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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 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  
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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Reeve Gordon Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**AGENDA**

**0141 – 26 RANGE** That the February 24, 2026 agenda, as revised with the addition of the following items, be accepted as circulated:  
- 6)(g) Coyote Bounty; and  
- 6)(h) Township Road 504 and Range Road 3195.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

**0142 – 26 BLAIS** That the February 10, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

**2026 BLADE AND TIP TENDER**

**0143 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 awards the 2026 Blade and Tip Tender to quote #OT-005039 for a per unit cost of \$740.00 per carbide blade, \$95.00 per curved blade, and \$30.88 per tip, plus applicable taxes to DionCo Sales and Service Ltd.

**CARRIED**

**ANNUAL RADIO LICENSING – 2-WAY RADIOS**

**0144 – 25 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 cancels the radio licensing for the RM 2-Way Radios as of January 1, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT AND PURCHASE NE 08-54-21-W3**

**0145 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes an Agreement for a 150' road right-of-way on the northern boundary of NE 08-54-21-W3 as per the Right-of-Way Purchases Policy.

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**2026 SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

**0146 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 opts out of the Ministry of Highways 2026 Spring Road Restrictions. Furthermore, that the RM follows Bylaw #2006-15 to implement road restrictions.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE ROOF REPAIRS**

**0147 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 engages Reid Johnson to complete the office roof insulation repairs and to relocate the internet service.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

**0148 – 26 RITZ** 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 Tylar Roberts.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Tylar Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor left the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Janessa Macnab, North Saskatchewan Health Holdings Administrator joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. and left at 10:52 a.m.

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner joined the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**0149 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the February 24, 2026 regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing.

**CARRIED**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

**0150 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the February 24, 2026 Council Meeting at 11:48 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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

**0151 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for:

- #260006-024 Lot 2, Block 5, Plan No. 81B125547 - EVBS; and
- #260007-011 Lot 12, Block 3, Plan No. 86B05598 - SSVB.

**CARRIED**

**SE 20-53-19-W3 AND NE 09-53-19-W3 CONSOLIDATION REQUEST**

**0152 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the consolidation request of the property owner, as the parcels are currently non-conforming to the RM Zoning Bylaw, as follows:

- SE 20-53-19-W3, known as LSD 1 – Ext. 60, LSD 2 – Ext. 59, LSD 8 – Ext. 58, and LSD 9 – Ext. 86 into a single 160-acre parcel to conform; and
- NE 09-53-19-W3, known as LSD 9 – Ext. 86, LSD 10 – Ext. 85, LSD 15 – Ext. 84, and LSD 16 – Ext. 83 into a single 160-acre parcel to conform.

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**AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION PERMIT REQUEST – LOT 4, BLOCK 10, PLAN NO. 102059388**

0153 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 TABLES the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit request of Lot 4, Block 10, Plan No. 102059388 pending more information being provided by the applicant and an on-site inspection by the Development Officer. **CARRIED**

**SASKPOWER ORDER #20631462 – ROAD BORE NW 28-53-21-W3**

0154 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the request of SaskPower for Order #20631462 to complete road boring at NW 28-53-21-W3. **CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL PLANNER UPDATE REPORT**

0155 – 26 BLAIS 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 11:52 a.m.

**BORDERING ON DISASTER CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 2026**

0156 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 purchase a “Flood” ticket package, at a cost of \$1,375.00 plus fees, consisting of 5 attendees to the Bordering on Disaster Conference being held in Lloydminster, SK on October 14 and 15, 2026. **CARRIED**

**NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER MUNICIPAL HEALTH HOLDINGS INC. – FEBRUARY 16, 2026 MINUTES**

0157 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and receives the February 16, 2026 minutes of the North Saskatchewan River Municipal Health Holdings Inc. **CARRIED**

**JOINT OWNERSHIP – DOCTOR’S ACCOMODATIONS**

0158 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests a meeting with the Town of Turtleford to discuss the jointly owned residential properties, with respect to any major repairs and/or renovations required. **CARRIED**

**RECESS**

0159 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the February 24, 2026 meeting at 11:53 a.m. **CARRIED**

**RECONVENE MEETING**

0160 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the February 24, 2026 meeting at 12:25 p.m. **CARRIED**

**NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES INC. – VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT**

0161 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enters into a Vehicle Lease Agreement, for the 2021 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab, VIN #1FTEW1EP8MFB82730, License Plate: 439 MII, with Northwest Community Safety Services Inc. from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026. **CARRIED**

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**NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES INC. – FACILITY LEASE AGREEMENT**

**0162 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enters into a Facility Lease Agreement, for Parcel C, Plan 86B05477, SW PT 13-51-21-W3, 28855 Highway 26, Saskatchewan, with Northwest Community Safety Services Inc. from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**NORTHWEST MUTUAL AID AREA – JANUARY 26, 2026 MINUTES**

**0163 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and receives the January 26, 2026 minutes of the Northwest Mutual Aid Area.

**CARRIED**

**SARM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – RESPECT IN THE WORKPLACE AND MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATIONS**

**0164 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the training opportunities through SARM at a cost of \$22.50 per person for Council and Staff.

**CARRIED**

**SASKATCHEWAN ONSITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION – EDUCATION DAY**

**0165 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the attendance on March 27, 2026 in Saskatoon for Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association Education Day, at a cost of \$60.00 per person, for the following individuals:

- Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner; and
- Shiloh Bronken, Chief Administrative Officer.

**CARRIED**

**EMERGENCY USE REQUEST FOR 2% LIQUID STRYCHNINE FOR RICHARDSON’S GROUND SQUIRREL MANAGEMENT**

**0166 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 sends correspondence in strong support of the provincial initiative of Saskatchewan and Alberta to Prime Minister Carney advocating for emergency use of liquid strychnine concentrate for Richardson’s Ground Squirrel management after Health Canada’s Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) denied the request.

**CARRIED**

**UNORGANIZED HAMLET OF TURTLE COVE – 2026 MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT**

**0167 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enters into the 2026 Municipal Agreement with the Unorganized Hamlet of Turtle Cove.

**CARRIED**

**HAMLET DOCUMENTS**

**0168 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the following documents as provided by the Hamlet Boards:

- Aspen Cove: February 7, 2026 Minutes;
- Parkland Beach: February 14, 2026 Minutes and Updated Policies; and
- Turtle Lake South Bay: February 12, 2026 Minutes and Policies.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

**0169 – 26 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the February 24, 2026 regular meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

0170 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #27820 to #27842 (\$230,751.24), manual cheques 1623-Man to 1632-Man (\$33,806.99) and Payroll (\$29,078.69) totaling \$293,636.92, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

0171 – 26 RANGE That the February 24, 2026 meeting be adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

  
DEPUTY REEVE

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Administrator