



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

112 Railway Ave E, PO Box 59, Val Marie, Saskatchewan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting March 24, 2026 - 01:00 PM

PRESENT:

Reeve: Larry Grant
Division 1 Councillor: Tyler Jensen
Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson
Division 3 Councillor: Steven Gunter
Division 4 Councillor and Deputy Reeve: Shadrick Peno
Division 5 Councillor: Greg Kornfeld

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Logan Resch, Acting Administrator
Ben McLearn, Public Works Foreman

1 Call to order

A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
Agenda order, item 5.1.

2 Approval of the Agenda

Res. No. 2026-0059

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the agenda for this March 24, 2026 meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3 Adoption of Minutes

3.1 February 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

Res. No. 2026-0060

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the minutes of the February 13, 2026 Regular Meeting be approved as read.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4 Public Hearings

Agenda order, item 6.1.

5 Delegations

5.1 1:15 p.m. - Danielle Longtin, Manager & Amanda Wilson, Appraisal Agrologist Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA)

Danielle Longtin (Manager) & Amanda Wilson (Appraisal Agrologist) with the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) were received by Council at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Longtin & Ms. Wilson explained that the last full reinspection for the RM of Val Marie was believed to be the late 1980s with a small refresh in 2001. They explained that they will be assessing the soil, topography, rocks, and carrying capacity of every section, but not every section will need a physical reinspection. It was explained that agriculturally used buildings are not taxable, and they will be looking at any buildings that are already assessed. Council inquired about how water and sales will affect the assessment of land. Ms. Longtin & Ms. Wilson explained that perennial flooding would decrease the value on farmland, but pastureland is rated as unenhanced (a well or fence would classify as an enhancement). They explained that in a reinspection they will be more focused on the soil by using soil surveys, and that sales are a factor in the assessment during a revaluation year. Council had the opportunity to ask questions and have discussions with Ms. Longtin & Ms. Wilson regarding the reinspection process, timelines, physical reinspection, and what factors will affect the assessed value of land. Ms. Longtin & Ms. Wilson encouraged Council to tell their ratepayers that they can reach out to SAMA at anytime with any questions, they also reviewed the process of how a ratepayer can appeal their assessment. They expressed they want to get their information letters sent out to landowners as soon as possible, and that any vehicle used for a physical reinspection will be labelled with SAMA. Ms. Longtin & Ms. Wilson excused themselves at 2:04 p.m.

5.2 Sgt. Marco Johnson - Ponteix RCMP Detachment

Sgt. Marco Johnson from the Ponteix RCMP Detachment was passing through Val Marie and stopped to check in, he was received by Council at 2:09 p.m. Sgt. Johnson gave a verbal update on the volume and types of calls that have been received over the last few years and Council inquired about their number of staff and area that they cover. Council expressed their displeasure of the response received from Sgt. Marco Johnson when he was contacted to attend a meeting with the Val Marie & Beaver Valley Grazing Corporations, as a Council member was present when the email was shared with the boards of those corporations. It was expressed from Council that this was not the support they are looking for. There was a discussion with Sgt. Johnson and Council about the camping around the dams and how there has been an improvement in regard to the concerns about that matter. Sgt. Johnson excused himself at 2:30 p.m.

Agenda order, item 2.

6 Reports of Administration & Committees

6.1 Administrative Update

Res. No. 2026-0061

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the Acting Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval

Res. No. 2026-0062

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

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

Inn. CU - Cheques No.'s 4722 to 4738 totalling - \$12,666.11

Inn. CU - CAFT Payments No.'s 2026-0015 to 2026-0032 totalling - \$29,682.75

Inn. CU - Online Banking Payments No.'s 2026-0022 to 2026-0034 totalling - \$24,085.87

Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawal No. 2026-0004 totalling - \$922.56

Collabria Credit Cards Payments No.'s 2026-0012 to 2026-0028 totalling - \$5,071.64

Total Payments - \$72,428.93

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet

Res. No. 2026-0063

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet and Bank Reconciliations as of February 28, 2026 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 List of Lands in Arrears - Tax Enforcement Act

Res. No. 2026-0064

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the "List of Lands in Arrears" as of March 24, 2026 be noted as received and that all properties with less than 50% of the 2025 levy be removed from the Tax Enforcement List.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.5 2025 Audited Financial Statements Drafts

Res. No. 2026-0065

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the Draft Audited Financial Statements for 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.6 Committee Reports

Res. No. 2026-0066

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

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. 2026-0067

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That we now move to an in-camera session to discuss employee matters, time 3:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ben McLearn & Logan Resch left the meeting room, time 3:38 p.m.

Ben McLearn & Logan Resch returned to the meeting room, time 4:12 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session

Res. No. 2026-0068

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That we now rise from in-camera session, time 4:12 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Equipment Operators Tasha Willshaw & Jesse Hogg joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m. to meet with Council for introductions and conversations about the current work season. Tasha Willshaw & Jesse Hogg left the meeting room, time 4:31 p.m. Ben McLearn left the meeting room, time 4:45 p.m.

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) - 2026 Reinspection Program

Res. No. 2026-0069

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) be approved to complete the Reinspection Program in 2026 for the RM of Val Marie No. 17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Steven Gunter declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 8.2 and left the meeting room.

8.2 Road Allowances West Flat (Gunter Yard)

Res. No. 2026-0070

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Acting Administrator begin the process and look into fixing the road parcels on the West Flat Road (near the Gunter Yard) as the old road plan is still titled. That the old road parcels be put back into the original parcels they were taken from.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Steven Gunter returned to the meeting room.

9 New Business

9.1 Appoint Administrator

Res. No. 2026-0071

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Whereas Logan Resch obtained a "C" Certificate from the Rural Board of Examiners dated March 6, 2026.

That Logan Resch be appointed as the Administrator for RM of Val Marie No. 17 effective March 24, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Overseer/Mentor Appointment

Res. No. 2026-0072

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That Cathy Legault remain appointed as an overseer/mentor for Logan Resch until a Standard Certificate is obtained from the Urban Board of Examiners, the hourly wage for Cathy Legault remain at \$47.60/hr with a maximum of 8 hours per week unless more hours are requested to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Reschedule April Regular Council Meeting

Res. No. 2026-0073

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the April 2026 Regular Meeting be re-scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Reeve and Administrator attending the SAMA Training & AGM on April 21 & 22, 2026, and that this resolution serves as notice to all Council members present.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 Aim Land Services Ltd. - Road Use Request

Res. No. 2026-0074

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That a request be sent to Aim Land Services to attend a Council meeting to provide Council with further information as to what the survey activities will include as Council does not want to give permission to access an undeveloped road allowance without fully understanding the activities and without contacting the landowners in advance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 The Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture - Check-Off & Livestock Services Letter Response

Res. No. 2026-0075

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the response letter from the Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture, regarding Check-Off & Livestock Services be acknowledged as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.6 Minister of Agriculture - Response to Predator Control Funding from the Province to Rural Municipalities

Res. No. 2026-0076

Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That the response from the Honourable David Marit, Minister of Agriculture, regarding Predator Control Funding from the Province to Rural Municipalities be acknowledged as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.7 SaskEnergy - Natural Gas Energy Letter Response

Res. No. 2026-0077

Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the letter be noted as received.

That the response letter from Kevin Adair, Executive Vice President, Customer Service Operations, SaskEnergy, regarding Natural Gas Energy Provided to the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17 be acknowledged as received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.8 ADD Board Representative Appointment

Res. No. 2026-0078

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That Tyler Jensen be appointed as the 2026 ADD Board representative for the R.M. of Val Marie No. 17

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.9 Cheque Signing & EFT Policy - Update Schedule A

Res. No. 2026-0079

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

Rescinded April 28, 2026 with resolution 2026-0087

~~That the Schedule A of the Cheque Signing & Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Approval Policy be updated to reflect the following:-~~

~~1. Vendors authorized to be paid with the CAFT Program:-~~

- ~~a. Cathy Legault~~
- ~~b. Ben McLearn~~
- ~~c. John Glas~~
- ~~d. Logan Resch~~
- ~~e. Jessica Severson~~
- ~~f. Jesse Hogg~~
- ~~g. Tasha Willshaw~~
- ~~h. Vicki Lynn (Anderson) Burnside~~
- ~~i. Kaycee Duquette~~

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.10 Innovation Credit Union - Financial Services Proposal

Res. No. 2026-0080

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the Financial Services Proposal dated March 5, 2026 from Innovation Credit Union be approved for electronic signature by the Administrator and Reeve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.11 Statement of Restitution - July 2020 Break In

Res. No. 2026-0081

Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That the R.M. of Val Marie submit the statement of restitution to the Ponteix RCMP Detachment for the full amount of damages and losses that were incurred by the RM, Village, Rec Board, and Val Marie Agencies from the July 2020 office break in.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.12 Texas Gates - North of NW 05-04-13-W3 & West of NE-05-04-13-W3

Res. No. 2026-0082

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

That the landowners surrounding the Texas gates located north of NW 05-04-13-W3 and west of NE-05-04-13-W3 be contacted to determine who is responsible for both gates.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.13 Bridge Condition - Road to 70 Mile Parking Area

Res. No. 2026-0083

Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That a request be sent to the Lower Frenchman River Water Users Corporation to replace the wooden bridge located on the road to the 70 Mile Butte parking area (between the north of NE 08-03-13-W3 & north of NW 08-03-13-W3). If the Lower Frenchman River Water Users Corporation wants to purchase a culvert from the RM of Val Marie, it can be arranged.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 Communications

Res. No. 2026-0084

Moved by: Div. 2 Councillor Christianson

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. 2026-0085

Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting does now adjourn, time 6:07 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
