

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 23, 2024

Held in the Council Chambers of the RM of Mervin No. 499 at 211 Main Street, Turtleford, SK.

**PRESENT:** Reeve Gerry Ritz  
Division 1 Councillor Jim Range  
Division 2 Councillor Gordon Spencer  
Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais  
Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott  
Division 5 Councillor Dave Krywchuk  
Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Janessa Macnab

**DELEGATIONS:** 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman  
Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor  
9:30 a.m. Steven Gehlen, RMII  
10:00 a.m. Robert Mitchell, Mitchell Bros.  
11:30 a.m. Jordan Starr, Community Safety Officer  
Zach Bonaise, Bylaw Enforcement Officer  
1:00 p.m. Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Reeve Gerry Ritz called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**0607 – 24 SPENCER** That the agenda be accepted for reference with the following additions:  
- 6) (h) Dexter Hall Ditches;  
- 7) (i) Gopher Control; and  
- 8) (q) OCP Update

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**0608 – 24 KRYWCHUK** That the June 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor entered the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

**RMII REPORT – SOIL TESTING, EVTL**

**0609 – 24 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council acknowledge the Evergreen Acres, Turtle Lake soil testing investigation report dated July 15, 2024 as presented by Resource Management International Inc.

**CARRIED**

Steven Gehlen, RMII entered the meeting at 9:50 a.m. and left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Robert Mitchell called into the meeting from 10:20 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

**TRACTOR TENDER**

**0610 – 24 HERGOTT** That Council accept the tender from Novlan Bros for a 2024 New Holland T6.180 Tractor at the quoted price of \$222,000.00 plus applicable fees and taxes and less the trade in value of \$100,000.00 for the 2012 CIH Magnum 210 Tractor. Further, that we purchase an additional 5-year warranty for the quoted price of \$6,375.00.

**CARRIED**

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**MUNICIPAL FOREMAN AND MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR REPORT**

**0611 – 24 SPENCER** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council acknowledge the Municipal Foreman and Maintenance Supervisor’s report as presented.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor left the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

**RMA H24018-499-02**

**0612 – 24 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approve the extended Road Maintenance Agreement H24018-499-02 with the Ministry of Highways for hauling on Range Road 3191 from Highway No. 3 South to the Ministry of Highways stockpile from June 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAW 2024-24 – ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES INC.**

**0613 – 24 BLAIS** That Bylaw No. 2024-24, being a bylaw for the Establishment of the Northwest Community Safety Services Inc., be introduced and given first reading.

**CARRIED**

**0614 – 24 KRYWCHUK** That Bylaw No. 2024-24, being a bylaw for the Establishment of the Northwest Community Safety Services Inc., be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

**BYLAW 2024-25 – BYLAW TO REPEAL PREVIOUS BYLAWS**

**0615 – 24 HAMM** That Bylaw No. 2024-25, being a bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws, be introduced and given first reading.

**CARRIED**

**0616 – 24 RANGE** That Bylaw No. 2024-25, being a bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws, be given second reading.

**CARRIED**

**0617 – 24 HERGOTT** That Bylaw No. 2024-25, being a bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws, be given three readings at this meeting.

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**0618 – 24 SPENCER** That Bylaw No. 2024-25, being a bylaw to Repeal Previous Bylaws, be given third reading, approved, signed and sealed.

**CARRIED**

**BEAVER CONTROL APPOINTMENT**

**0619 – 24 HERGOTT** That the RM of Mervin Council appoint and authorize Andrew Collins to remove beavers in the RM, as identified by the Foreman. As a condition of his appointment, he must provide the necessary documentation as it pertains to being compliant with the Provincial Beaver Control Program. Further, that the RM pay \$30.00 per beaver tail, which is to be submitted to and verified by the Foreman.

**CARRIED**

**BRIGHTSAND LAKE REGIONAL PARK MILL RATE**

**0620 – 24 HAMM** That Council approve the request from Brightsand Lake Regional Park for the mill rate of 3.4 mills for 2024.

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**SEPA MEMBERSHIP**

**0621 – 24 HERGOTT** That the RM of Mervin No. 499 Council approve the application for membership to the Saskatchewan Emergency Planners Association at a cost of \$250.00. **CARRIED**

**PROPERTY TENDER**

**0622 – 24 KRYWCHUK** That the RM of Mervin No. 499 accept the Property Tender from Neil Boyer for Lot 8, Block 2, Plan AF4248 in the amount of \$600.00 plus any applicable taxes and costs associated with the parcel sale and transfer. **CARRIED**

**GOPHER CONTROL**

**0623 – 24 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council authorize the Administration to send a letter to SARM requesting assistance in lobbying the Federal government to allow the use of Strychnine for gopher control. **CARRIED**

Jordan Starr, Community Safety Officer and Zach Bonaise, Bylaw Enforcement Officer entered the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

**JUNE CSO STAT REPORT**

**0624 – 24 KRYWCHUK** That Council acknowledge the June Statistics Report as presented. **CARRIED**

**CSO AMENDED APPOINTMENT**

**0625 – 24 RITZ** That we acknowledge the amended appointment for CSO Jordan Starr, authorizing the enforcement on provincial highways within the confines of the primary jurisdiction where the speed limit is 100 km/hr or less. **CARRIED**

**WEED INSPECTOR REPORT**

**0626 – 24 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledge the Weed Inspector Report as presented. **CARRIED**

Jordan Starr, Community Safety Officer and Zach Bonaise, Bylaw Enforcement Officer left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**RECESS MEETING**

**0627 – 24 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the Council Meeting at 12:00 p.m. **CARRIED**

**RECONVENE MEETING**

**0628 – 24 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvene the Council Meeting at 12:35 p.m. **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**0629 – 24 HERGOTT** That the list of correspondence be acknowledged as presented and filed. **CARRIED**

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner and Information Technician, entered the Council Meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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**RV ENFORCEMENT**

**0630 – 24 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council authorize the Municipal Planner to engage with municipal legal counsel to draft enforcement letters to any properties that remain non-compliant following the expiration of their Enforcement Order.

**CARRIED**

Division 1 Councillor, Jim Range, left the Council meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**RECESS MEETING**

**0631 – 24 HAMM** That Council recess the regular meeting to move into a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. as per *The Planning and Development Act*.

**CARRIED**

**RECONVENE MEETING**

**0632 – 24 BLAIS** That the RM of Mervin Council close the public meeting and reconvene the regular Council Meeting at 1:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT #240029-077**

**0633 – 24 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approve Discretionary Use Permit #240029-077 for a temporary RV as a principal use on Lot 7, Block 3, Plan 81B09453 in the Hamlet of Parkland Beach.

**CARRIED**

**DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT #240029-031**

**0634 – 24 KRYWCHUK** That Council approve Discretionary Use Permit #240029-31 for a move-in building as a principal use on SE-08-52-21-W3 with the following conditions:

- a building inspection must be completed;
- the exterior of the building shall be updated to create a residential appearance;
- the approach to the property must meet municipal standards.

**CARRIED**

**JUNE 2024 DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**0635 – 24 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledge the June 2024 Development Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**QUARTER 2 DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**0636 – 24 BLAIS** That we acknowledge the Quarter 2 Development Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**2024 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**0637 – 24 SPENCER** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council acknowledge the 2024 Residential Development Reports for Turtle Lake, Brightsand Lake and Country Residential properties.

**CARRIED**

**KOPPS KOVE PLAYGROUND PROPOSAL**

**0638 – 24 HERGOTT** That Council approve the playground proposal for the Hamlet of Kopps Kove, located on Municipal Reserve R1 Plan 77B03047, as presented.

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**EVERGREEN BRIGHTSAND GREEN SPACE FENCING**

0639 – 24 HAMM That the RM of Mervin Council table the decision to fence the green space in the Hamlet of Evergreen Beach on Municipal Reserve R4 Plan 81B08855. Further, that the RM Division Councillor and Reeve meet with the Hamlet Board and Hamlet Sub-Committee to discuss the project and budget.

**CARRIED**

**CONSOLIDATION REQUEST**

0640 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council deny the request to consolidate Lots 22 & 23, Block 2, Plan Y727 in the Hamlet of Spruce Lake.

**CARRIED**

**ACCESS TO SE-11-53-19-W3, EXT 76**

0641 – 24 SPENCER That Council authorize the Municipal Planner to proceed with negotiations between the land owner and the Hamlet of Parkland Beach to provide legal access to SE-11-53-19-W3.

**CARRIED**

**ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS – HSBY UPDATED MAP**

0642 – 24 HERGOTT That we approve the updated map from Access Communications for the fiber optic line installation in the Hamlet of Horseshoe Bay, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ONBOARDING/OFFLOADING POLICY**

0643 – 24 KRYWCHUK That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approve the Onboarding and Offloading of Employees/Councillors/Board Members Policy, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**TREE REMOVAL REQUEST**

0644 – 24 HAMM That Council deny the request for the removal of trees on the public reserve adjacent to Lot 13, Block 4, Plan 00B16380 in the Hamlet of Powm Beach.

**CARRIED**

**CONSOLIDATON REQUEST**

0645 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approve the request to consolidate Lots 22 & 23, Block 2, Plan AF4248 in the Hamlet of Livelong.

**CARRIED**

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RVs**

0646 – 24 HERGOTT That Council deny the request to allow for additional Recreational Vehicles on Lot 3, Block 3, Plan 102013254.

**CARRIED**

**DWELLING CONSIDERATIONS**

0647 – 24 HAMM That we deny the requests to consider a garage as a dwelling on Lot 19, Block 5, Plan 60B05882 in the Hamlet of Crystal Bay Sunset, and Lot 1, Block 5, Plan 78B11331 in the Hamlet of Powm Beach.

**CARRIED**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT**

0648 – 24 SPENCER That the RM of Mervin Council support the Turtleford/RM of Mervin Fire Department grant application submission to Cenovus Energy for a replacement Command Unit.

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**0649 – 24 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approve the List of Accounts for Payment being cheques #26112 to #26165 (\$1,008,474.59), manual cheques 1091-MAN to 1095-MAN (\$16,073.55) and Payroll (\$49,955.95) totaling \$1,074,504.09 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**0650 – 24 BLAIS** That the Council Meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
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DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

  
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REEVE