

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BJORKDALE NO. 426

The minutes of the regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426 held in the Municipal Office at 213A Forest View in Bjorkdale on Wednesday February 12th, 2025.

Present:

Reeve: Todd Hamel

Councillor Division 1: Brett Norum
Councillor Division 2: Gilbert Desrosiers
Councillor Division 3: Steven Stewart
Councillor Division 4: James Spedding
Councillor Division 5: John Andris
Councillor Division 6: Jon Hudak

Administrator: Cherie Hudon

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Todd Hamel at 9:06 AM

Operators Arrived Trevett Bourgonje, Blake Mielnik, Orin Bratton and Dean Murray, Operators for the RM of Bjorkdale, arrived at 9:07 AM for a discussion on multiple items pertaining to grading and gravel hauling.

Operators Departed Trevett Bourgonje, Blake Mielnik, Orin Bratton and Dean Murray departed the meeting at 10:22 AM.

Minutes Regular Meeting 019-25. Jon Hudak:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of council held January 9, 2025, be approved. **Carried**

Purchase Ice Blades 020-25. John Andris:
That one additional set of ice blades be purchased from DionCo Sales and Service in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00. **Carried**

Rescind Motion 011-25 – RM Shop Repairs 021-25. Steven Stewart:
That motion number 011-25. be rescinded.
RM Shop repairs completed by RM Staff. Contractors are no longer required for overhead door repairs. **Carried**

Mileage Rate Increase 022-25. Bert Desrosiers:
That effective January 1, 2025, the KM reimbursement rate for the use of personal vehicles to conduct RM business be increased to \$0.72 per kilometer. **Carried**

Policy TS - 06
Beaver Control

023-25. Brett Norum:
That the Beaver Control Policy for the RM of Bjorkdale, Number TS - 06, be updated and amended to indicate the following:

- Reimbursement of approved beaver tails to be increased to \$50.00 per beaver tail from \$30.00 per beaver tail.

Carried

Sale of
2004 Castleton
Clam Dump Trailer

024-25. Jon Hudak:
That the 2004 Castleton Clam Dump gravel trailer be sold to Henry Giesbrecht through Ritchie Brothers Financing in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Carried

2025 Gravel
Allocation &
Stockpiling

025-25. Brett Norum:
That the gravel allocations and the stockpiling amounts in the attached spreadsheet be approved for 2025.

Carried

Financial Stmt.

026-25. Brett Norum:
That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2025 be accepted as presented by the Administrator.

Carried

Ratify Accounts

027-25. Bert Desrosiers:
That we ratify payment of Other Payments 0001 to 0007 totaling \$8,750.00, 0008 to 0014 totaling \$27,533.18 and 2025-0001 to 2024-0030 totaling \$64,533.09 as per attached listings presented by the Administrator.

Carried

Accts. for Approval

028-25. John Andris:
That the accounts submitted for payment by Cheque 14459 totaling \$8,004.15 and Cheques 14460 to 14512 totaling \$223,379.33 as per attached listings presented by the Administrator, be approved for payment.

Carried

Records Retention
Disposal

029-25. John Andris:
That Council approves the destruction of all documents listed within the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule attached, further that the following boxes be slated for destruction as per Provincial Archives Records Retention and Disposal Guide:

2025A 2017A 2017B 2017C 2017D

2016A 2016B

Receipts – Old Books

1912-1919 1919-1925 1926-1930 1930-1933

1934-1936 1936-1937 1937-1939 1939-1942

1949-1954 1949-1961 1988-1989

Tax Receipt Ledger – Old Books

1945-1948 1951

Tax Enforcement – Old Books

1914-1916

Debenture Register – Old Books

1914-1916

Distribution of Main Market Road Grid Expenditures – Old Books

1956-1971

Unemployment Insurance – Old Books

1967

Project Payments – Old Books

1976-1989

Payments – Old Books

1914-1919 1919-1924 1925-1948 1943

1949-1961 1962-1969 1970-1972

Payments / Receipts – Old Books

1962-1972 1973-1987

Payroll – Old Books

1959-1967

Tax Sales Redemption – Old Books

1915-1934

Carried

Records Retention Disposal 030-25. Steven Stewart:
That Council approves the transfer of all documents listed within the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule attached to Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan.

Assessment and Tax Roll

1912-1915 1916-1919 1920 1922-1928 1929-1932

1933-1936 1937-1941 1942-1943 1944-1947

1948-1949 1950-1951

Sur Tax Roll

1914-1921

Carried

Allowance for Uncollectable Taxes 031-25. Jon Hudak:
That a journal entry be made on the 2024 financials indicating an amount of \$8,591.40 to decrease the allowance for uncollectable taxes account. **Carried**

SARM Voting Delegates 032-25. John Andris:
That Reeve Todd Hamel and Councillor Brett Norum be appointed as voting delegates for the 2025 SARM Convention in March to be held in Saskatoon. **Carried**

MLAC Election Returning Officers 033-25. Brett Norum:
That we appoint Administrator Cherie Hudon as the Returning Officer for the Marean Lake Advisory Committee Election. **Carried**

Tax Abatement Lot 25 Block 6 034-25. Bert Desrosiers:
That the tax enforcement fees and interest incurred on the taxes for Lot 25 Block 6, 406 Lakeview Drive located at Marean Lake within that Woulfe Subdivision be abated. **DEFEATED**

Delegates Arrived Terri Bromm, MLA for Carrot River Valley and Shelley Meier arrived at 1:32 PM to discuss bridges, CTP corridors and Council concerns within our RM.

Delegates Departed Terri Bromm and Shelley Meier departed the meeting at 2:09 PM.

Delegates Arrived Cpl. Derek Watt, Tisdale RCMP Detachment, arrived at 2:11 PM to introduce himself as well as discuss Council concerns within our RM.

Delegates Departed Cpl. Derek Watt departed the meeting at 2:47 PM.

- North East SPCA Pound / Shelter 035-25. Todd Hamel:
That the RM of Bjorkdale enter into a pound and shelter agreement with the North East SPCA for the purpose of taking on stray animals and to provide pound obligations in the amount of \$3,188.25 for 2025. **Carried**
- Water Treatment Plants 036-25. Bert Desrosiers:
That Minimum wage and mileage be paid to our water treatment plant operators for any duties performed over and above the daily checking of the water treatment plant. **Carried**
- Policy TS - 03 Seasonal Custom 037-25. John Andris:
That the Seasonal Custom Snow Plowing policy, number TS - 03, be updated and amended to indicate the following:
- Removal of wording “permanent residence only”
 - Removal of any due dates for payments as well as any option for prorated fees. **Carried**
- RIRG – Agreement Hoffus Bridge 038-25. Brett Norum:
That the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426 enter into the attached Capital Project Funding Agreement for the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program with SARM, as represented by the Ministry of Highways for the purpose of grant funding for the Hoffus Bridge Project located on NE 28-42-11 W2. **Carried**
- RIRG – Agreement Utke Bridge 039-25. John Andris:
That the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426 enter into the attached Capital Project Funding Agreement for the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program with SARM, as represented by the Ministry of Highways for the purpose of grant funding for the Utke Bridge Project located on NW 10-42-12 W2. **Carried**
- Purchase Gravel Trailer Tarps 040-25. John Andris:
That new gravel trailer tarps be purchased from Michel’s Industries Ltd in St Gregor for the 2007 Midland end dump gravel trailer and the 2007 Decap belly dump in the approximate amount of \$5,664.00 plus taxes. **Carried**
- Grader Purchase 2025 Delivery 041-25. Brett Norum:
That we enter into a purchase agreement with Finning for a new 150 15A AWD Grader in the amount of \$369,105.05 with a trade in amount of \$190,000.00 for the 2019 140M AWD SN: CAT0140MCN9J01312, Sales Agreement attached. This agreement was signed February 18, 2025 for grader delivery in fall of 2025. **Carried**
- Purchase One Way Plow 042-25. Steven Stewart:
That a new quick attach one way snow plow be purchased from Finning for the third grader in the amount of \$44,898.32. **Carried**

Spring Road Bans 043-25. James Spedding:
That the RM of Bjorkdale participate in the spring road restriction orders issued by the Ministry of Highways. **DEFEATED**

Dev. Permit Lewis, Clint 044-25. Jon Hudak:
That the development permit application to move a 16 x 24 garage, from Lot 18 Block 2, 220 1st Street East to Lot 17 Block 2, 230 1st Street East within the RM of Bjorkdale and the Unorganized Hamlet of Crooked River as submitted by Clint Lewis be approved. No legal pin survey required for this development permit application. **Carried**

Road Maint. Agreement 045-25. Bert Desrosiers:
That we approve a road maintenance agreement, with the municipality responsible for maintenance, with **RM of Moose Range No. 486** for hauling using municipal roads from our shared pit on NW 28-41-12 W2 North to Primary Grid No. 773 then East to Primary Grid No 679 then North to Highway No 23. Allowable weights are the legal weights for the haul period in the province of Saskatchewan for municipal roads, unless otherwise stated by the Rural Municipality. **Carried**

Road Maint. Agreement 046-25. Steven Stewart:
That we approve a road maintenance agreement, with the municipality responsible for maintenance, with **Weyerhaeuser** for hauling gravel using municipal roads from Highway No 3 North of the 678 primary grid past the NW 33-45-09 W2 into the forestry. Allowable weights are the legal weights for the haul period in the province of Saskatchewan for municipal roads, unless otherwise stated by the Rural Municipality. **Carried**

Correspondence 047-25. Jon Hudak:
That the correspondence as presented, having been read now be filed. **Carried**

Adjourned 048-25. John Andris:
That the meeting be adjourned at 5:16 PM. **Carried**

Minutes approved by resolution of Council on the 20th day of March, 2025.

Reeve

Administrator