

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 28, 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 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: Maintenance Supervisor Tylar Roberts

DELEGATIONS: 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman
10:30 a.m. Robin Bloski (Virtual) and Iain Collie, Northbound Planning
Brenda Holloway-Schatz and Steve Richards

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Gerry Ritz called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA

0289 – 26 RANGE That the April 28, 2026 agenda be accepted with the following additions:
- Municipal Planner Offer of Employment;
- Turtleford RCMP: Annual Performance Plan Consultation;
- Northwest Mutual Aid Area; and
- Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance.

CARRIED

MINUTES

0290 – 26 SPENCER That the April 14, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman joined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

SASKPOWER ORDER #20661869 – HAMLET OF CRYSTAL BAY SUNSET

0291 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the approval, submitted by Administration, for SaskPower Order #20661869 for 820 Funk Drive to install residential service in the Hamlet of Crystal Bay Sunset.

CARRIED

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SASKATCHEWAN - STRYCHNINE DISTRIBUTION

0292 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 completes all the requirements of the Ministry of Agriculture of Saskatchewan to become a distributor for strychnine products when they are made available.

CARRIED

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PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

0293 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Public Works Report as presented and discussed by Municipal Foreman Kerry Robertson.

CARRIED

Steven Gehlen of RMI Inc. joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Steven Gehlen of RMI Inc. left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Robin Bloski and Iain Collie of Northbound Planning joined the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – NORTHBOUND PLANNING

0294 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Development Update presented by Robin Bloski and Iain Collie of Northbound Planning, as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

Brenda Holloway-Schatz and Steve Richards joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m. and left at 10:45 a.m.

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

0295 – 26 SPENCER 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 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

0296 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the April 28, 2026 Council Meeting at 11:01 a.m.

CARRIED

SUBDIVISION FEE POLICY – RESCIND

0297 – 26 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 rescinds the Subdivision Fee Policy, adopted by resolution 320-25 on May 6, 2025, effective immediately. Furthermore, that Administration is directed to utilize the Master Service Agreement considerations for subdivision fees until a complete review is presented for Council's consideration that aligns with the proposed Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw updates.

CARRIED

SUBDIVISION NB260049 – SW 30-54-19-W3 EXT 35 AND PARCEL C PLAN 102148668

0298 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enter into a Master Service Agreement with the following fees associated with the agreement be confirmed as:

- Municipal Roadways: \$1,610.00;
- Municipal Planning: \$1,432.00; and
- Road Approach Fee: \$2,000.00, to be held subject to the road approach being completed, inspected, and approved as conforming to RM standards by the Municipal Foreman and the Division 6 Councillor.

Furthermore, that a miscellaneous interest be placed on the title of the property until all conditions of the agreement have been satisfied and confirmed by the RM.

CARRIED

Robin Bloski and Iain Collie of Northbound Planning left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL BOARD – DEVELOPMENT APPEAL DECISION PAC 2025-0015 (DAB 02-2025)

0299 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges that Saskatchewan Municipal Board Decision for PAC 2025-0015 for DAB 02-2025.

CARRIED

2026 DRAFT BUDGET

0300 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the 2026 Draft Budget as circulated and discussed, with the revision to include Township 532 Upgrades (Range Road 3193 to 3195) for final presentation and adoption at the May 26, 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

CITY OF LLOYDMINSTER REQUEST – BORDERLANDS MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

0301 – 26 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 TABLES the Borderlands Mutual Aid Agreement submitted for consideration by the City of Lloydminster until more information is received.

CARRIED

DISTRICT #38 SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE – 2025 FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND MINUTES

0302 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the 2025 Financial Information for the District #38 Supervisory Committee (Rat Control Board) and the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

LIVELONG AND DISTRICT RECREATION ASSOCIATION – LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

0303 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enters into a five (5) year agreement with Livelong and District Recreation Association for the following lands:

- SW 35-51-19 W3 Plan AA2296 Extension 4 Surface Parcel #147100249;
- SW 35-51-19 W3 Plan AA2296 Extension 5 Surface Parcel #147100250;
- SW 35-51-19 W3 Plan AA2296 Extension 6 Surface Parcel #147100261;
- NW 35-51-19 W3 Plan AA2296 Extension 3 Surface Parcel #147100238;
- NW 35-51-19 W3 Plan AA2296 Extension 2 Surface Parcel #147100227;
- NW 35-51-19 W3 Plan AA2296 Extension 1 Surface Parcel #147100216;

as it pertains to the lands located directly South and East of where main street is located in Livelong, consisting of approximately 17.022 acres in total.

CARRIED

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES INC. – MARCH MINUTES AND SOTI REPORT

0304 – 26 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the March 19, 2026 Northwest Community Safety Services Inc. meeting minutes and the SOTI Report for March 2026.

CARRIED

RECESS

0305 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the April 28, 2026 meeting at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE MEETING

0306 – 26 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the April 28, 2026 meeting at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED

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NORTH CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE AGM

0307 - 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott as the North Central Transportation Planning Committee designated representative to attend the 2026 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 30 in Blaine Lake. **CARRIED**

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER MUNICIPAL HEALTH HOLDINGS INC. – 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

0308 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the 2025 Audited Financial Statement for North Saskatchewan River Municipal Health Holdings Inc. **CARRIED**

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – HOSPITAL AND EMERGENCY ROOM DISRUPTIONS

0309 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the March 25, 2026 correspondence as submitted by Keith Jorgenson, MLA for Saskatoon Churchill-Wildwood. **CARRIED**

SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL HAIL INSURANCE – LAND WITHDRAWALS

0310 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the withdrawal of lands from the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance program as identified in the List of Applications for Withdrawal of Land. Furthermore, that Reeve and Administration are to sign the documentation. **CARRIED**

ST. WALBURG AND DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION INC. – MARCH 17, 2026 MINUTES

0311 – 26 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the March 17, 2026 St. Walburg and District Fire and Rescue Association Inc. minutes as submitted. **CARRIED**

RATEPAYER CORRESPONDENCE – TAXATION, APRIL 13, 2026

0312 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the April 13, 2026 Taxation correspondence. Furthermore, that Administration provides detailed property reports and contact information for Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency to the ratepayer. **CARRIED**

TOWN OF TURTLEFORD 2026 ASSESSMENT NOTICE – 211 MAIN STREET


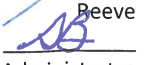
0313 – 26 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt and accepts the 2026 Assessment Notice for the RM Office located at 211 Main Street in the Town of Turtleford. **CARRIED**

TOWN OF TURTLEFORD AND RM OF MERVIN FIRE ASSOCIATION – 2026 BUDGET

0314 – 26 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the 2026 Budget as submitted by the Town of Turtleford and RM of Mervin Fire Association. **CARRIED**

TOWN OF TURTLEFORD AND RM OF MERVIN FIRE ASSOCIATION – SERVICE LEVEL DECLARATION

0315 – 26 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the Service Level Declaration of the Town of Turtleford and RM of Mervin Fire Association Fire Chief as “Offensive + Wildland / Grassland” at the April 28, 2026 regular meeting. **CARRIED**

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MUNICIPAL PLANNER – OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT

0316 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 offers the Municipal Planner employment opportunity to Susan Stevenson, at Step 5 of Salary Grid 12: Non-Licensed Municipal Planner, with a start date of May 4, 2026.

CARRIED

HAMLET OF POWM BEACH – MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENTS

0317 -26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 enters into the following Contracts with the support of the Hamlet Board:

- Maintenance Services with Jay Elder; and
- Snow Removal Services with Jason Elder.

CARRIED

MARCH 2026 WATER TREATMENT PLANT DAILY LOGS

0318 – 26 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the March 2026 Daily Water Logs, as submitted by the Operators, for the following hamlets:

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

CARRIED

SUNSET VIEW BEACH PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

0319 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the following meeting minutes of the Sunset View Beach Public Utility Board:

- March 11, 2026; and
- April 14, 2026.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE OF APRIL 28, 2026

0320 – 26 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the April 28, 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF APRIL 28, 2026

0321 – 26 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #27963 to #27984 (\$129,156.04), manual cheques 1684-Man to 1693-Man (\$21,787.46) and Payroll (\$26,933.82) totaling \$177,877.32, as presented.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0322 – 26 RANGE That the April 28, 2026 meeting be adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


REEVE

Initial: 
Reeve
Initial: 
Administrator