

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 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 4 Councillor Ken Hergott
Division 5 Councillor Dave Krywchuk
Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Janessa Macnab
Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken

REGRETS: Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais

DELEGATIONS: 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman
11:00 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 August 27, 2024 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Councillor Jim Range declared conflict of interest with agenda item 8)(f).

AGENDA

0687 – 24 HERGOTT That the August 27, 2024 agenda be accepted for reference with the following additions:

- 8) (g) Canada Community Building Fund Agreement;
- 8) (h) Septic Tanks;
- 8) (i) Crystal Bay, Brightsand Lake Name Change;
- 6) (c) Dump Road; and
- 9) (m) Sunset View Tree Removal Request

CARRIED

MINUTES

0688 – 24 RANGE That the August 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

BRUSHING IN MUNICIPAL RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT POLICY

0689 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approve the Brushing in Municipal Right-of-Way Grant Policy with the following revisions:

- "...approval from the Divisional Councillor and Municipal Foreman..."
- "Payment will be considered at the following council meeting of the municipality."

CARRIED

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Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman left the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

MUNICIPAL FOREMAN REPORT

0690 – 24 KRYWCHUK That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council acknowledge the Municipal Foreman report as presented.

CARRIED

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

0691 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes third reading with adoption of Bylaw 2024-24 for the Establishment of Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.

CARRIED

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES INC. – DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

0692 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 appoints the following delegates to the Board of Directors for Northwest Community Safety Services:

- Gerry Ritz; and
- Gordon Spencer.

CARRIED

SARM 2024 MID-TERM RESOLUTION SUBMISSION – EFFECTIVE TAX RATIO

0693 – 24 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 submits the following resolution to the SARM Mid-Term Convention for consideration respecting the Effective Tax Ratio (ETR):
WHEREAS the local tax tools limit, in effect for the 2023 property taxation year, sets the ratio between the highest ETR and the lowest ETR of any property class to be no more than 7:1.

WHEREAS each municipality is required to provide quality levels of services to our ratepayers, and some property classes (Commercial: Industrial/Resource) receive higher levels of services to promote industry competitiveness and growth.

WHEREAS the implementation of a 7:1 ratio impacts individual property classes significantly, resulting in an evaluation of service provision to maintain taxation fairness in the interest of protecting Saskatchewan’s plan for growth.

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the provincial government to remove the effective tax ratio and support each municipality to administer their tax tools that best fit each unique community and the diversity within.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the 7:1 effective tax ratio continues, that all rural municipalities are given the same extension time frame for compliance.


CARRIED

SARM 2024 MID-TERM RESOLUTION SUBMISSION – WATER SECURITY AGENCY

0694 – 24 KRYWCHUK That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 submits the following resolution to the SARM Mid-Term Convention for consideration respecting the role of the Water Security Agency:

WHEREAS Water Security Agency supports a growing economy, a healthy environment and a strong quality of life for all Saskatchewan people.

WHEREAS municipalities are additionally burdened to support public safety and there is a strong need to have personnel available who are knowledgeable about water bodies and programs available for proper stewardship in our communities.

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WHEREAS Water Security Agency is responsible for managing, administering, developing, controlling, and protecting water, watershed, and related land resources in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM collaborate with Water Security Agency with a focus on source water protection and to define rural municipalities responsibilities and obligations as directed by the province.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SARM lobby the provincial government to provide additional resources to increase the quality of life for all Saskatchewan people by being the best water management agency providing safe, reliable water that drives economic growth.

CARRIED

2024 TAX CANCELLATIONS – ADDITIONS

0695 – 24 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the addition of Roll # 2603 and #7247 to the 2024 Tax Cancellations.

CARRIED

SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT – PT SE 18-55-21 W3

0696 – 24 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Special Occasion Permit request of Samuel Phillips for a wedding on September 11, 2024 at PT SE 18-55-21 W3 from 5:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. (September 12, 2024).

CARRIED

ANTI-HARASSMENT AND RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE POLICY

0697 – 24 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the revisions to the Anti-Harassment and Respectful Workplace Policy as identified by Occupational Health and Safety's unannounced inspection on August 19, 2024. Furthermore, that Administration is authorized to sign the Notice of Contravention and the Progress Report on Notice of Contravention for File Number 1-00033920 resulting from the inspection.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY ALTERATION

0698 – 24 KRYWCHUK That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 apply to the Ministry of Government Relations for the annexation of Road Plan 97B06550, known as Lakeview Drive from the Rural Municipality of Parkdale No. 498.

CARRIED

BYLAW 2024-26 TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT

0699 – 24 HERGOTT That Bylaw 2024-26, being a bylaw to enter into a Lease Agreement, be introduced and given first reading.


CARRIED

0700 – 24 SPENCER That Bylaw 2024-26, being a bylaw to enter into a Lease Agreement, be given second reading.

CARRIED

0701 – 24 RANGE That Bylaw 2024-26, being a bylaw to enter into a Lease Agreement, be given three readings at this meeting.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

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0702 – 24 HAMM That Bylaw 2024-26, being a bylaw to enter into a Lease Agreement, be given third reading, approved, signed and sealed.

CARRIED

TURTLE LAKE LAKESHORE AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STUDY – APPOINTMENT

0703 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 appoints the following individuals as representatives on the Turtle Lake Lakeshore and Watershed Management Study with authority to commit and authorize expenses for the RM share up to the budget consideration of \$150,000.00:

- Ken Hergott; and
- Dave Krywchuk.

CARRIED

Councillor Jim Range declared a conflict of interest.

TURTLE LAKE WATERSHED INC. – DONATIONS

0704 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the Turtle Lake Watershed Inc. and approves Administration to issue charitable receipts for donation funds received for the Turtle Lake Watershed Inc.

CARRIED

CANADA COMMUNITY-BUILDING FUND PROGRAM AGREEMENT

0705 – 24 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 authorizes the Reeve and Administrator to sign and execute the Canada Community-Building Fund Program Agreement, effective April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2034.

CARRIED

WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP

0706 – 24 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to correspond with PARCs and the various regulatory bodies to advocate for providing grants and funding for projects aimed at reducing contamination of source water within our municipal jurisdiction.

CARRIED

Jordan Starr, Community Safety Officer and Zachary Bonaise, Bylaw Enforcement Officer entered the Council Meeting at 11:00 a.m.



Jordan Starr, Community Safety Officer and Zachary Bonaise, Bylaw Enforcement Officer left the Council Meeting at 11:40 a.m.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT FOR JULY 2024

0707 – 24 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council acknowledge the Protective Services Report as presented by Jordan Starr, Community Safety Officer.

CARRIED

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner entered the Council Meeting at 12:26 p.m.

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SASKENERGY REQUEST WR#2025433000

0708 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approve the request of SaskEnergy to install 200m of 2" pipe to provide new service to Parcel 22, Plan 102094567, adjacent to Aspen Road Plan 78B10712.

CARRIED

SASKPOWER SERVICE REQUEST – 20452205

0709 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approve the request of SaskPower to install single phase 200-amp service to NE 06-55-19 W3.

CARRIED

AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION PERMIT APPLICATION – LOT 7, BLOCK 1, PLAN 10193917

0710 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council denies permission and support for the removal and/or levelling of the berm adjacent to Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 10193917.

CARRIED

LEXTERRA LAND - PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY REQUEST

0711 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approves the development permit request of Lexterra Land on behalf of Cenovus Energy Inc. for the installation of a flowline from 13-21-53-21 W3 to 12-21-53-21 W3.

CARRIED

POWM BEACH HAMLET TREE REMOVAL

0712 – 24 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approves the request of the Powm Beach Hamlet Board to remove 7 dead and/or dangerous trees from MR lands within the hamlet boundaries for public safety concerns.

CARRIED

SUNSET VIEW HAMLET TREE REMOVAL

0713 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council approves the request of Sunset View Hamlet Board to remove a number of dead and/or dangerous trees from the right-of-way within the hamlet boundaries for public safety concerns.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING AT 1:00 P.M. FOR AUGUST 27, 2024

0714 – 24 KRYWCHUK That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the regular meeting to move into the August 27, 2024 Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m.

CARRIED

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING OF AUGUST 27, 2024

0715 – 24 KRYWCHUK That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 closes the public hearing and reconvenes the August 27, 2024 regular meeting at 1:15 p.m.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT APPROVALS

0716 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the following Discretionary Use Permits for a temporary RV as a principal use with the condition that additional improvement narrative is required to be submitted for years 2 through 5:

- 240036-010 Lot 1, Block 3, Plan 81B12039, Crystal Bay Sunset;
- 240041-155 Lot 13, Block 6, Plan 101951164 Sandy Point;

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- 240034-044 Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 83B09602 Aspen Cove;
- 240040-004 Lot 11, Block 6, Plan 101921655 Sandy Point;
- 240040-017 Lot 19, Block 5, Plan 60B05882 Crystal Bay Sunset; and
- 240037-007 Lot 11, Block 2, Plan 81B0084 Sunset View Beach.

CARRIED

PLANNER SUMMARY AND UPDATE REPORT

0717 – 24 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Council acknowledge the Planner Summary and Update Report as presented by Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner.

CARRIED

PARKLAND BEACH HAMLET BOARD MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 10, 2024

0718 – 24 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 receive and acknowledge the Parkland Beach Hamlet Board Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2024.

CARRIED

POWM BEACH HAMLET BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MAY 11 AND AUGUST 6, 2024

0719 – 24 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 receive and acknowledge the Powm Beach Hamlet Board Meeting Minutes of May 11 and August 6, 2024.

CARRIED

EVERGREEN BEACH GREENSPACE SUBCOMMITTEE

0720 – 24 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Administration notes of the Evergreen Beach Hamlet Board and Greenspace Subcommittee meeting held on August 14, 2024.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF AUGUST 27, 2024

0721 – 24 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Payment being cheque #26246 to #26293 (\$151,820.44), manual cheques 1107-MAN to 1115-MAN (\$49,600.33) and Payroll (\$50,520.59) totaling \$251,941.36 as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0722 – 24 RANGE That the August 27, 2024 Council Meeting be adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


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