

**R.M. OF SWIFT CURRENT #137
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS IN SWIFT CURRENT, SK
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2025**

PRESENT

Reeve Ramona Dyck, Assistant Administrator Jessica Joel, and the following Councillors:

William Neufeld	-	Division No. 1
Brian Hanel	-	Division No. 2
Donovan Campbell	-	Division No. 3
Jim Cadrain	-	Division No. 4
Ky Hastings	-	Division No. 5
Gale Nerada	-	Division No. 6

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Ramona Dyck called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

#1-2025 MINUTES

NUEFELD: That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 10th, 2024 as circulated.

CARRIED.

#2-2025 COMMITTEE REPORTS

HANEL: That we accept the committee reports as verbally presented.

CARRIED.

At 9:30 a.m. Chris Auger, Maintenance Foreman attended the meeting to discuss divisional works projects.

Discussion regarding divisional works, discussion included snow removal progress, sanding roads, keeping equipment warm during the winter, truck quotes.

#3-2024 TRUCK PURCHASE

GCAMPBELL: That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 purchase a new 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD LT from Standard Motors.

CARRIED.

At 10:05 a.m., Maintenance Foreman Chris Auger left the meeting.

#4-2025 DIVISIONAL WORK PROJECTS

CADRIN: That we approve divisional works projects as discussed by Council and Maintenance Foreman Chris Auger.

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At 10:00 a.m., Vance Blydo from North American Helium attended the meeting to introduce their company and discuss what they do.

At 11:03 a.m., Vance Blydo left the meeting.

At 11:12 a.m., Scott Moss from Warner Industries attended the meeting to discuss their survey invoice.

At 11:28 a.m., Scott Moss left the meeting.

At 11:31 a.m., Fire Chief Peter L'Heureux attended the meeting to discuss Prairie Sun Court water solution, control burn contravention and who is liable for the costs, staff recruitment, tanker truck, new fire truck coming in July 2025, radio morning show, purchase of helmets.

At 12:16 p.m., Reeve Dyck adjourned the meeting for lunch.

At 12:50 p.m., Fire Chief Peter L'Heureux left the meeting.

At 12:50 p.m., the meeting reconvened.

#5-2025 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

HASTINGS: That the financial statement for the month of December, 2024 be accepted as circulated.

CARRIED.

#6-2025 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

NERADA: That the accounts from cheque #19790 to #19858 be approved for payment and manual payment #210208 to #210214 be approved for payment and direct deposit register #02400267 to #02400278 and 02500001 to 02500006 and direct deposit register #20240184 to #20240198 be approved for payment, all in the amount of \$428,604.65 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.

CARRIED.

#7-2025 COUNCIL INDEMNITY & REMUNERATION

HANEL: That we set council indemnity and remuneration for 2025 as follows:

- full day meetings: \$400.00/day
- ½ day meetings: \$200.00/day
- mileage: \$.70/km
- supervision of public works: \$400.00/day
- cell phone expense: \$50.00/month.

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#8-2025 MEAL EXPENSES

NEUFELD: That we set the meal expense rate at \$100.00/day for 2025 with the following breakdown:

Breakfast	\$20.00
Lunch	\$35.00
Supper	\$45.00

CARRIED.

#9-2025 CUSTOM WORK RATES

CAMPBELL: That we set the following custom work rates for 2025:

- tandem gravel truck: \$90.00/hr
- tractor and rock picker: \$100.00/hr
- motor graders: \$150.00/hr
- tractor and mower: \$125.00/hr
- grader and plow/snow wing - \$200.00/hr
- payload - \$130.00/hr (summer) and \$150.00/hr (winter)
- tractor & snowblower: \$175.00/hr
- backhoe: \$110.00/hr
- sanding including sand \$125/hr
- belly dump: 125.00/hr

Further, that there be a minimum charge of 1 hour and that the custom work rates are charged from the time the equipment leaves the shop if going out only for that purpose.

CARRIED.

#10-2025 WEED INSPECTOR

CADRIN: That we appoint Bailey Janzen as weed inspector for the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 for 2025.

CARRIED.

#11-2025 POUND KEEPER

HASTINGS: That we appoint Heartland Livestock as the pound keeper for the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 for 2025.

CARRIED.

#12-2025 DISTRICT BOARD OF REVISION

NERADA: That we appoint Floyd Carefoot and Stacey Wiens as our members to District Board of Revision for 2025 and that we appoint Jessica Joel as Secretary to the District Board of Revision for 2025.

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#13-2025 DEVELOPMENT APPEALS BOARD

NUEFELD: That we appoint Floyd Carefoot, Stacey Wiens, and Chad Salter as our members to the Development Appeals Board for 2025.

CARRIED.

#14-2025 APPOINTMENT OF PEST CONTROL OFFICER

HANEL: That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 appoints Wayne Sorenson as our Pest Control Officer for 2025.

CARRIED.

#15-2025 SARM MEMBERSHIP FEES

CADRIN: That we pay the 2025 SARM membership fees in the amount of \$6,253.97.

CARRIED.

#16-2025 FIRE FIGHTER.

HASTINGS: That we hire Lucas Hodgins as a volunteer firefighter for the R.M. of Swift Current Rural Fire Department.

CARRIED.

#17-2025 SNOW PLOW CLUB REGISTRATION

NERADA: That we approve the applications from SMF Ventures, Jared Wright, Donovan Campbell, and Brian Dyck for the registration for snow removal within the municipality for the 2024/25 season.

CARRIED.

#18-2025 SOUTH WEST ANIMAL HEALTH CENTRE-COST COVERAGE

HANEL: That the R.M. of Swift Current No. 137 partner with the South West Animal Health Centre for cost coverage Good Samaritan turn over of injured animals to be euthanized.

CARRIED.

#19-2025 CORRESPONDENCE

CAMPBELL: That the following correspondence having been dealt with now be filed:

- DMM Energy Inc. – Fuel Supply
- Municipal Hail Insurance – Yearly Claim Letter
- Great Sandhills Railway Ltd. Shares
- SARM – Division 3 Director Message
- SARM – Acting President Message

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#20-2025 ADJOURN

HASTINGS: That we do now adjourn at 2:11 p.m.
CARRIED.

Reeve

Administrator