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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026

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

**PRESENT:** Reeve Gerry Ritz – Virtual  
Division 1 Councillor Jim Range – Virtual  
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  
Maintenance Supervisor Taylar Roberts

**DELEGATIONS:** 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman  
10:30 a.m. Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner

**CALL TO ORDER:** Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**0102 – 26 NEDELEC** That the February 10, 2026 agenda, as revised with the addition of the following items, be accepted as circulated:  
- 6)c) Equipment for Sale: Trailer and Dump Box; and  
- 8) Waste Energy Project Update.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**0103 – 26 HERGOTT** That the January 27, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m. and left at 9:13 a.m.

**DISCRETIONARY DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - CENOVUS DILSAP FACILITY**

**0104 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Development Permit #24-00974, all associated road/utilidor crossings, and road widening pursuant to the permit application. Furthermore, the RM will compensate \$1,300 per acre to the landowners affected by the road widening, per the Right of Way Purchases Policy, with all costs to be reimbursed by the applicant.

**CARRIED**

**RM OF PARDALE NO. 498 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

**0105 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to send correspondence to the RM of Parkdale No. 498 with the requirement to report any gravel hauled from the RM of Mervin No. 499 and that consideration will be given to a Voluntary Maintenance Agreement with the removal of royalties and crushing costs.

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**TERM DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**0106 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 move the remainder of the Term Deposit funds upon maturity, less the interest and remaining installments for WYWRA Membership shares into the General Savings account.

**CARRIED**

**TWP 504 AND RR 3195**

**0107 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to send a response, after legal review, to Northwest School Division (NWSD) with the requests for standards and criteria to assess the validity of the NWSD conclusions and to schedule an onsite meeting. Furthermore, that the response be cc'd to MLA James Thorsteinson.

**CARRIED**

Municipal Foreman Kerry Robertson joined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**BELLANGER BRIDGE – CHANGE ORDER REQUEST**

**0108 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the change order request for the extension of the bottom cover plate on all seven (7) girders for a cost of \$15,696.00 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

**PROGRESS CERTIFICATE (1) FOR THE BELLANGER BRIDGE**

**0109 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Progress Certificate (1) for RM499-2025-01 – Dismantling and Salvaging of the Existing Bridge and Construction of New Bridge on Township Road 502 over Turtle Lake River. Furthermore, that payment in the amount of \$269,852.21 plus taxes is authorized.

**CARRIED**

**SARM INSURANCE – BACKHOE 430E LOSS**

**0110 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the proposed value of \$65,000.00 less SARM insurance deductible of \$1,000.00 as a total loss for the 430E Backhoe with serial number CAT0430ECSWC00330. Furthermore, that Administration is authorized to sign the Proof of Loss upon receipt from SARM.

**CARRIED**

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE – 2011 TRAILTECH TANDEM TRAILER**

**0111 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 provides a counteroffer of \$5,000.00 plus taxes for the sale of the 2011 Trailtech Tandem Trailer, VIN: 2CU33ALA4B2029758, as is – where is.

**CARRIED**

**EQUIPMENT FOR SALE – DUMP BOX**

**0112 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 provides a counteroffer of \$4,500.00 plus taxes for the sale of the RM dump box, as is – where is.

**CARRIED**

**PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF RANGE ROAD 3203 UPGRADES – CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE**

**0113 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 receives the report as submitted by RMI Inc. for the preliminary engineering of Range Road 3203 Upgrades, as per Resolution 0786-25, with the Ministry of Highways responsible for one hundred percent (100%) of the cost.

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**CAR WASH CLOSURES**

**0114 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 moves to close the car wash facilities on February 18 and 26, 2026. **CARRIED**

**TURTLEFORD HEALTH COMPLEX – PARKING LOT**

**0115 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledge emergency service provision to the Turtleford Health Complex to address the parking lot conditions outside of regular working hours. Furthermore, that the Turtleford Health Complex be sent correspondence and an invoice that indicates the cost of \$250.00, which due to the provision of service to the RM ratepayers is provided with a discount to the rate of \$250.00 and that going forward a letter of request for service is required that the RM will not be liable for any situations that may arise due to the RM service provision. **CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

**0116 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Public Works Report as presented and discussed by Municipal Foreman Kerry Robertson. **CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.  
Municipal Planner Paige Hundt joined the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**0117 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the February 10, 2026 regular meeting at 11:04 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing. **CARRIED**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

**0118 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting at 11:19 a.m. **CARRIED**

**DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT FOR A TEMPORARY RV AS PRINCIPAL USE**

**0119 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for:  
- #260002-037 Lot 9, Block 3, Plan No. 86B06698 – SSVB; and  
- #260003-076 Lot 3, Block 6, Plan No. 81B08855 – EVBS. **CARRIED**

**JANUARY 2026 DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**0120 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the January 2026 Development Report submitted by Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner as circulated and discussed. **CARRIED**

**AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION PERMIT REQUEST – LOT 17, BLOCK 1, PLAN NO. 102313976 EXT. 0**

**0121 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit request of Lot 17, Block 1, Plan No. 102313976 Ext. 0 for the installation of a domestic water line, pending the approval from Water Security Agency. **CARRIED**

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**MUNICIPAL PLANNER UPDATE REPORT**

**0122 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Planner Update report as presented by Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner as circulated and discussed. **CARRIED**

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

**BYLAW 2026-06 RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT – 318 POPLAR CRESCENT**

**0123 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes first reading of Bylaw 2026-06 to enter into a Residential Lease Agreement for 318 Poplar Crescent at the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

**0124 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes second reading of Bylaw 2026-06 to enter into a Residential Lease Agreement for 318 Poplar Crescent at the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

**0125 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves consideration of three readings with adoption of Bylaw 2026-06 Residential Lease Agreement for 318 Poplar Crescent at the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

**0126 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes third reading with adoption of Bylaw 2026-06 Residential Lease Agreement for 318 Poplar Crescent at the February 10, 2026 Council Meeting. **CARRIED**

**REGULAR SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING RESCHEDULED DATES**

**0127 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reschedules council meetings in March as follows:  
- Scheduled Meeting Dates: March 17 and 31, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; and  
- Cancelled Meeting Date: March 24, 2026. **CARRIED**

**ENHANCED MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM – MARCH 24, 2026**

**0128 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the attendance of the Enhanced Municipal Administration Program on March 24, 2026 in North Battleford, with a cost of \$100 per person and mileage, by the following individuals:  
- Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Janessa Macnab;  
- Administrative Coordinator Holly Gabruck; and  
- Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken. **CARRIED**

**RCMP QUARTER 4 REPORT**

**0129 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the RCMP Quarter 4 Report submitted by S./Sgt. Ken Burnouf as circulated and discussed. **CARRIED**

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**SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL BOARD – DECISION**

**0130 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board (SMB) Decision for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 Assessment Appeals noting that the SMB dismissed all the Appellant’s appeals.

**CARRIED**

**SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL HAIL INSURANCE ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE**

**0131 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 appoints Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott as the delegate for the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Annual Meeting on March 10, 2026, alongside the SARM Annual Convention.

**CARRIED**

**SEARCH AND RESCUE SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS – WILDERNESS SURVIVAL GUIDE**

**0132 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wilderness Survival Guide of the Search and Rescue Saskatchewan Association of Volunteers with a 1/8<sup>th</sup> page, full colour advertisement at a cost of \$261.91 plus taxes.

**CARRIED**

**RECESS**

**0133 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the February 10 2026 meeting at 12:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**RECONVENE MEETING**

**0134 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the February 10, 2026 meeting at 12:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**JANUARY 2026 WATER TREATMENT PLANT DAILY LOGS**

**0135 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the January 2026 Daily Water Logs, as submitted by the Operators, for the following hamlets:

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

**CARRIED**

**HAMLET OF SUNSET VIEW BEACH – JANUARY 30, 2026 MINUTES**

**0136 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the minutes of the January 30, 2026 Hamlet of Sunset View Beach Board Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**0137 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the February 10, 2026 regular meeting.

**CARRIED**

**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**0138 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #27785 to #27819 (\$570,147.14), manual cheques 1605-Man to 1622-Man (\$209,548.82) and Payroll (\$71,516.91) totaling \$851,212.87, as presented.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026**

**0139 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Statement of Financial Activities as of January 31, 2026 as circulated and discussed.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**0140 – 26 RANGE** That the February 10, 2026 meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

  
DEPUTY REEVE

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Administrator