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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 31, 2026

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

**PRESENT:** Division 1 Councillor Jim Range – Joined at 9:03 a.m.  
Division 2 Councillor Gordon Spencer  
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:** Reeve Gerry Ritz

**DELEGATIONS:** 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman  
11:30 a.m. Ferdinand Sabando and Ryley Boyle, Access Communications Cooperative  
2:00 p.m. Clarence Pearce, North Saskatchewan River Municipal Health Holdings Inc.

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

**AGENDA**

0221 – 26 **HAMM** That the March 31, 2026 agenda be accepted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES**

0222 – 26 **BLAIS** That the March 17, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

James Thorsteinson, MLA for Cutknife-Turtleford joined the meeting via telephone at 9:23 a.m., and left at 9:30 a.m., to inform on the news release for emergency use of strychnine in Saskatchewan.

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

0223 – 26 **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 9:32 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

0224 – 26 **HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the March 31, 2026 Council Meeting at 9:58 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Deputy Reeve  
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**SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OFFER(S) OF EMPLOYMENT FOR 2026**

- 0225 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 offers Seasonal Employment for 2026, as presented and discussed, to the following candidates, with a start date to be mutually agreed upon:
- David Eggeson
  - Seasonal Maintenance: Jerret Moore; and
  - Summer Student Maintenance: Peyton Gabruck.

**CARRIED**

**BELLANGER BRIDGE UPDATE**

- 0226 – 26 SPENCER** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Bellanger Bridge Update, including photos presented by Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman.

**CARRIED**

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE – 2025 JCB HD110W**

- 0227 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 purchases a 2025 JCB HD110W from Westcon Equipment and Rentals Ltd. including an additional three (3) year full coverage warranty - \$13,855.27, for \$333,855.27 plus applicable taxes. Furthermore, the insurance proceeds from the 2012 430E Backhoe be allocated to this purchase.

**CARRIED**

**2026 DUST CONTROL CONTRACT – APPLICATION AND PROVISION**

- 0228 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 contracts 3D Dust Control Ltd. for provision and application of dust control product in 2026 at a rate of \$0.38 per liter for hamlets and RM roads.

**CARRIED**

**RESORT VILLAGE OF TURTLE VIEW – EVERGREEN ROAD PROPOSAL**

- 0229 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 will not proceed with the Evergreen Road Proposal presented by the Resort Village of Turtle View at this time due to costs and other municipal priorities. Furthermore, the RM Council may consider a Voluntary Maintenance Agreement at a future date.

**CARRIED**

**ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – RM499-2026-01 VENTURE CONSTRUCTION INC.**

- 0230 – 26 SPENCER** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enters into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Venture Construction Inc. to haul approximately 69,350 tonnes of material during June 1 to August 15, 2026, from a gravel pit located on the NE 07-50-19-W3 on Township Road 502 to Highway 26 and out of the RM. Further, the agreement is to include additional gravel application, additional dust control, restricted times for hauling, and additional material hauling.

**CARRIED**

**SASKPOWER NOTIFICATION – NE 23-52-19-W3 REPLACE EXISTING WOOD POLE CROSSARM**

- 0231 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the upcoming electrical work of SaskPower at NE 23-52-19-W3 to replace an existing wood pole crossarm.

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**THUNDERCHILD FIRST NATION – STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION REQUEST**

**0232 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 TABLES the request of Thunderchild First Nation to install streetlights in the municipal right-of-way to the April 14, 2026 Council Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

**0233 – 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**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**0234 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the March 31, 2026 regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing.

**CARRIED**

**RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

**0235 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the March 31, 2026 Council Meeting at 11:20 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

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

**0236 – 26 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for:

- #260012-037 Lot 15, Block 3, Plan 61B06441 – SSVB;
- #260012-045 Lot 3, Block 5, Plan 83B14088 – SAND; and
- #260013-019 Lot 28, Block 5, Plan 87B10655 – HSBY.

**CARRIED**

**DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD – NOTICE OF DECISION #01-2026**

**0237 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Decision #01-2026 by the Development Appeal Board, dated March 23, 2026.

**CARRIED**

Ferdinand Sabando and Ryley Boyle of Access Communications Cooperative joined the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and left at 11:45 a.m.

**ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE PUBLIC UTILITY INSTALLATION: PHASE 1 – RESTORATION AGREEMENT**

**0238 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Access Communications Cooperative to enter into a Restoration Agreement for the Public Utility Installation – Phase 1.

**CARRIED**

**RECESS**

**0239 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the March 31, 2026 meeting at 11:59 a.m.

**CARRIED**

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Deputy Reeve  
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**RECONVENE MEETING**

**0240 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the March 31, 2026 meeting at 12:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**2026 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

**0241 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges that the 2026 Assessment Roll has been prepared and is open to inspection from April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**CARRIED**

**RM OFFICE EXPANSION – DESIGN DETAILS**

**0242 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the design created by Veritas Designs and Inspections Inc. for the RM Office Building Addition. Furthermore, the proposed addition be included in the 2026 Budget using reserve funding.

**CARRIED**

**ST. WALBURG AND DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION INC.**

**0243 – 26 SPENCER** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the February 24, 2026 minutes of the St. Walburg and District Fire and Rescue Association Inc.

**CARRIED**

**TAX TITLE PROPERTY TENDER – HAMLET OF SPRUCE LAKE**

**0244 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the offer, with support of the Spruce Lake Hamlet Board, and acknowledging that the properties are not connected to a water utility, from Cody Herbert in the total amount of \$3,000.00 for the following properties:

- Lot 1, Block 2, Plan No. Y727: \$500.00 plus GST;
- Lot 2, Block 2, Plan No. Y727: \$500.00 plus GST;
- Lot 11, Block 1, Plan No. Y727: \$1,000.00 plus GST; and
- Lot 12, Block 1, Plan No. Y727: \$1,000.00 plus GST.

**CARRIED**

**SUNSET VIEW MARINA ASSOCIATION – DREDGING REQUEST**

**0245 – 26 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the request of Sunset View Marina Association to complete dredging of sand from the channel entrance to the marina pending the submission and approval of an Aquatic Habitat Protection Application to Water Security Agency.

**CARRIED**

**HAMLET BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**0246 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the following hamlet board meeting minutes:

- Horseshoe Bay, March 20, 2026;
- Powm Beach, February 14 and March 19, 2026; and
- Sandy Point, March 21, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE OF MARCH 31, 2026**

**0247 – 26 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the March 31, 2026 regular meeting.

**CARRIED**

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**ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF MARCH 31, 2026**

**0248 – 26 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #27902 to #27920 (\$127,576.47), manual cheques 1662-Man to 1668-Man (\$81,395.87) and Payroll (\$64,956.88) totaling \$273,929.22, as presented.

**CARRIED**

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman joined the meeting at 1:33 p.m. and left at 1:45 p.m.

Clarence Pearce, Chairman of North Saskatchewan River Municipal Health Holdings Inc. joined the meeting at 1:50 a.m. and left at 2:22 p.m.

Division 1 Councillor Jim Range left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

**SECONDARY ACCESS (BACK ALLEY) TO PARCEL H, PLAN NO. 01B03373 EXT. 1**

**0249 – 26 HAMM** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais to engage with adjacent property owners to Parcel H, Plan No. 01B03373, Ext. 1 to discuss a secondary access point. Furthermore, should the response be positive, to engage with RMI Inc. for next steps.

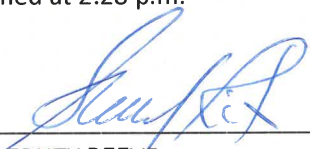
**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**0250 – 26 BLAIS** That the March 31, 2026 meeting be adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

**CARRIED**

  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

  
DEPUTY REEVE

Initial:   
Deputy Reeve  
Initial:   
Administrator