



Rural Municipality of Val Marie No. 17

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

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting July 14, 2026 - 07:00 PM

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

- Division 2 Councillor: Timothy Christianson

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

1	Call to order A quorum being present, Reeve Grant called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2	Approval of the Agenda Res. No. 2026-0145 Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen That the agenda for this July 14, 2026 meeting be approved as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3	Adoption of Minutes
3.1	June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Res. No. 2026-0146 Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter That the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting be approved as read. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4	Public Hearings
5	Delegations
6	Reports of Administration & Committees
6.1	Administrative Update Res. No. 2026-0147 Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 List of Accounts for Approval
Res. No. 2026-0148
Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the "List of Accounts for Approval" detailing the following payments be approved:
Inn. CU - Cheques No.'s 4792 to 4804 totalling - \$15,404.03
Inn. CU - CAFT Payments No.'s 2026-0068 to 2026-0088 totalling - \$39,621.12
Inn. CU - Online Banking Payments No.'s 2026-0062 to 2026-0075 totalling - \$28,634.17
Inn. CU - Automatic Withdrawal No. 2026-0007 totalling - \$2,501.21
Collabria Credit Cards Payments No.'s 2026-0052 to 2026-0055 totalling - \$1,341.05
Total Payments - \$87,501.58

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Monthly Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet
Res. No. 2026-0149
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet, and Bank Reconciliations as of June 30, 2026 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.4 Committee Reports
Res. No. 2026-0150
Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

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. 2026-0151
Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That we now move to an in-camera session to discuss employee matters, time 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ben McLearn left the meeting room, time 7:38 p.m. Logan Resch left the meeting room, time 8:26 p.m.

All staff rejoined the meeting, time 8:54 p.m.

7.2 Rise from In-Camera Session
Res. No. 2026-0152
Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That we now rise from in-camera session, time 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Unfinished Business

8.1 Insurance Policy Coverages - Policy Term March 3, 2026 to March 3, 2027
Res. No. 2026-0153
Moved by: Div. 1 Councillor Jensen

That agenda item 8.1, Insurance Policy Coverages - Policy Term March 3, 2026 to March 3, 2027, be tabled until the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 **2026 Annual Budget**
 Res. No. 2026-0154
 Moved by: Div. 3 Councillor Gunter

That the attached 2026 Annual Budget be approved and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9 **New Business**

9.1 **2026 Mill Rate**
 Res. No. 2026-0155
 Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

“factor” removed with Resolution 2026-0163

That the mill rate ~~factor~~ for 2026 be set at 3.08 mills, noting that Bylaw 6-21 "The Mill Rate Factor Bylaw" applies the following:

- A mill rate factor of 0.8 to the Non-Arable, Other Agricultural and Residential Assessment Classes resulting in the Factored Mill Rate being 2.464 for these classes.
- A mill rate factor of 2.0 to the Commercial/Industrial and Commercial Resource Assessment Classes resulting in the Factored Mill rate being 6.16 for these classes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 **Celebrating Centuries Anniversary - Parking & Parade**
 Res. No. 2026-0156
 Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That vehicle or camper parking be permitted during the Celebrating Centuries Anniversary weekend (July 31 - August 2, 2026) at the lots located across the street from the RM Shop (Lot 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 Blk 15 Plan 02SC05736), and that at least one piece of RM equipment be entered into the parade held on Sunday, August 2, 2026 in the Village.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 **Road Condition - McGuire Bridge to Beaver Valley Headquarters**
 Res. No. 2026-0157
 Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the condition of the road from McGuire Bridge (located in the SW 30-05-15-W3 to the Beaver Valley Headquarters (north boundary of RM #17) be noted as discussed, and the equipment operators will work to try to improve the condition of the road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10 **Communications**
 Res. No. 2026-0158
 Moved by: Div. 5 Councillor Kornfeld

That the communications listed on the agenda be acknowledged as required and filed as deemed appropriate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.1 **Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)**

10.1.1 **Action Item: Province Seeks Input on Potential Wind and Solar Policy**
 Res. No. 2026-0159
 Moved by: Div. 4 Councillor Peno

That a response be sent to SARM outlining that oil pumpjacks would be preferred rather than windmills and solar panels. The concerns for windmills are the amount of waste as the materials are not recyclable as well as the limited amount of cement that is removed from below when the windmill has reached its useful life.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Water Security Agency - Public Information Session: Val Marie Spillway Replacement Project
Res. No. 2026-0160
Moved by: Reeve Grant

That Water Security Agency (WSA) be requested to attend to the next RM Regular Council meeting to provide updates regarding the Val Marie Spillway Replacement Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11 Reeve & Councillors Forum

12 Adjournment
Res. No. 2026-0161
Moved by: Reeve Grant

That this meeting does now adjourn, time 10:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
