
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2026

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 Lane Nedelec
Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm
Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken

REGRETS: Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais

DELEGATIONS: 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman
Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor
11:00 a.m. Susan Stevenson, Municipal Planner
Robin Bloski, Northbound Planning

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

AGENDA

0508 – 26 HERGOTT That the August 11, 2026 agenda be accepted with the following additions:
- Public Works: Culverts and Road Maintenance Agreement; and
- Administration: Range Road 3203 from Highway 3 to Township 520.

CARRIED

MINUTES

0509 – 26 SPENCER That the July 28, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

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

RMI INC. RM499-2025-01 PROGRESS CERTIFICATE (4) – FINAL PROGRESS CERTIFICATE

0510 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Progress Certificate (4) – Final Progress Certificate as submitted by RMI Inc. for the dismantling and salvaging of the existing bridge and construction of a new bridge south of Mervin, SK on Township Road 502 over Turtle River in the amount of \$186,278.83.

CARRIED

CAR WASH SUMPS REPAIR

0511 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the quote from Jeff Nasby to remove and replace the car wash sumps, with an approximate combined length of 160 feet, in the amount of \$31,360.00 plus applicable taxes. Furthermore, that the work to be completed by December 31, 2026.

CARRIED

ONE WAY PLOW QUOTE

0512 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the quote of \$36,400.00 plus applicable taxes, provided by Triod Supply for a Capital I Quick Attach One Way Snow Plow, including installation and freight costs.

CARRIED

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WEED MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- 0513 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the Invasive Weed Inspection and Evaluation Checklist as submitted by Carri Zeller, Weed Inspector for the following locations:
- SE 17-51-19-W3 (RM Gravel Pit);
 - SW 26-54-20-W3 (Christal Pit);
 - NW 09-51-19-W3 (Cormack Pit); and
 - NE 31-51-19-W3 (Johnson Pit).

CARRIED

ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RM499-2026—06 ARNOLD'S SAND AND GRAVEL

- 0514 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Arnold's Sand and Gravel to haul approximately 3,000 tonnes of aggregate during July 29 to August 1, 2026, from a gravel pit located on the SE 18-50-19-W3 to Highway 26 and out of the RM.

CARRIED

ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RM499-2026—07 ARNOLD'S SAND AND GRAVEL

- 0515 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Arnold's Sand and Gravel to haul approximately 600 tonnes of aggregate during August 7 to 10, 2026, from a gravel pit located on the SE 06-50-21-W3 to Range Road 3210 and south out of the RM.

CARRIED

ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT RM499-2026—08 MITCHELL BROS. EXCAVATING

- 0516 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Mitchell Bros. Excavating to haul approximately 20,000 tonnes of aggregate during August 24 to September 11, 2026, from a gravel pit located on SE 19-52-19-W3 to the "K Pad" located at SE 27-53-21-W3. Furthermore, the following conditions apply:
- No hauling will be permitted on Fridays after 3:00 p.m.;
 - Hauling will only be permitted on weekends, subject to review and the RM reserves the right to restrict hauling on weekends should there be complaints from ratepayers, between the following hours:
 - o Saturdays – 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - o Sundays – 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;
 - No hauling will be permitted on the September long weekend (from September 4 at 3:00 p.m. until September 7 at midnight); and
 - Special Provision: speeds will be reduced to 60 km/hr. on the haul road and extra caution is to be taken on school bus routes while hauling.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

- 0517 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Public Works Report as presented and discussed by Municipal Foreman Kerry Robertson and Maintenance Supervisor Taylar Roberts.

CARRIED

Susan Stevenson, Municipal Planner and Robin Bloski of Northbound Planning joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Taylar Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING

0518 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the August 11, 2026 regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

0519 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the August 11, 2026 Council Meeting at 11:25 a.m.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT FOR A TEMPORARY RV AS PRINCIPAL USE

0520 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for:

- #260034-050, Lot 7, Block 10, Plan 102239276 CBSS;
- #260036-002, Lot 25, Block 4, Plan 102193714 SSVB;
- #260036-014, Lot 4, Block 1, Plan 102359426;
- #260036-015, Lot 12, Block 2, Plan 79B17420 EVBS;
- #260036-023, Lot 14, Block 7, Plan 101947647 SAND;
- #260036-030, Lot 3, Block 8, Plan 82B13924 EVBS;
- #260036-045, Lot D, Block 10, Plan 90B01755 SSVB; and
- #260037-005, Lot 1, Block 6, Plan 84B02764.

CARRIED

NB260695 PARCEL R2 PLAN 81B12877 UNORGANIZED HAMLET OF SUNNY ACRES

0521 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 TABLES the request of the Unorganized Hamlet Board of Sunny Acres for rezoning of a parcel for long-term storage pending the review of the previous subdivision files and the requirement for municipal reserve.

CARRIED

AUGUST 11, 2026 DEVELOPMENT REPORT – NORTHBOUND PLANNING

0522 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the August 11, 2026 Development Report presented by Robin Bloski of Northbound Planning, as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

2026 UNIFORM MILL RATE

0523 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the 2026 Uniform Mill Rate to be 10.0000.

CARRIED

BYLAW 2026-11 AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MILL RATE FACTORS

0524 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes first reading of Bylaw No. 2026-11 to Authorize the Use of Mill Rate Factors at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

0525 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes second reading of Bylaw No. 2026-11 to Authorize the Use of Mill Rate Factors at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

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CONSIDERATION OF THREE READINGS OF BYLAW 2026-11 AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MILL RATE FACTORS

0526 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 unanimously approves consideration of three readings of Bylaw 2026-11 to Authorize the Use of Mill Rate Factors at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

BYLAW 2026-11 AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MILL RATE FACTORS

0527 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes third reading with adoption of Bylaw No. 2026-11 to Authorize the Use of Mill Rate Factors at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

BYLAW 2026-12 PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM TAX

0528 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes first reading of Bylaw No. 2026-12 to Provide for a Minimum Tax at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

0529 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes second reading of Bylaw No. 2026-12 to Provide for a Minimum Tax at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF THREE READINGS OF BYLAW 2026-12 TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM TAX

0530 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 unanimously approves consideration of three readings of Bylaw 2026-12 to Provide for a Minimum Tax at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

BYLAW 2026-12 PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM TAX

0531 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes third reading with adoption of Bylaw No. 2026-12 to Provide for a Minimum Tax at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

CARRIED

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVE POLICY – 2026

0532 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to execute the Commercial Property Tax Incentive Policy for 2026. Furthermore, that the list of abatements is attached to the minutes of August 11, 2026.

CARRIED

2026 RM 499 INFORMATION PAMPHLET

0533 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the 2026 RM 499 Information Pamphlet as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT

0534 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enter into a Residential Lease Agreement for Lot 1, Block 28, Turtleford, Plan 90B06306 – 318 Poplar Crescent, Turtleford, SK with Dr. Elham Shahbazi for a 36-month term, commencing August 1, 2026.

CARRIED

RECESS

0535 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the August 11, 2026 meeting at 11:55 a.m.

CARRIED

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RECONVENE MEETING

0536 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the August 11, 2026 meeting at 12:35 p.m.

CARRIED

SASKPOWER TREE MAINTENANCE NEAR THE POWER LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY – HAMLET OF EVERGREEN BEACH

0537 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the SaskPower Tree Maintenance near the power line right-of-way in the Hamlet of Evergreen Beach with the following conditions:

- Advance notice provided to the RM of start date;
- Provision of the SaskPower Onsite Contact prior to the start date; and
- Engagement with the hamlet board prior to work commencing.

CARRIED

2026 PARCS CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 1 & 2 IN SASKATOON

0538 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports Division 1 Councillor Jim Range and Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott attendance at the 2026 PARCS Conference in Saskatoon on October 1 and 2, 2026.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE OF AUGUST 11, 2026

0539 – 26 NEDLEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the August 11, 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS TO CHEQUING AS PER 2026 BUDGET

0540 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to transfer \$500,000.00 from Plan 24 Savings Account 833920137225 to Tender Account 220022024735 as per the 2026 Budget Transfer from Reserves.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF AUGUST 11, 2026

0541 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #28276 to #28330 (\$660,915.28), manual cheques 1796-Man to 1812-Man (\$190,945.22) and Payroll (\$124,215.76) totaling \$976,076.26, as presented.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS OF JULY 31, 2026

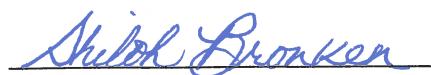
0542 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the Statement of Financial Activities as of July 31, 2026 as circulated and discussed.

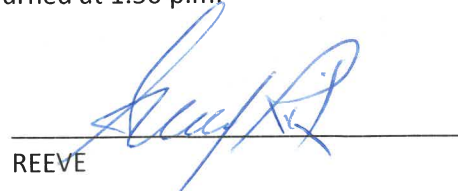
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0543 – 26 RANGE That the August 11, 2026 meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


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