

Village of Val Marie
Minutes - Regular Meeting of Council
Held in the Municipal Office Boardroom, 112 Railway Ave E, Val Marie, Saskatchewan
Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

Staff Attendance: Logan Resch, Assistant Administrator

A quorum being present, Mayor Facette called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2025-191	APPOINTMENT	M.DUCAN: That the Administrator is unable to act and the Assistant Administrator (Logan Resch) be appointed as Administrator for the purpose of taking minutes for this meeting. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-192	MINUTES	REYNOLDS: That the minutes of the October 15, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as read with the correction to resolution 2025-190 indicating Councillor Reynolds was absent. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
	DELEGATE	Lee Friesen and Kira Glas from the Tourism Development Committee (TDC) were received by council at 1:11 p.m. Mr. Friesen and Ms. Glas indicated they are here to present council with the TDC's community tourism plan and provide a status update on the TDC committee. An overview of the tourism industry was given, and it was discussed that tourism the past year was very good in Canada as it was up 6%. It was explained how rural tourism growth surpassed urban tourism growth, and how Val Marie has many special assets. They explained that the economy in Val Marie is ranching, farming, and tourism, and how the Val Marie experience appeals to a very niche market. An overview of the tourism plan was given and explanations for what different pages covered. It was expressed that a key strategy would be signage and we could benefit from a sign plan to attract people to the area. It was noted that small things can make a difference, it doesn't have to be big to make a significant impact/difference, Cowboy Coffee was an example that was done at PWSS in September. It was communicated that the plan has better flow, is condensed, and that the implementation of the material in the plan will come down to what the community commits to, who wants to do it, and the resources available. There was an opportunity for council to ask any questions about the report and there was more discussion on tourism growth, trends, and Grasslands National Park. Mr. Friesen, Ms. Glas, and council agreed the plan should be uploaded to the Val Marie website for viewing. An update was provided on the status of the current members of the TDC for 2026, there are 7 current members who all intend to stay on the committee and there are 2 vacancies. It was discussed that council will put out a call for members for the 2 vacant seats. Mr. Friesen and Ms. Glas excused themselves at 1:48 p.m.

DELEGATE Darwin Nowokowski (Sales Manager) and Matthew Craig (Sales) from Triways Disposal Services were received by council at 1:49 p.m. Mr. Nowokowski and Mr. Craig provided council with the details of how MMSW (Multi-Material Stewardship Program) is transitioning to SK Recycles by February 1, 2028 and how this will impact recycling services for the Village. It was explained that MMSW is a partially funded model and SK recycles is a fully funded model, and with these changes there is a choice the Village needs to make before February 2026. There are multiple phases of this transition, and in phase 2 is where the Village chooses between 3 different options. Option1 is EPR (extended producer responsibility) or program led, which means all the decisions, payments, and all problems will be handled by SK Recycles. Option 2 is community lead, which means the Village stays with how they operate now (control over service, provider, and payments) but will automatically transition to program led (Option 1) or stay with community led by February 1, 2028, but will no longer receive funding after that date. It was expressed to council that Option 3 is what they recommend, as it involves joining a regional waste management authority which allows for a community led model while all recycling costs are funded through SK Recycles. Mr. Nowokowski and Mr. Craig explained the benefits of Option C, which included continuing to work with Triways, they will continue with paperwork and submitting the necessary documents on behalf of the Village, and they are a local provider with reliable customer service. It was explained that option A and B would mean the Village has less control over their recycling and there may be more administrative duties that Triways currently handles. Delegates explained that Triways has partnered with Redcoat Waste Authority out of Kipling, SK and they are a non-profit regional waste management authority that is owned and managed by municipalities, towns and villages. Mr. Nowokowski and Mr. Craig recommended that the Village of Val Marie chose Option 3, which means joining the Redcoat Waste authority which then allows Triways to continue providing the Village with recycling services and the costs will be funded by SK Recycles. They also noted if the Village chooses to join the regional waste management authority and continue with a community led model (Option 3), at any time they can opt out and go to the program led model, but once project led is chosen you are not able to switch to community led. Mr. Nowokowski and Mr. Craig excused themselves at 2:16 p.m.

2025-193 TDC DENNIEL: That the Val Marie Community Tourism Plan presented by the Tourism
 COMMUNITY Development Committee be accepted as presented.
 TOURISM PLAN DENNIEL: For
 A. DUCAN: For
 M. DUCAN: For
 FACETTE: For
 REYNOLDS: For
 Carried Unanimously.

2025-194 TDC MEMBER A.DUCAN: That a call for committee members be posted for the Tourism Development
 CALL OUT Committee and the letters of interest be brought to the December meeting.
 DENNIEL: For
 A. DUCAN: For
 M. DUCAN: For
 FACETTE: For
 REYNOLDS: For
 Carried Unanimously.

2025-195 ADMIN M.DUCAN: That the Administrator’s report from the Assistant Administrator be accepted
 REPORT as read.
 DENNIEL: For
 A. DUCAN: For
 M. DUCAN: For
 FACETTE: For
 REYNOLDS: For
 Carried Unanimously.

2025-196	PAYMENTS	<p>REYNOLDS: That the following payments be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inn. CU - Cheques 4500-4510 totaling \$4,972.63 • Inn. CU – CAFT Payment #2025-0058 to 2025-0064 totaling \$1,382.79 • Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2025-0144 to 2025-0162 totaling \$14,944.53 • Inn. CU – Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2025-0011 totaling \$988.67 • Collabria Credit Card Payment #2025-0053 totaling \$2,358.75 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total Payments - \$24,647.37 <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-197	FIN STMTS	<p>DENNIEL: That the October 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>
2025-198	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: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-199	MOVE TO IN-CAMERA SESSION	<p>M.DUCAN: That we now move to an in-camera session to discuss employee matters, time 3:21 p.m.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p> <p><i>Logan Resch remained in the meeting room.</i></p>
2025-200	RISE FROM IN-CAMERA SESSION	<p>REYNOLDS: That we now rise from in-camera session, time 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-201	2026 INTERIM BUDGET	<p>DENNIEL: That the Interim Budget 2026 be tabled until the next meeting.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-202	EFT & CHEQUE SIGNING POLICY	<p>A.DUCAN: That the vendors on Schedule A, part 2 of the Cheque Signing & Electronic Funds Transfer Policy be amended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SaskPower b. SaskEnergy c. SaskTel d. Receiver General for Canada e. Municipal Employees Pension Plan f. Collabria Credit Cards <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-203	ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS	<p>M.DUCAN: That the following changes to the Celebrating Centuries Anniversary Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Legault be removed. • Hannah Larson be added. <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-204	DECEMBER MEETING DATE	<p>REYNOLDS: That the December 2025 Regular Meeting be rescheduled for December 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and that this resolution serves as notice to all council members present.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-205	SWSK HUB PARTNERSHIP REQUEST	<p>DENNIEL: That a request be made to the Southwest Saskatchewan Tourism and Investment Attraction Hub (“The Hub”) for information to be provided in digital or paper form about what being in a partnership looks like and about them which will be reviewed by council.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-206	COMMUNICATIONS	<p>M.DUCAN: That the communications noted on the agenda be acknowledged as received, and filed as deemed appropriate.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-207	ADJOURN	<p>FACETTE: That this meeting adjourn, time 4:17 p.m.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>