

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

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

Staff Attendance: Logan Resch, Acting Administrator

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A quorum being present, Mayor Facette called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2025-215	MINUTES	<p>DENNIEL: That the minutes of the November 19, 2025 Regular Meeting be approved as read.          DENNIEL: For          A. DUCAN: For          M. DUCAN: For          FACETTE: For          REYNOLDS: For          Carried Unanimously.</p>
	DELEGATE	<p>Lee Friesen from the Tourism Development Committee (TDC) was received by Council at 1:13 p.m. to discuss the TDC's Community Tourism Plan and the SW SK Tourism and Investment Attraction Hub. Mr. Friesen explained how the plan was submitted to the Village council last month and it was accepted. Mr. Friesen wanted permission from Council to release the plan to local committees and ensure Council had no further questions or concerns after having more time to review the plan. Mr. Friesen expressed that Council may not want to post it on the Village website as the plan may include competitive information they may not want to share. Council expressed they have no further comments or concerns about the plan and feel it should be made so it could be shared with anyone. Mr. Friesen discussed how the plan will be released is up to the Village Council, that the anniversary committee received funding, and the legacy funding applications and the projects involved. Mr. Friesen also wanted to discuss the Southwest Saskatchewan Tourism and Investment Attraction Hub (The Hub) with council as there is an opportunity for a partnership. It was explained that the funding for The Hub has been supplied from Tourism SK and Federal funding has been received. Council reviewed the information provided to them as per their request from resolution 2025-205 and had a discussion about the opportunity and the benefits of becoming a partner. Council expressed their concern for the high annual cost of \$5,000 and expressed they have a small tax base and do not want to raise taxes to pay the yearly fee. Council indicated they would decide on the partnership later in the meeting as it is on the agenda. Mr. Friesen excused himself at 1:42 p.m.</p>
2025-216	TDC TOURISM PLAN	<p>M.DUCAN: That the TDC's Community Tourism Plan be posted on the Village of Val Marie website.          DENNIEL: For          A. DUCAN: For          M. DUCAN: For          FACETTE: For          REYNOLDS: For          Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-217	MINUTES	<p>A.DUCAN: That the minutes of the November 26, 2025 Special Meeting be approved as read.          DENNIEL: For          A. DUCAN: For          M. DUCAN: For          FACETTE: For          REYNOLDS: For          Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-218	ADMIN REPORT	<p>REYNOLDS: That the Acting Administrator’s report be accepted as read.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-219	PAYMENTS	<p>DENNIEL: That the following payments be approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inn. CU - Cheques 4511 to 4520 totaling \$11,681.55</li> <li>• Inn. CU – CAFT Payment #2025-0065 to 2025-0068 totaling \$970.73</li> <li>• Inn. CU - Online Banking Payment #2025-0163 to 2025-0177 totaling \$2,788.82</li> <li>• Inn. CU – Automatic Withdrawal Payment #2025-0012 to 2025-0013 totaling \$49,506.46</li> <li>• Collabria Credit Card Payment #2025-0054 to 2025-0058 totaling \$762.55 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Total Payments - \$65,710.11</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-220	FIN STMTS	<p>M.DUCAN: That the November 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>
2025-221	COMMITTEE REPORTS	<p>REYNOLDS: 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>
2025-222	2026 INTERIM BUDGET	<p>M.DUCAN: That the 2026 Interim Budget be approved as attached.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-223	SWSK HUB	<p>A.DUCAN: That the partnership with the Southwest Saskatchewan Tourism and Investment Attraction Hub (“The Hub”) be denied due to the extremely high cost of the annual fee and the Village of Val Marie having a small tax base to budget from.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-224	ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE	<p>REYNOLDS: That the Celebrating Centuries Anniversary Committee be authorized to have their own bank account with a separate membership from the Village of Val Marie at Innovation Credit Union. Noting that their financial statements will be consolidated with the Village of Val Marie’s for the audit.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-225	MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING DECLARATION	<p>DENNIEL: The Council of the Village of Val Marie confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of the 2024 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations;</li> <li>• The municipality does not run a Municipal Waterworks System;</li> <li>• In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;</li> <li>• Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;</li> <li>• Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and</li> <li>• All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements as required; and</li> </ul> <p>That we authorize the Acting Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-226	RM ADMIN FEE 2026	<p>REYNOLDS: That the fee payable to the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 as per the Joint Administration Contract for administration services for 2026 be set at \$61,800 as discussed in the joint administration meeting held on November 26, 2025.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-227	AUDIT ENG. LETTERS	<p>M.DUCAN: That the audit engagement and planning letters from Dudley &amp; Company LLP be noted as reviewed and be signed.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-228	JANUARY MEETING DATE	<p>REYNOLDS: That the January 2026 Regular Meeting be rescheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026 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>

2025-229	RECYCLING SERVICES	<p>A.DUCAN: Whereas the Village of Val Marie needs to inform SK Recycles by February 1, 2026 of their Phase 2 Decision of how they will participate in the new SK Recycles program.</p> <p>That the Village of Val Marie not transition to the new SK Recycles Curbside Collection Agreement or chose either of SK Recycles’ primary options presented, but that the Village of Val Marie chose Option 3 that was presented by Triways. That this option includes becoming an Associate Member of the Red Coat Waste Resource Authority (RCWRA) which allows for Triways Waste Disposal to continue handling recycling services on behalf of SK Recycles using a community led model. That the Acting Administrator be authorized to implement these changes and notify SK Recycles of the decision made.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-230	TDC CALL FOR MEMBERS	<p>DENNIEL: That it be acknowledged the following letter of interest was received in response to the Call for Members for the Tourism Development Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diana Chabros</li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-231	TDC 2026	<p>REYNOLDS: That the following persons be appointed to the Tourism Development Committee for 2026 as representatives from either the Village of Val Marie or the R.M. of Val Marie who own and operate a business that supports the tourism industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Cairns, Don Brown, Kathryn Baxter, Diana Chabros, one vacant position.</li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-232	TDC VILLAGE REP 2026	<p>DENNIEL: That John Reynolds be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s representative to the Tourism Development Committee for 2026.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-233	SPRAY PARK FUND. COMM. 2026	<p>A.DUCAN: That the following people be appointed to the Spray Park Fundraising Committee for the 2026 year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village Council Representative: Mette Ducan</li> <li>• Committee: Anne Beauchamp, Heather Olson, Josey Olson, and Jodie Carleton</li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-234	LIBRARY REP. 2026	<p>M.DUCAN: That Judith Wright be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s representative to the Chinook Regional Library Board and the Val Marie Board for 2026.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-235	WEED INSPECTOR 2026	<p>REYNOLDS: That Ben McLearn be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s Weed Inspector for the 2026 year.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-236	MUNICIPAL APPEALS BOARD 2026	<p>DENNIEL: That the following people be appointed to the Village of Val Marie’s Appeals Board for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Page, Colin Schmidt, Daniel Glas, Donald Brown.</li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-237	VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS 2026	<p>A.DUCAN: That the following persons be appointed as volunteer fire fighters for the Village of Val Marie for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Chief: Roland Facette</li> <li>• Fire Fighters: Dwight Olson, Jacques Beauchamp, John Reynolds, Maurice Cote, Glenn Baxter, Raymond Carleton, Daniel Glas, and Bruce Virostek.</li> </ul> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-238	SWMGC 2026	<p>M.DUCAN: That the entire Village of Val Marie Council be appointed as representatives to the Southwest Municipal Government Committee for the 2026 year; remuneration for attendance only to be paid when previously agreed by Council.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-239	SWTPC 2026	<p>REYNOLDS: That Roland Facette be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s representative to the Southwest Transportation Planning Committee for the 2026 year.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For  A. DUCAN: For  M. DUCAN: For  FACETTE: For  REYNOLDS: For  Carried Unanimously.</p>

2025-240	RM17/ VILLAGE JOINT ADMIN COMMITTEE	A.DUCAN: That John Reynolds and Ronald Denniel be appointed as the Village’s representatives to the Joint Administration Committee with the R.M. of Val Marie for 2026. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-241	PWSS 2026	REYNOLDS: That Ronald Denniel be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s representative on the Prairie Wind & Silver Sage Board for the 2026 year. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-242	VM REC BOARD VIL REP. 2026	DENNIEL: That Adam Ducan be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s representative to the Val Marie Recreation Board for the 2026 year. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-243	VM REC BOARD 2026	DENNIEL: That the following persons be appointed to the Val Marie Recreation Board for the following terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Coupe, Glenn Baxter, two vacant positions (January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027)</li> <li>• Betty Waldner, Daniel Glas, Arthur Facette (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026)</li> </ul> DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-244	HCY ELEVATOR COMM. VIL REP. 2026	M.DUCAN: That Adam Ducan be appointed as the Village of Val Marie’s representative to the Heritage, Culture, & Youth Elevator Committee for the 2026 year. DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.
2025-245	HCY ELEVATOR COMM.	REYNOLDS: That the following persons be appointed to the Heritage, Culture, & Youth Elevator Committee for the following terms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex McPhee, Lacey Reid, Sara Lilley (term years: 2026-2027)</li> <li>• Glenn Baxter, Kathryn Baxter, Vicki-lynn Burnside-Anderson, Duncan Stewart (2025-2026)</li> <li>• Maurice Lemire (Lifetime Member)</li> </ul> DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.

2025-246	BOARD OF REVISION 2026	<p>M.DUCAN: That pursuant to Subsection 220(1) of The Municipalities Act, the VILLAGE OF VAL MARIE appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Board of Revision: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner and Rick Leigh.</p> <p>The Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-247	BOARD OF REVISION SECRETARY 2026	<p>A.DUCAN: That pursuant to Subsection 221(1) of The Municipalities Act the VILLAGE OF VAL MARIE appoints Nicolle Hoskins with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule. If the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties WMC may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>
2025-248	COMMUNICATIONS	<p>REYNOLDS: 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>
2025-249	ADJOURN	<p>FACETTE: That this meeting adjourn, time 4:55 p.m.</p> <p>DENNIEL: For A. DUCAN: For M. DUCAN: For FACETTE: For REYNOLDS: For Carried Unanimously.</p>