



Rural Municipality of Reynolds

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council April 22, 2025 - 06:00 PM

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS-REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

PRESENT

REEVE: RUSS GAWLUK

DEPUTY REEVE: BLAINE WEBSTER

COUNCILLORS:

JESSICA THURSTON

MICHAEL HUZEL

HARRIET YARMILL

KIMBERLY GESELL

CURT STELMACK

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: KIM FURGALA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: SHERRI PEARCH

REGRETS: COUNCILLOR CURT BULEY

1 CALL TO ORDER

The April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council was Called to Order by Reeve Gawluk at 6:00 pm.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. 25/142 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Councillor Stelmack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the April 22, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3 NOTICE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4 MINUTES

Res. 25/143 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Councillor Stelmack

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.1 Regular Meeting of Council - April 8, 2025 Minutes - Draft

5 DELEGATIONS / HEARINGS

5.1 Delegation - Taylor Connolly @ 6pm

6 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

7 COMMITTEES / REPORTS

Res. 25/144 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Councillor Stelmack

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

CARRIED

7.1 Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District - Jan 6 & Feb 3, 2025 - Minutes

7.2 North Eastman Municipal Forum - February 10, 2025 - Minutes

7.3 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Minutes - March 18, 2025

8 BY-LAWS

8.1 2025 Tax Levy By-Law # 02/2025 - First Reading

Res. 25/145 M/S Councillor Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Levy By-Law 02/2025, being a By-Law to provide for the 2025 Tax Levies in the RM of Reynolds, be read a first time.

CARRIED

9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Request for AMM to Lobby the Province of MB for Employment Protections for Municipal Councillors

Res. 24/146 M/S Councillor Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

WHEREAS participation in municipal governance is essential for maintaining democratic representation and ensuring that municipalities are effectively governed;

AND WHEREAS there has been a noticeable decline in individuals putting their names forward to run for municipal council positions in recent elections, resulting in a significant number of acclamations or vacant seats, which undermines healthy democratic competition and representation;

AND WHEREAS many potential candidates are discouraged from running for office due to the financial hardship caused by needing to take time off work to fulfill the responsibilities of elected office;

AND WHEREAS current employment policies often require individuals to use vacation time or banked time to attend council meetings and other municipal duties, further discouraging participation in local governance;

AND WHEREAS municipal councillors play a critical role in representing their communities, and barriers such as employment insecurity or loss of income can lead to reduced participation in municipal governance and fewer diverse voices on council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) be requested to lobby the Province of Manitoba to enact legislation that enables employees who are elected to municipal council positions to take time off work, unpaid, to fulfill their official duties without being required to use vacation or banked time, and with protection against any form of workplace retaliation or recourse as a result of their public service;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such legislation ensure that employees are granted unpaid leave during council meetings, committee work, and other official duties, supporting the vital function of municipal governance and encouraging a greater number of qualified and diverse candidates to run for office.

CARRIED

10.2 North Eastman Municipal Forum - May 12, 2025

Res. 25/147 M/S Councillor Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes all council members, Reeve and CAO to attend the North Eastman Municipal Forum on May 12, 2025, in Beausejour, MB.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes all expenses to be reimbursed.

CARRIED

11 FINANCIAL / ACCOUNTS

11.1 Combined A/P Payroll Cheque Register Report

Res. 25/148 M/S Deputy Reeve Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

BE IT RESOLVED that cheques numbered 24878 to 24892 including the Electronic Fund Transfer payments, for a total payment of \$ 25,409.02 be hereby approved for payment on this day.

CARRIED

11.2 Overdue Invoices - Enforcement

Res. 25/149 M/S Deputy Reeve Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

WHEREAS invoices were issued for various properties within the Rural Municipality of Reynolds on March 20, 2025, for By-Law Enforcement;

AND WHEREAS the following invoices were issued:

- **Invoice No. 24077**– Roll**0069900.000**–**\$3,470.89**
- **Invoice No. 24078**– Roll**0069905.000**–**\$2,403.03**
- **Invoice No. 24079**– Roll**0069910.000**–**\$1,137.78**
- **Invoice No. 24082**– Roll**0109730.000**–**\$72.23**
- **Invoice No. 24083**– Roll**0130250.038**–**\$473.08**

AND WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Reynolds has incurred legal fees related to by-law enforcement for the following properties listed above;

AND WHEREAS the outstanding invoices were due on April 20,2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds acknowledges the issuance of the aforementioned invoices;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds authorizes the CAO to add the unpaid balance of invoices, to the tax Roll accounts.

CARRIED

12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Seine Rat Roseau - Spring Newsletter

12.2 Haute & Boggy Bogs- Virtual Open House

13 AGENDA ADDITIONS

14 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

15 IN CAMERA

15.1 Move In Camera

Res. 25/150 M/S Councillor Yarmill/ Deputy Reeve Webster

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

15.1.1 Legal Matters 1

15.1.2 Legal Matters 2

15.2 Move Out of Camera

Res. 25/151 M/S Councillor Yarmill/ Deputy Reeve Webster

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

15.3 Tender - RM Land for Sale

Res. 25/152 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

WHEREAS the RM has received an expression of interest in surplus municipal owned property Roll# 0196700.000 located at 83089 PTH 44 in Rennie, Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS Policy 41 – Land Sale Policy states if Council approves the property to be sold, they shall direct the CAO to advertise the property for sale by tender bids in the local newspaper;

AND WHEREAS if Council considers the property to have potential to assist in the sustainability of the future of the municipality by providing economic opportunities will instruct administration by resolution to indicate that it is sustainability offer for sale with the following to apply:

The offer to purchase shall include a business plan that indicates the purchaser's plan for use of the property being offered for sale. The business plan must include:

1. What will be constructed (if applicable) square footage, value of construction and when will the construction take place.
2. Proposed number of jobs to be created and the timelines of when the jobs will be initiated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests the CAO to advertise the property in the local newspapers as per Policy 41;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a reserve bid be set at \$25,000.00;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the lowest or any bid will not necessarily be accepted.

CARRIED

16 ADJOURNMENT

Res. 25/153 M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED that the next Regular Council Meeting be held on May 13, 2025;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council does now adjourn at 7:00 pm.

CARRIED



Russ Gawluk, Reeve



**Kim Furgala
Chief Administrative Officer**