• Collabria Credit Card Payment #2025-0027 to 2025-0031 totaling \$521.42             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total Payments - \$47,071.16</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For          A. DUCAN: For          M. DUCAN: For          FACETTE: For          REYNOLDS: For          Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-125	TREE TRIMMING AT CAMPGROUND	<p>A.DUCAN: That it be approved for Koop’s Tree Service to be hired for the quoted \$2,000 plus taxes to trim the trees in the entire Val Marie Campground.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-126	FIN STMTS	<p>REYNOLDS: That the June 2025 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>
2025-127	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>DENNIEL: That the committee reports and minutes be accepted as presented.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-128	LANDFILL CLOSURE REPORT	<p>REYNOLDS: That the Waste Disposal Grounds Closure Report from the Ministry of Environment review be noted as received and WSP will complete revisions at no charge to the Village of Val Marie.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-129	FIREFIGHTER CALL OUT LIST	<p>FACETTE: That the Village of Val Marie fire fighter call out list be updated to show the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Facette be removed.</li> <li>• Bruce Virostek and Daniel Glas be added.</li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-130	FIRE BAN	<p>A.DUCAN: That the Fire Ban remain at a Level 2 and it will be considered again at the August meeting of council.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-131	IMPACTED SITE FUND	M.DUCAN: That the impacted site fund application not be completed or sent in for Lots 18 and 19 Blk 2 BK4552 due to the lack of guarantee of amount of remedial action costs that are covered. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-132	"OLD RAILBED" MATTERS	A.DUCAN: That Harlan Gunter (102039803 Saskatchewan Ltd.) be hired to use his backhoe to pile the gravel located on the old railbed (NW 29-03-13-W3 Plan BM1663 Ext. 77) and that the train track pieces remain on the old railbed. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-133	SPONSORSHIP-CELEBRATING CENTURIES	M.DUCAN: That the Village of Val Marie donate a 3-night stay at the Val Marie Campground to the Celebrating Centuries Committee for their fundraising efforts for the Val Marie 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend being held in 2026. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-134	COMMUNICATIONS	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.
2025-135	ADJOURN	FACETTE: That this meeting adjourn, time 10:37 p.m. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.