

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF INVERGORDON No. 430
Regular meeting of Council held in the R.M. Council Chambers
7 Danchuk Drive in Crystal Springs, SK
February 12th 2025
9:00am

<i>Present:</i>	<i>Reeve</i>	<i>Kevin Hawreschuk</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 1</i>	<i>Kelvin Dutka</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 2</i>	<i>Keith Thibault</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 3</i>	<i>Ryan Mansiere (via Microsoft Teams)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 4</i>	<i>Dale Markling (via Microsoft Teams)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 5</i>	<i>Wayne Bacon (via Microsoft Teams)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 6</i>	<i>Edwin Rundbraaten</i>
	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Courtney Beaulieu</i>

A quorum being present, Reeve Hawreschuk called the meeting to order at 9:02am. Foreman, Myron Toner present at the time the meeting called to order.

Staff Reports

Foreman Toner began his presentation to Council.

Councillor, Wayne Bacon joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 9:13am.

Establish New Position

032/25 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Council Procedures Bylaw 2015-11 and under the authority of Part III Exemptions of the *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the Council move into a closed session at 9:36am for the purpose of discussing human resources.

CARRIED

In attendance: Reeve Hawreschuk, Councillors: Dutka, Thibault, Mansiere (via Teams), Markling (via Teams), Bacon (via Teams), Rundbraaten, Administrator Beaulieu and Foreman Toner.

The closed session concluded at 9:47am.

Staff Reports (Cont'd)

033/25 Thibault

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Foreman's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Foreman Toner departed the meeting at 10:01am.

Minutes of Regular Meeting

034/25 Mansiere

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Wednesday January 7, 2025 be approved as read.

CARRIED

Bank Statement

035/25 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bank Statement as at January 31, 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Payroll Register

036/25 Thibault

WHEREAS, the authorization of Council remuneration payments has included in the adopted Expenditure Authorization Bylaw 25-01 passed at the January 7, 2025 meeting wherein these payments are now paid with regular payroll and presented in the same manner.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Reference No. 000850 to 000871 and No. 900074 to 900077 totaling \$38,085.69 as outlined in the Payroll Register (January 2025) attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Authorized Expenditure Report

037/25 Markling

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following authorized expenditures totaling \$386,853.76 as outlined in the Authorized Expenditure Report attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented:

- Cheque No. 3883 to 3887;
- EFT No. 2495 to 2497;
- Online Banking No. 2025-02 to 2025-08; and
- Automatic Withdrawal No. 2025-01 to 2025-017.

CARRIED

List of Accounts for Approval

038/25 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following payments, totaling \$116,512.93, as outlined in the List of Accounts for Approval attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment:

- Cheque No. 3888 to 3908; and
- EFT No. 2498 to 2521.

CARRIED

Unpaid Taxes Report

039/25 Dutka

WHEREAS, total taxes outstanding as of January 31, 2025 are as follows:

- Current: -\$13,233.75; and
- Arrears and Interest: \$155,316.65.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unpaid Taxes Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Annual Rec Board Grant Reports

040/25 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Grant Report from Crystal Springs Rec Co-op, Meskanaw Rec Board, Tway Rec Board and Yellow Creek Rec Board be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Annual Hamlet Financial Statements

041/25 Bacon

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Hamlet Financial Statement for the Organized Hamlets of Crystal Springs, Meskanaw and Tway and the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Staff/Council Reports

042/25 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that the verbal report from Administrator Beaulieu and Councillor Thibault's update regarding the Lakeview Pioneer Lodge be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Correspondence

043/25 Mansiere

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Correspondence be acknowledged as filed:

- Melfort RCMP 2024-Q4 Quarterly Report
- Inside Out Studios Inc. 2024 SK Landowner Map Sales Report (iHunter)
- Yellow Creek FD 2024-01-22 Meeting Minutes
- SLR Consulting Environmental Site Assessment Report (Suncor Energy)
- NCTPC Governance Workshop February 27, 2025 (Birch Hills)
- SARM 2024 Annual Convention Agenda (March 11-13, 2025)

CARRIED

Amend Annual Grants Policy

044/25 Bacon

BE IT RESOLVED, that an amendment be adopted to Annual Grants Policy GG-021, as follows:

- Removal of Kinistino Royal Canadian Legion donation; and
- Amendment of Jubilee Lodge donation to begin pending direction from the Lodge to commence annual donations.

CARRIED

Establish New Position

045/25 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that the seasonal position approved in Resolution No. 015/25 be amended to an Equipment Operator position (as defined in Personnel Policy GG-003) plus weed control, and general maintenance duties such as building maintenance or repair, signage, picking up repair parts or orders, or otherwise as directed by the Foreman or Administrator;

AND THAT, the RM of Invergordon request to the Village of Alvena, Town of Kinistino and RM of St. Louis to advertise for a regional contracted bylaw enforcement officer.

AND THAT, advertisement for applications can be posted immediately with any resumes or applications for presentation at the next Regular meeting.

CARRIED

Fire Truck Repair Estimate

046/25 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that the presented repair estimate for the Yellow Creek Firetruck from *Fire & Auto Entreprises* dated January 30, 2025 be approved for repairs to proceed;

AND THAT, payment in the amount of 60% of the total estimate amount is authorized to be made by Administrator Beaulieu immediately following the adjournment of this meeting.

CARRIED

Invergordon Landfill Inc. - Letter of Request

047/25 Mansiere

BE IT RESOLVED, that Administrator Beaulieu confirm with *Water Security Agency* the maximum amount of volume that the Yellow Creek lagoon could reasonably accommodate, as well as the predicted maximum amount of volume that *Invergordon Landfill Inc.* requires as part of their leachate management plan;

AND THAT, the matter of approving the submitted request by *Invergordon Landfill Inc.* be tabled to the next Regular meeting.

CARRIED

048/25 Hawreschuk

THAT, this meeting recess for a lunch break at 12:10pm.

CARRIED

Reeve Hawreschuk called the meeting back to order at 12:44pm. Councillor Bacon not in attendance via Teams at the time the meeting called back to order.

Records Disposal (2017)

049/25 Dutka

BE IT RESOLVED, that following approval by the Provincial Archivist, records be destroyed from the 2017 fiscal year in accordance with Record Retention Bylaw 19-03.

CARRIED

Councillor Bacon joined the meeting via Teams at 12:48pm.

Gowanbrae Parcel Tie

050/25 Hawreschuk

WHEREAS, through tax enforcement proceedings the RM took title to a 1-acre parcel (Parcel "B") on SE 21-45-22-2 in August, 2024 from the Gowanbrae Society which had become a defunct organization.

WHEREAS, a 1.18 acre parcel (Parcel "A") exists directly north and adjacent to Parcel "B" on SE 21-45-22-W2, which has been owned by the RM since 1973, and has no legal access from a developed road or road allowance.

WHEREAS, the RM must advertise the public sale of Parcel "B" by August, 2025.

WHEREAS, the RM does not utilize Parcel "A" whereby this land could be combined with Parcel "B" and sold together, which shall also address the issue of legal access on Parcel "A".

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council hereby authorize the creation of a new Parcel Tie Code for Parcel "A", Plan 101480981 Ext 5 and Parcel "B", Plan 101480992 Ext 6 such that the titles shall be permanently tied;

AND THAT, the combined 2.18 acre parcel be publicly advertised for sale following the parcel tie completion, with bids to be brought to an upcoming meeting.

CARRIED

Workers Compensation

051/25 Rundbraaten

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025 Workers Compensation rate of 1.50 for the RM be acknowledged and that all municipal employees and volunteer fire fighters be renewed at their combined anticipated wages for the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council be renewed at the group coverage amount of \$50,000.

CARRIED

SGI Traffic Safety Grant – Yellow Creek

052/25 Thibault

WHEREAS, the SGI Traffic Safety Grant provides 100% funding to municipalities on projects that increase traffic safety awareness and reduce the frequency and severity of traffic injuries and fatalities in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM submit an application to the SGI Traffic Safety Grant prior to the March 31, 2025 deadline for the provision of four (4) solar radar speed signs (and related posts and hardware), with anticipated total cost of \$17,153.80, detailed as follows:

- ATS Traffic solar radar speed signs & posts \$4,113.45 x 4 = \$16,453.80; and
- RM equipment & labour for installation of signage \$700.00;

AND THAT, one (1) sign shall be located at each of the following locations:

- Railway Ave for eastbound traffic from Highway 41;
- Second Street for southbound traffic from Highway 41;
- Second Street for northbound traffic from grid road; and
- First Street West for northbound traffic from grid road.

CARRIED

Bid on TTP – Yellow Creek Lot 9 Blk 4

053/25 Dutka

WHEREAS, Administrator Beaulieu received one (1) bid for a tax title property in Yellow Creek which the RM acquired title to in January, 2023 and remains for public sale.

WHEREAS, the minimum bid, in accordance with Disposal of Lands Policy GG-002, on this property is \$1,483.22.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid from [REDACTED] for the purchase of Lot 9, Block 4, Plan BZ4287 in the amount of \$1,483.22 be accepted.

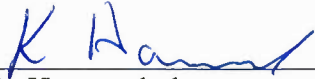
CARRIED

Adjourn

054/25 Hawreschuk

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 1:19pm.

CARRIED



Kevin Hawreschuk
Reeve



Courtney Beaulieu
Administrator