

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grayson No. 184 held on Wednesday January 17, 2024 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office located at 131 Taylor St. at Grayson, SK

<u>Present</u>	Reeve: Dustin Grant Councillor Division 1: Jeremy Chopping Councillor Division 2: Mike Lang Councillor Division 3: Roger Ell	Councillor Division 4: Kevin Lang Councillor Division 5: Trent Duczek Councillor Division 6: Werner Schicker Administrator: Sarah Dietrich
<u>Call to Order</u>	A quorum present, Reeve Dustin Grant called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	
<u>Agenda</u>	1/24 T. Duczek: That the agenda as presented to Council be accepted.	Carried Unanimously
<u>Minutes</u>	2/24 M. Lang: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 13, 2023 and the Special Meeting held December 20, 2023 be approved as presented.	Carried Unanimously
<u>Financial Statement</u>	3/24 R. Ell: That the bank reconciliation and statement of financial activity for the month of December, 2023 be approved as presented.	Carried Unanimously
<u>Correspondence</u>	4/24 J. Chopping: That the correspondence presented to Council, be acknowledged, and filed.	
		Carried Unanimously
<u>Business:</u>		
Council Remuneration		
	5/24 R. Ell: That effective January 01, 2024, Council meeting remuneration be set to \$300.00 per day plus mileage set \$0.70 per kilometer.	Carried Unanimously
	6/24 T. Duczek: That effective January 01, 2024, Council Committee meetings, Special Meetings, Office Supervision, and Supervision of Public Works be set at \$300.00 per day (or \$37.50/hour for less than 4 hours), with a minimum of 3 hours being paid out plus mileage of \$0.70 per kilometer.	Carried Unanimously
	7/24 M. Lang: That Council and the Administrator be paid \$75.00 per day meal allowance plus accommodations with Council receiving \$300.00 remuneration for meetings held outside Municipal boundaries, and further that mileage be paid to Council and/or the Administrator at a rate of \$0.70 per kilometer for the year 2024.	Carried Unanimously
	8/24 D. Grant: That remuneration of \$75.00 per night be paid to Council/Administrator for alternate accommodations should a hotel room not be required/available for meetings/conventions held outside the Municipal boundaries.	Carried Unanimously
Memberships	9/24 K.Lang: That the R.M of Grayson No.184 participate and pay Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Rural Municipal Administration Association (RMAA), Regina District Association, East Central Transportation Planning Committee (ECTPC), Provincial Association of Resort Communities of Saskatchewan, (PARCS), Federal Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association, and Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) for the year 2024.	Carried Unanimously
Donations	10/24 J. Chopping : That the R.M of Grayson No.184 donate \$200.00 to Crime Stoppers, \$100.00 to SaskTip, and \$1500.00 to STARS Ambulance for the year 2024.	Carried Unanimously
Meeting Dates	11/24 T. Duczek : That regular meetings of Council for the 2024 year be held in the Rural Municipality of Grayson No. 184 Office Building at 131 Taylor Street, Grayson, Saskatchewan on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (subject to change) and further that as per Section 124(1) of <i>The Municipality Act</i> , the method of giving notice is by ordinary mail, telephone, voice mail, fax, or email at the number or address specified by the member.	Carried Unanimously
Workers Comp	12/24 M. Lang: That the 2024 Saskatchewan Workers Compensation premium rate of \$1.24 for the R.M. of Grayson No.184 be acknowledged and further the R.M. cover the Councillors and the Reeve for \$40,382.00 each and the employees at their current wages.	Carried Unanimously
Fuel	13/24 W. Schicker: That the R.M of Grayson No.184 purchase fuel from Prairie Cooperative Ltd. of Melville for the 2024 year.	Carried Unanimously
Fees	14/24 R. Ell: That Council approve the 2024 General Fees for the R.M. of Grayson No. 184 as per attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.	Carried Unanimously
Snow Plow Policy	15/24 M. Lang: That the Snow Plow Policy be as follows: That the R.M of Grayson No. 184 assumes the cost of snowplowing designated Municipal roads for the 2024 Winter Season and further that the cost is to be budgeted in the 2024 budget and the following regulations to apply:	
	a. The Councillor for each Division is responsible for ordering the plow through the Administrator. b. School Bus Routes are first priority. c. Custom plowing of driveways may be completed while the grader is in the area for an annual fee of \$500.00. Prior to custom work commencing, the annual fee must be paid in full and a Contract for Custom Work Form must be completed and submitted to the R.M. Office no later than October 1 of any given year. All other snow removal may be done after the roads are plowed and will be charged at the custom hourly rate set out in the Fee Schedule and applied from the time the grader/loader leaves the shop to the time it returns. All Custom Work invoices are to be paid within 30 days of completion.	
		Carried Unanimously
Beavers	16/24 D. Grant : That the R.M of Grayson No.184 pay \$15.00 per tail for the collection of beaver tails (within R.M. boundaries) for individuals without a trapper's licence and \$30.00 per tail for the collection of beaver tails (within R.M. boundaries) for individuals with a trappers licence.	Carried Unanimously

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- Beaver Grant** 17/24 **K. Lang:** That the R.M of Grayson No. 184 make application to participate in the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2024 and approves any ratepayer within the R.M. boundaries to trap beavers under the BCP. **Carried Unanimously**
- Lotteries** 18/24 **D. Grant:** That the R.M. of Grayson No.184 allocate to the following Urban Recreation Boards for application to the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program for 2024 based on per capita funding (547) for the Villages of: Grayson, Dubuc, Killaly, Waldron, and the Hamlet of Sunset Beach. **Carried Unanimously**
- Annual Hamlet Meeting**
19/24 **M. Lang:** That the Administrator schedule a Hamlet Meeting with the Hamlet Board Chairs on a date to be determined based on majority availability. **Carried Unanimously**
- Gravel Inventory**
20/24 **W. Schicker:** That the Administrator presented the gravel inventory for the year 2023 as per attached hereto and forming part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**
- Dust Control** 21/24 **K. Lang:** That the cost of Dust Control is the responsibility of the ratepayer. **Carried Unanimously**
- Regina District Association of Rural Municipalities (RDARM)/ Rural Municipality of Tullymet No. 216 Resolution**
22/24 **J. Chopping:** That the R.M. of Grayson No.184 wishes to co-sponsor the following Resolution submitted by the R.M. of Tullymet No.216 to be read at the 2024 Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) Convention:
- RDRAM Resolution**
Rural Municipality of Tullymet No. 216
- WHEREAS** CO2 is the building block of life and fuels, photosynthesis CO2 is not a pollutant, and to call it a pollutant is disingenuous;
- WHEREAS** any policies that are designed to punish the critical, natural CO2 cycle are not only illogical but dangerous to the balance of natural food production;
- WHEREAS** Saskatchewan's forests, grasslands and crop production zones rely on this critical CO2, but also sequesters more CO2 than any illogically created CO2 Reduction Strategy; and
- WHEREAS** policies that vilify CO2 are illogical and unpredictable that will undoubtedly create an uncertain amount of negative impact to our existing crop production systems and economy;
- BE IT RESOLVED** that SARM will ensure that any policies that unduly target naturally occurring CO2 will be deemed as illogical and dangerous. We move that Saskatchewan remove itself from any national or international agreements such as net zero. **Carried Unanimously**
- SARM: 2024 Rural Municipal Administrators Association (RMAA) Salary Schedule**
23/24 **D. Grant:** That Council acknowledges the 2024 RMAA Salary Schedule submitted by SARM and further that the SARM Directors endorse an across the board salary increase of 4.5% for Administrators and furthermore that no increase will be given for 2024. **Carried Unanimously**
- Ministry of Government Relations (The Ministry): Non-Compliance - Village of Waldron (The Village)**
24/24 **D. Grant:** That Council acknowledges the letter dated December 20, 2023 from The Ministry regarding the Village of Waldron's legislative non-compliance and further that as per The Village's Administrator, all legislative requirements are to be compliant by March 31, 2024. **Carried Unanimously**
- Road Maintenance Agreement**
25/24 **K. Lang:** That the Reeve and Administrator have authorization to sign the Road Maintenance Agreement between the R.M. of Grayson No.184 and Kirsch Construction 2008 Ltd. **Carried Unanimously**
- Grader Rental** 26/24 **T. Duczek:** That the Administrator and Foreman look in to renting Grader from June 1 to July 31, 2024. **Carried Unanimously**
- Kahkewistahaw 1907 Specific Claim Trust**
27/24 **D. Grant:** That Council acknowledges and approves the Municipal Planning Consultant's Draft Review and further authorize the letter to be signed and sent to Kahkewistahaw 1907 Specific Claim Trust. **Carried Unanimously**
- R.M. of Cana: Kaposvar Creek-Repairs to the Riparian Gate Update**
28/24 **W. Schicker:** That Council acknowledges the letter from Cana requesting a status update on the Riparian Gate repairs and further that the R.M. of Grayson is in the process of obtaining quotes for the repair. **Carried Unanimously**
- RFNOW Proposed Fibre Optic Cable**
29/24 **M. Lang:** That Council acknowledges the correspondence from RFNOW, mapping the proposed Fibre Optic Cable Installation within the R.M of Grayson No. 184 (R.M.). Due to potential development, along Parcel X, Plan 71R27757 on the NW 07-19-05 W2 in the Hamlet of Exner's Twin Bays, the R.M. requests that the proposed fiber optic cable be redirected as per the map attached hereto and forming part of these minutes. Prior to construction, the R.M. requests that RFNOW meet with members of Council/Hamlet Board Chairs to discuss water lines, locates, and to address any questions or concerns they may have and further that the Reeve and Administrator have authorization the sign the Installation of Fibre Optic Cable Agreement. **Carried Unanimously**
- Accounts** 30/24 **K. Lang:** That the accounts as presented be approved for payment in the amount of \$375,990.72. **Carried Unanimously**
- Adjournment** 31/24 **R. EII:** That the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m. **Carried Unanimously**

Administrator

Reeve