
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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

PRESENT: Reeve Gerry Ritz – Joined virtually at 9:00 a.m.
Division 1 Councillor Jim Range – Joined virtually at 9:00 a.m.
Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais
Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott
Division 5 Councillor Lane Nedelec
Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm
Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken

REGRETS: Division 2 Councillor Gordon Spencer
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Janessa Macnab
Municipal Foreman Kerry Robertson
Maintenance Supervisor Taylar Roberts

DELEGATIONS: 10:30 a.m. Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner
Andrea Carroll, Northbound Planning
11:00 a.m. Alan Wallace, Wallace Insights Inc.

CALL TO ORDER: Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

0092 – 25 RANGE That the February 11, 2025 agenda be accepted for reference, with the following additions:
- 8(j) Annual Ratepayers Supper;
- 8(k) WC Consulting: Gravel Testing; and
- 12(a) APAS.

CARRIED

MINUTES

0093 – 25 RITZ That the January 28, 2025 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

BRIGHTSAND LAKE REGIONAL PARK APPOINTMENT FOR 2025-2026

0094 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 appoints David Krywchuk to the Brightsand Lake Regional Park Authority for the 2025-2026 term.

CARRIED

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE – DECEMBER 18, 2024 CORRESPONDENCE

0095 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the response received from Carri Zeller, 2024 Weed Inspector in relation to correspondence sent by the Ministry of Agriculture about participation in a consultation on the proposed updates to the Minister's Order Designating Prohibited, Noxious and Nuisance Weeds. Furthermore, that Administration forwards the response on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499.

CARRIED

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IN-CAMERA CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO PART III OF LAFOIP 16(1)(C)

- 0096 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the public meeting to move into an “In-Camera” Closed Session as authorized by Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* at 9:07 a.m.

CARRIED

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner requested to join the In-Camera Closed Session at 9:15 a.m.

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner left the In-Camera Closed Session at 9:26 a.m.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 0097 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the February 11, 2025 Council Meeting at 9:37 a.m.

CARRIED

BELLANGER BRIDGE DISBURSEMENT DISCUSSION

- 0098 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the percentages that were discussed on January 21, 2025 during a virtual meeting with the Rural Municipalities of Caledonia, Clayton, and Scott. Furthermore, that the Council rejects the revised percentages distributed by email on February 7, 2025.

CARRIED

COMPLAINT #1-2024

- 0099 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 provides a copy of the Investigation Report dated February 11, 2025 to the Complainant and the Respondents and invites written submissions to the Council for consideration, to be submitted to the RM office no later than 14 days after circulation of the Investigation Report.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR QUOTE FOR MOWER(S) AND ARM(S)

- 0100 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to obtain quotes for two (2) mowers and sidearms with a closing date of March 13, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. with two (2) options for consideration:
- 1) Trade-in of current equipment; and
 - 2) Cash purchase price.

CARRIED

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE – SARM CLASSIFIEDS

- 0101 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to advertise the following equipment with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Classifieds:
- 2022 Mandako Reddi Arm for \$30,000.00; and
 - Sander for \$15,000.00.

CARRIED

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

- 0102 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the February 5, 2025 Equipment Committee report as circulated.

CARRIED

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2025 SPRING ROAD BANS

0103 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Municipal Foreman to implement 2025 Spring Road Bans within the municipal jurisdiction as required.

CARRIED

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

0104 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the February 5, 2025 Road Committee report as circulated.

CARRIED

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner joined the February 11, 2025 meeting at 10:21 a.m.

APPROACH CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS POLICY AMENDMENT

0105 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the amended Approach Construction Standards Policy as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

ROADWAY STANDARDS POLICY AMENDMENT

0106 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the amended Roadway Standards Policy as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

ROAD CONSTRUCTION POLICY AMENDMENT

0107 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the amended Road Construction Policy as circulated, discussed, and revised.

CARRIED

2025 SEASONAL MAINTENANCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

0108 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to advertise a 2025 Seasonal Maintenance Employment Opportunity with a closing date of March 13, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Welcomed Andrea Carroll of Northbound Planning to the meeting at 10:30 a.m. virtually.

PUBLIC HEARING

0109 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

Division 2 Councillor Victor Hamm declared a conflict of interest with SUBD #3953-2024 and left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Reeve Gerry Ritz assumed the Chair position at 10:32 a.m.

Division 2 Councillor Victor Hamm returned to the Public Hearing at 10:44 a.m. and resumed the Chair position.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

0110 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the February 11, 2025 Council Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Andrea Carroll of Northbound Planning left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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SUBDIVISION APPLICATION #3953-2024

- 0111 – 25 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mevin No. 499 supports the discretionary use and residential subdivision of SE 02-54-19-W3, Plan 102246139, Ext. 1 subject to a Master Service Agreement including off-site fees for roads and planning fees. Furthermore, that Council communicates their drainage and potential waste water disposal concerns to the Community Planning Branch.

CARRIED

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION #3973-2024

- 0112 – 25 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mevin No. 499 supports the discretionary use and residential subdivision of Parcel A, Plan 101993126, Ext. 0 subject to a Master Service Agreement including off site fees for roads, lagoon, planning fees, approach upgrades/construction with consideration of sight lines, and cash-in-lieu of MR.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMITIS

- 0113 – 25 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mevin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permits for temporary RV as a Principal Use for the following:
- #2025-00028 Lot 3, Block 6, Plan 81B08855 – EVBS;
 - #250005-020 Lot 9, Block 3, Plan 86B06698 – SSVB; and
 - #250004-030 Lot 5, Block 9, Plan 250004-030 – POWM.

CARRIED

Welcomed Alan Wallace and Nyamaa Jalbuu of Wallace Insights virtually to the meeting to discuss the Fees and Charges Report dated February 6, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Thanked Alan Wallace and Nyamaa Jalbuu for the presentation on Fees and Charges relating to Planning and Development at 11:45 a.m.

Division 5 Councillor Lane Nedelec left the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

JANUARY 2025 DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- 0114 – 25 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the January 2025 Development Report as circulated and presented by Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner.

CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS BOARD – NOTICE OF DECISIONS

- 0115 – 25 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the Development Appeals Board Notice of Decision dated February 6, 2025 for the following:
- Development Appeal #05-2024; and
 - Development Appeal #06-2024.

CARRIED

SHIPPING CONTAINER ENFORCEMENT EXTENSION REQUEST

- 0116 – 25 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mevin No. 499 deny the third request for an extension to May 1, 2025 of an Enforcement Order for 1009 Treylan Place, Evergreen Beach, Brightsand Lake to remove the shipping container from the property zoned as Lakeshore Development District.

CARRIED

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SASKPOWER REQUEST #20507241

0117 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the SaskPower request #20507241 to install underground residential service in the hamlet of Turtle Lake South Bay from Lots 42 to 53, replacing overhead lines.

CARRIED

SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

0118 -25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves an annual membership with Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance. Furthermore, that participation in the Saskatchewan Investment Readiness Initiative (SIRI), a two-year program is acknowledged.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL OFFICE SERVER

0119 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Server Quote prepared by Bralin Technology Solutions on February 6, 2025 for a total cost of \$20,931.46 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner left the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

RECESS FOR LUNCH

0120 – 25 BLAIS That the February 11, 2025 Council meeting recess for lunch at 12:38 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

0121 – 25 BLAIS That the February 11, 2025 Council meeting reconvenes at 1:09 p.m.

CARRIED

01/04-34-50-20 W3 CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

0122 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the acquisition of one orphan well at 01/04-34-50-20 W3 by Argyle Oil and Gas Limited with the payment of any outstanding taxes owed to the municipality.

CARRIED

LADRA – 2024 PROGRESS REPORT

0123 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the 2024 Progress Report from Livelong and District Recreational Association, as a requirement of annual recreation grant funding.

CARRIED

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY JANUARY 23, 2025 MINUTES

0124 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the January 23, 2025 OH&S Committee Meeting Minutes as circulated.

CARRIED

SAMA 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

0125 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves Division 4 Councillor and the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Saskatchewan Assessment and Management Agency Annual Meeting on April 9, 2025 at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina, SK as voting delegates.

CARRIED

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SMHI 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

0126 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 appoints Division 6 Councillor to be the voting delegate at the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance 2025 Annual Meeting being held on March 11, 2025 at Prairieland Park in Saskatoon.

CARRIED

2025 SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADVERTISEMENT

0127 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves Administration to advertise for Summer Student Employment Opportunities for 2025 with a closing date of March 13, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TIME OFF REQUEST

0128 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the time off request of the Chief Administrative Officer for February 18 and 19, 2025.

CARRIED

2025 ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING AND SUPPER

0129 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499's Annual Ratepayer Meeting be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the Turtleford Community Centre, including supper at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Furthermore, that complimentary tickets be sent to neighboring municipalities, Thunderchild First Nation, and the Fire Associations.

CARRIED

HAMLET BOARD MEETING MINUTES

0130 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the February 4, 2025 Hamlet of Evergreen Acres Meeting Minutes, as submitted.

CARRIED

WYWRA AGREEMENT – EVERGREEN ACRES

0131 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves Administration to enter into an agreement with West Yellowhead Waste Resource Authority on behalf of the Hamlet of Evergreen Acres for waste and recycling services for 2025.

CARRIED

JANUARY 2025 WATER TREATMENT PLANT DAILY LOGS

0132 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the January 2025 Daily Water Logs for the following hamlets:

- Evergreen Acres;
- Livelong; and
- Spruce Lake.

CARRIED

HAMLET TRANSFERS TO RESERVE ACCOUNT

0133 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves Administration to transfer \$128,637.37 from the General Operating Account to the Hamlet Reserve Account to recognize the 2025 surplus.

CARRIED

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CORRESPONDENCE

0134 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 11, 2025

0135 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #26771 to cheque #26804 (\$136,442.15), manual cheque #1249-Man to 1257-Man (\$155,438.15), and payroll (\$73,387.57), totaling \$365,267.87 for payment.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS OF JANUARY 31, 2025

0136 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Statement of Financial Activity for the month of January 2025, as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0137 – 25 RANGE That the February 11, 2025 meeting be adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


DIVISION 6 COUNCILLOR