
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 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

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Gerry Ritz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

0605 – 26 NEDELEC That the September 22, 2026 agenda be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES

0606 – 26 SPENCER That the September 8, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

0607 – 26 RANGE That the September 17, 2026 Special meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

BELLANGER BRIDGE – PROJECT HOLDBACK RELEASE

0608 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the release of the Bellanger Bridge Project Holdback to Western Infrastructure Renewal Inc. in the amount of \$127,227.38 inclusive of taxes.

CARRIED

Quintin Ewaskow, Westcon Equipment and Rentals Ltd. joined the meeting at 9:26 a.m. and left at 9:51 a.m.

WESTCON EQUIPMENT AND RENTALS LTD. – 3TS-8W TELESKID & 4CX-15 BACKHOE

0609 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approve the purchase of a 2024 JC 4CX-15HFCA Super Backhoe Loader and a 2026 JCB 3TS-8W Teleskid Skid Steer for a difference of \$30,000.00 plus applicable taxes, utilizing the trade-in of the 2025 JCB Hydradig Wheeled Excavator with attachments and 2016 Bobcat S650 Skid Steer Loader with attachments, pending a successful demo of the prospective backhoe unit.

CARRIED

SARM COMPLETE LOSS OFFER AND PROOF OF LOSS – PACKER

0610 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts SARM Insurance offer for the packer in the amount of \$90,000.00, less the \$1,000.00 deductible, for a complete loss. Furthermore, that Administration signs SARM Proof of Loss form.

CARRIED

RM499-2026-01 ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

0611 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges email correspondence from K. Rivett of Venture Construction, dated September 21, 2026 indicating the revised project timelines and the additional sand aggregate required.

CARRIED

SASKENERGY INTEGRITY WORK – SW 29-50-20-W3 AND SW 11-51-21-W3

0612 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Integrity Work taking place at SW 29-50-20-W3 and SW 11-51-21-W3 by SaskEnergy beginning September 21, 2026.

CARRIED

SASKPOWER ORDER #20708666 – HAMLET OF PARKLAND BEACH

0613 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledge the SaskPower Order#20708666 in the Hamlet of Parkland Beach, to install single phase service to Lot 17, Block 6, Plan No. 00B16229. Furthermore, that Administration advise that the current road allowance width is 30', that there is no plan to widen the existing road allowance, that Birch Drive has not been engineered, and there are no known water lines in the area.

CARRIED

TOPSOIL TENDER

0614 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Topsoil Tender submission from Mitchell Bros. Excavating for \$1.00 per yard of material, with the removal date no later than October 31, 2026.

CARRIED

TREATY LAND ENTITLEMENT – GR FILE NO. 828.095

0615 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the correspondence dated September 18, 2026 from the Ministry of Government Relations, indicating that the Ministry has initiated a review of the following lands within the RM at the request of Thunderchild First Nation under the *Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement, 1992*:

- NE 20-51-20-W3, 157.55 Acres;
- NE 30-52-20-W3, 156.17 Acres;
- SE 30-52-20-W3, 160.06 Acres; and
- SW 30-52-20-W3. 160.08 Acres.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

0616 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Public Works Report as presented and discussed by Maintenance Supervisor Taylar Roberts.

CARRIED

Taylar Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Susan Stevenson, Municipal Planner and Robin Bloski of Northbound Planning joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 DEVELOPMENT REPORT – NORTHBOUND PLANNING

0617 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the September 22, 2026 Development Report as presented by Robin Boski of Northbound Planning, as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT FOR A TEMPORARY RV AS A PRINCIPAL USE

0618 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for #260038-049, Lot 14, Block 1, Plan 81B12877 SUNY.

CARRIED

SUBD-003677-2024 FILE CLOSURE LETTER

0619 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the September 16, 2026 correspondence from the Ministry of Government Relations to the Town of Turtleford, indicating that File No. SUBD-003677-2024 has been closed and removed from the active review process. Furthermore, Northbound Planning is to send confirmation that the required Service Agreement was sent to the Town of Turtleford on July 18, 2025.

CARRIED

PLANNING SERVICES REPORT

0620 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Planning Services report as presented and discussed by Municipal Planner Susan Stevenson and Robin Boski of Northbound Planning.

CARRIED

Susan Stevenson, Municipal Planner and Robin Boski of Northbound Planning left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

BYLAW 2026-09 ENTER INTO A MUTUAL FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE RESORT VILLAGE OF KIVIMAA-MOONLIGHT BAY

0621 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes second reading of Bylaw 2026-09 to Enter into a Mutual Fire Service Agreement with the Resort Village of Kivimaa-Moonlight Bay at the September 22, 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

0622 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes third reading with adoption of Bylaw 2026-09 to Enter into a Mutual Fire Service Agreement with the Resort Village of Kivimaa-Moonlight Bay at the September 22, 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

MONTH TO MONTH TENANCY AGREEMENT FOR 400 MAIN STREET, TURTLEFORD, SK

0623 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 in conjunction with the Town of Turtleford, enter into a Month-to-Month Tenancy Agreement with The Synod of the Diocese of Saskatchewan (Good Shepherd, Turtleford) for the purpose of temporary accommodation for the fifth (5th) Physician.

CARRIED

PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION FOR PHYSICIAN

0624 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 confirms its continued support for obtaining permanent accommodation for the fifth (5th) Physician and to remain actively engaged with the Town of Turtleford in pursuing a solution.

CARRIED

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RECESS

0625 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the September 22, 2026 meeting at 12:05 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE

0626 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the September 22, 2026 meeting at 12:35 p.m.

CARRIED

FORTIER MATTILA APPRAISALS INC. – NW 12-51-21-W3, EXT. 64

0627 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 TABLES discussion on the Fortier Mattila Appraisals Inc. report on NW 12-51-21-W3, Ext. 64 to a future meeting pending further information.

CARRIED

NORTHBOUND PLANNING LTD – SERVICE SCOPE REVIEW

0628 – 26 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to send 60-day notice to Northbound Planning Ltd. of the intention to cancel services. Furthermore, Administration to negotiate a new contract for Planning Services with Northbound Planning Ltd.

CARRIED

2026 SAMA PRIMARY AUDIT REPORT

0629 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the SAMA 2026 Primary Audit Report, of which the RM is in compliance. Furthermore, acknowledge that the SAMA Industrial Unit will be presenting at the October 27, 2026 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

TAX ENFORCEMENT – BATTLE RIVER LAW

0630 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves Administration to engage with Battle River Law for Tax Enforcement proceedings.

CARRIED

Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm left the meeting at 1:14 p.m. Quorum maintained.

HAMLET BOARD MEETING MINUTES

0631 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the minute submissions provided by the Hamlet Boards for the following:

- Evergreen Acres – Fall Meeting & Board Meeting: September 5, 2026;
- Horseshoe Bay: September 7, 2026; and
- Kopps Kove: September 7, 2026.

CARRIED

FIRESMART WORK BEE - UNORGANIZED HAMLET OF SANDY POINT

0632 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges that the Unorganized Hamlet of Sandy Point will be engaging in a FireSmart Work Bee on Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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SARM INSURANCE CLAIM WITHDRAWAL – HAMLET OF POWM BEACH

0633 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges that the Hamlet Board of Powm Beach has withdrawn their insurance claim with SARM for the wind damage that occurred on May 22, 2026 on their Machine Shop.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

0634 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the September 22, 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

0635 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #28428 to #28470 (\$283,538.92), manual cheques 1844-Man to 1855-Man (\$28,059.18) and Payroll (\$47,659.56) totaling \$359,257.66, as presented.

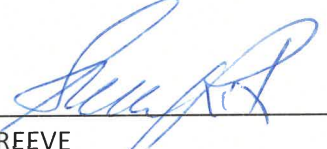
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0636 – 26 RANGE That the September 22, 2026 Council Meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


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