



Rural Municipality of Reynolds

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council January 14, 2025 - 06:00 PM

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS-REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON JANUARY 14, 2025

PRESENT

REEVE: RUSS GAWLUK

DEPUTY REEVE: BLAINE WEBSTER

COUNCILLORS:

JESSICA THURSTON

CURTIS BULEY

MICHAEL HUZEL

HARRIET YARMILL

KIMBERLY GESELL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: KIM FURGALA

ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: SHERRI PEARCH

REGRETS: COUNCILLOR STELMACK

1 CALL TO ORDER

The January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council was Called to Order by Reeve Gawluk at 6:00 pm.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. 25/001 M/S Councillor Buley/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 NOTICE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

11.1 Councillor Huzel

10.2 Reeve Gawluk (potential conflict of interest)

4 MINUTES

Res. 25/002 M/S Councillor Buley/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council and the January 7, 2025, Committee of the Whole Minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.1 Regular Meeting of Council - December 17, 2024 Minutes - Draft

4.2 Committee of the Whole - January 7, 2025 - Minutes - Draft

5 DELEGATIONS / HEARINGS

6 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

7 COMMITTEES / REPORTS

Res. 25/003 M/S Councillor Buley/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee and all other reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7.1 Whitemouth-Reynolds-North Whiteshell Waste Management Minutes - November 20, 2024

7.2 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Minutes - Nov 19 & Dec 16

7.3 Community Futures Winnipeg River - Minutes - Dec 13, 2024

7.4 Rural Animal Management Report - December 2024

7.5 Whitemouth-Reynolds Planning District - Dec 6, 2024

7.6 North Eastman Municipal Forum - October 21, 2024

7.7 Springfield Chamber of Commerce - Email from Reeve, Minutes Dec 2, 2024 & Jan 9, 2025 Agenda

7.8 North Eastman Community Health Committee - January 15, 2025 Agenda & East Side Vacancy Report

8 BY-LAWS

9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 STARS - Request for Support

Res. 25/004 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Councillor Buley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes a donation of \$1,344.00 to STARS Air Ambulance.

CARRIED

10.2 Policy 52 - Economic Development Review

WHEREAS Policy 52 outlines the process by which the Reeve and CAO are authorized to work together and represent Council in matters related to Economic Development, including inquiries and the arrangement of meetings with Ministers, developers, and planners for residential, industrial, and commercial opportunities;

AND WHEREAS as an Economic Development Officer has been hired for the RM of Reynolds to follow out the duties described in the policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

TABLED

10.3 Policy 55 - Irrigation Systems on Municipal Infrastructure

Res. 25/005 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Councillor Buley

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts Policy 55 - Irrigation Systems on Municipal Infrastructure as presented.

CARRIED

10.4 The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) - Purchase of NE 8-10-13 EPM

Res. 25/006 M/S Deputy Reeve Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

WHEREAS The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has proposed the purchase of a property NE 8-10-13 EPM located in the Elma area within the RM of Reynolds, totaling approximately 636 acres;

AND WHEREAS NCC has been working with the property landowners since mid-September 2024 and intends to proceed with a Split-Receipt Purchase and Sale of Land Agreement,

which includes the landowners' wish to donate a substantial portion of the appraised value;

AND WHEREAS the proposed transaction is anticipated to close in mid-March 2025, and NCC has submitted the transaction for review by the Farm Industry Board at its scheduled meeting on January 17, 2025;

AND WHEREAS The Farm Industry Board typically seeks input from RMs regarding NCC land transactions, and NCC has requested a resolution or letter of support from the RM of Reynolds to facilitate the review process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Reynolds expresses its support for the Nature Conservancy of Canada's proposed purchase of the Elma area property NE 8-10-13EPM and recognizes the importance of conserving natural spaces within the municipality.

CARRIED

10.5 Crown Lands

Res. 24/007 M/S Deputy Reeve Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Reynolds has been in communication with the Province of Manitoba to initiate Crown Land acquisitions;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has indicated that there may be eligible land trade opportunities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Reynolds administration compile a comprehensive listing of land parcels that the RM of Reynolds would consider offering in exchange for the desired Crown Lands.

CARRIED

10.6 RM of Springfield - Fire Services Agreement with RM of Reynolds

Res. 25/008 M/S Deputy Reeve Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Reynolds enter into a Fire Protection Agreement with the RM of Springfield as per the attached agreement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the agreement.

CARRIED

10.7 Letter of Support - Reynolds Food Bank - Prawda Country Dance - Feb 8, 2025

Res. 25/009 M/S Councillor Yarmill/ Deputy Reeve Webster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to send a Letter of Support for the Prawda Country Dance hosted by the Reynolds Food Bank on February 8, 2025 at the Reynolds Community Centre in Prawda, Manitoba.

CARRIED

10.8 North Eastman Municipal Forum - February 10, 2025 - Dugald

Res. 25/010 M/S Councillor Yarmill/ Deputy Reeve Webster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes all Council members & Reeve & A CAO to attend the North Eastman Municipal Forum held in Dugald, Manitoba on February 10, 2025;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all eligible expense be reimbursed.

CARRIED

10.9 Community Futures - Training Modules to Strengthen Business Operations

Res. 25/011 M/S Councillor Yarmill/ Deputy Reeve Webster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the EDO to attend the Community Futures Training Modules to Strengthen Business Operations on February 12, 2025 in Oakbank at a cost of \$30 per session.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all eligible expenses be reimbursed.

CARRIED

10.10 Option Pay - Credit Card Payment Process

Res. 25/012 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Administration Team to set up Option Pay as another payment option for the RM of Reynolds.

CARRIED

10.11 Prairie By-Law Enforcement - Agreement with Reynolds

Res. 25/013 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds enter into an agreement with Prairie By-Law Enforcement for the provision of by-law enforcement services within the municipality, and that the terms of the agreement be as outlined in the proposed contract reviewed and approved by Council.

CARRIED

11 FINANCIAL / ACCOUNTS

Councillor Huzel left the Council Chambers

11.1 Combined A/P Payroll Cheque Register Report

Res. 25/014 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED that cheques numbered 24672 to 24724 including the Electronic Fund Transfer payments, for a total payment of \$1,972,832.51 be hereby approved for payment on this day.

CARRIED

Councillor Huzel returned to the Council Chambers

12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Notice of Public Hearing - Zoning Amendment By-Law 20-2024 - Rm of Tache

12.2 Notification of Public Hearing - CO 01-25 & VO 06-25 - RM OF TACHE

12.3 Bulletin 2024-32 - Municipal Relations - Rates for Railway Roadway, Pipeline and Gas Distribution Systems

12.4 Manitoba Hydro - Pole Project P40309

13 AGENDA ADDITIONS

14 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

15 IN CAMERA

15.1 Move In Camera

Res. 25/015 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED that Council now move "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss **Legal Matters**;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all matters discussed while in Camera are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

CARRIED

15.2 Legal Matters 1

15.3 Legal Matters 2

15.4 Legal Matters 3

15.5 Move Out of Camera

Res. 25/016 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED that as per Section 152(4) of the Municipal Act, Council now re-opens the meeting to the public;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of the Municipal Act.

CARRIED

16 ADJOURNMENT

Res. 25/017 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED that the next Regular Council Meeting be held on January 28, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council does now adjourn at 7:11pm.

CARRIED



Russ Gawluk, Reeve



**Kim Furgala
Chief Administrative Officer**