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*Minutes of the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting*

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**Date: Thursday April 17, 2025, Turtleford Community Center**

**Call to Order:** Harry Lake, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Chairperson Lake thanked everyone for attending the 2025 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting. He proceeded to thank Sigstad's Catering from North Battleford for the excellent meal that was served.

Chairman Harry Lake requested a motion to approve the agenda of April 17, 2025 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting.

**Agenda:** LUNDBERG, LEONARD / BRINSON, FRED: That the April 17, 2025 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED

Chairman Lake then invited Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken to read the minutes of the 2024 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting.

**Minutes:** LARRE, LEONARD / MALONEY, SHIRLEY: That the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes be adopted as read by Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken. CARRIED

**Presentation:** Chairperson Harry Lake introduced Chandra Reilly, Regional Manager of Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency to the April 17, 2025 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Chairperson Harry Lake thanked Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for attending the 2025 Annual Ratepayers' Meeting and providing information about 2025 Assessment Revaluation at 7:58 p.m.

**Municipal Business:** Reeve Gerry Ritz thanked Harry Lake for accepting the duties of Chairperson and Chandra Reilly of Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for the presentation. Reeve Ritz acknowledged dignitaries present for surrounding municipalities. Reeve Ritz provided a verbal report with a PowerPoint presentation regarding municipal business over the last year that included the following:

- Introductions of Council, Office Staff, Outside Staff, and Protective Services
- 2024 Completed
  - Development
  - Gravel Maintenance
  - Road Maintenance [Milling, Oil, Shearing]
  - Equipment [Grader, Tractor, Trailer – Small Equipment, Mulcher Head, Tire Changer, Smooth Drum Packer]
- Proposed 2025
  - Road Maintenance [Oiling, Milling, Build Up]
  - Revenues
  - Expenses

- Projects
  - Milling, Oiling, Mulching, Gravel Crushing, Bellanger Bridge Update
  - Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw
  - Gravel Crushing – Lake and Christal Pits
  - Bridge Demolition
- Regional Collaborations
  - Turtle Lake Lakeshore and Watershed Management Study
  - Northwest Community Safety Services Inc.
- Equipment Purchases
  - Grader
  - Trailer
  - Service Truck
  - Service Truck with Knuckle
  - Mowers and Handy Hitch (x2)
  - One-way Plows
  - Sander and Blade

Reeve Gerry Ritz thanked everyone for attending the meeting and opened the floor to any questions regarding municipal business.

Questions:

1. Is there a projected increase to taxation based on the proposed capital investments?  
Our assessment values have increased overall. Discussions with Organized Hamlets for a 50/50 taxation split. 2025 Budget deliberations will be taking place at the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
2. The mill rate should decrease if the assessment values increase.  
We utilize many tax tools to ensure that taxation is fair to all Ratepayers. In 2024, AG = 12.5%, RES = 31.3%, and COM = 56.2%. The cost of providing services has increased.

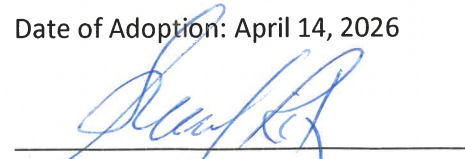
Chairperson Lake thanked the Sponsors for the door prizes provided. He brought an upcoming event to the attention of the attendees –Safety Fair on May 9, 2025 at the Turtleford Fire Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a focus on fire extinguisher training, fire and falls protection, recognizing strokes and other issues, and fraud prevention awareness.

Adjournment: HEGGSTROM, IAN: That the 2025 Annual Ratepayers’ Meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Date of Adoption: April 14, 2026

  
ADMINISTRATOR

  
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