

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FILLMORE NO. 96  
 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
 HELD JANUARY 10, 2024 AT 8:00 AM  
 AT THE RM OF FILLMORE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
 48 Main Street, Fillmore SK

**Those Present:**

Reeve – Russell Leguee, Weyburn, Saskatchewan  
 Councillor for Division Two – Jason Smith, Fillmore, Saskatchewan,  
 Councillor for Division Three – Dennis Popowich, Weyburn, Saskatchewan,  
 Councillor for Division Four – Chris Procyk, Fillmore, Saskatchewan,  
 Councillor for Division Five – Darren Urban, Fillmore, Saskatchewan,  
 Councillor for Division Six – Patrick Bourke, Osage, Saskatchewan  
 Administrator – Vernna Wiggins.

**Those Absent:**

Councillor for Division One – Winston van Staveren, Creelman, Saskatchewan,

**Call to Order** The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by Reeve Leguee.

**The written report of the Foreman was read to Council.**

**Reeve and Council Reports:**

**Tires 2024-001** **Procyk:** That we authorize Gil Lang to have the old grader tires retreaded at a cost of \$1,260 per tire. **Carried.**

**Construction 2024-002** **Procyk:** That the RM of Fillmore hire Gord Pare Construction to construct approximately 1.5 miles of road located south of SW 1-10-10-2 and Section 2-10-10-2 at a cost of \$92,000 plus fuel and taxes. **Carried.**

**Reports 2024-003** **Urban:** That the Reeve and Council Reports be approved as presented. **Carried.**

**Recess 2024-004** **Procyk:** That at 9:09 am the Council recess for ten minutes. **Carried.**

**Reconvene** **Reeve Leguee** reconvened the meeting at 9:15 am.

**Reports:**

**Administrator:**

**RMAA W/S 2024-005** **Urban:** That the Administrator attend the RMAA workshop to be held in Weyburn on March 26, 2024 at a cost of \$100.00. **Carried.**

**Tax Liens 2024-006** **Smith:** That the Administrator register tax liens on the following Assessment ID's: 000531200 and 000531400. **Carried.**

**Reserves 2024-007** **Procyk:** That we make the following transfers to reserves:  
 Health and Safety Reserve \$ 5,000.00  
 Infrastructure Reserve (Base Tax) \$ 67,700.00  
 Emergency Services Building \$ 16,200.00  
 RMA Capital Reserves \$ 51,589.18 **Carried.**

**Benefits 2024-008** **Procyk:** That the RM will reimburse the inside staff 100% of the cost of their Extended Health & Dental to keep in line with the outside employees. **Carried.**

**Admin Cell 2024-009** **Leguee:** That the Administrator will be reimbursed \$80.00 per month for a cell phone allowance. **Carried.**

**Delegation:**

**9:39 am - 9:53 am** Hanry from the Fillmore Grocery Store was in to put forth a proposal regarding the creation of a Chamber of Commerce for the Highway 33 businesses.

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<b>MEPP Rate 2024-010</b>	<b>Popowich:</b>	That the RM of Fillmore acknowledges the Municipal Employees Pension Plan Rate of 9% for the employee and employer.	<b>Carried.</b>																														
<b>EI Rate 2024-011</b>	<b>Procyk:</b>	That the RM of Fillmore acknowledges the reduced Premium for Employment Insurance of 1.177%	<b>Carried.</b>																														
<b>WCB Rate 2024-012</b>	<b>Smith:</b>	That the RM of Fillmore acknowledges the Worker’s Compensation Board Industry Premium rate of \$1.24/\$100 of assessable payroll.	<b>Carried.</b>																														
<b>Fidelity Bnd 2024-013</b>	<b>Leguee:</b>	That the Council acknowledge the presentation of the Fidelity Bond.	<b>Carried.</b>																														
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<b>TIPS Grnt 2024-020</b>	<b>Smith:</b>	<p>That the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant in the amount of \$1,781.00 be allocated by population as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Osage – 22                 \$ 175.00</li> <li>- Creelman – 67            \$ 541.00</li> <li>- Fillmore – 134           \$1,065.00</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>Crime Stoppers 2024-021</b>	<b>Popowich:</b>	<p>That the RM of Fillmore provide a Donation to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers in the amount of \$200.00.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>Villages Custom Work 2024-022</b>	<b>Urban:</b>	<p>That the RM of Fillmore provide each of the Village of Fillmore, Village of Creelman and Village of Osage with twelve hours per year of custom work at no charge. (grader, mower and/or snow plow including an operator) Further, that for safety reasons, the RM will not take on any activity that would involve anyone being in a trench. Further, that each of the Villages shall pass a resolution that they agree to indemnify the Rural Municipality of Fillmore No. 96 their officers and employees of any and all liability.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>Contract 2024-023</b>	<b>Leguee:</b>	<p>That the RM of Fillmore contract Todd Hollihan to remove snow from the sidewalk and deck and to mow the lawn as needed at a cost of \$100.00 per month for 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>BOR 2024-024</b>	<b>Urban:</b>	<p>That the RM of Fillmore contract Western Municipal Consulting Ltd to attend to the Board of Revision Services and Development Appeal Board Services. Further that the retainer fee of \$250.00 be paid. The following individuals are hereby appointed:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Dave Gurnsey</td> <td>Dave Thompson</td> <td>Donna Rae Zadvorny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gordon Parkinson</td> <td>Jeff Hutton</td> <td>Kevin Kleckner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Waschuk</td> <td>Murray Dean</td> <td>Stew Demmans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Lafreniere</td> <td>Wayne Adams</td> <td>Ken Friesen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Femi Ogunrinde</td> <td>Fife Ogunde</td> <td>Maureen Jickling</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jamie Tiessen</td> <td>Corey Zaharuk</td> <td>John Krill</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christopher Blueman</td> <td>Alan Sawatsky</td> <td>Mike Meleca</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hany Amin</td> <td>Kimberly Speers</td> <td>Nick Coroluick and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rick Leigh.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></td> </tr> </table>	Dave Gurnsey	Dave Thompson	Donna Rae Zadvorny	Gordon Parkinson	Jeff Hutton	Kevin Kleckner	Mike Waschuk	Murray Dean	Stew Demmans	Tim Lafreniere	Wayne Adams	Ken Friesen	Femi Ogunrinde	Fife Ogunde	Maureen Jickling	Jamie Tiessen	Corey Zaharuk	John Krill	Christopher Blueman	Alan Sawatsky	Mike Meleca	Hany Amin	Kimberly Speers	Nick Coroluick and	Rick Leigh.		<b>Carried.</b>
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<b>BOR SEC 2024-025</b>	<b>Popowich:</b>	<p>The RM of Fillmore appoints Marlene Hassard with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd as Secretary to the Board of Revision for a term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Remuneration as set out in the Western Municipal Consulting Fee Schedule. In the event that Marlene Hassard is unable to perform the secretarial functions, the secretary may appoint a delegate to assume this position.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>Tender 2024-026</b>	<b>Urban:</b>	<p>That the Administrator advertise on Sask. Tenders for a gravel supply stockpile and haul.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>Gravel Exp 2024-027</b>	<b>Urban:</b>	<p>That the administrator contacts our engineer to look into the costs to conduct a gravel exploration survey in this municipality.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>Fire Chief 2024-028</b>	<b>Leguee:</b>	<p>That the RM of Fillmore acknowledges receipt of an Order to Demolish the building on Lots 18-22 Block 3 in the Village of Fillmore due to health and safety concerns.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>																											
<b>SARMPCO 2024-029</b>	<b>Procyk:</b>	<p>That the RM of Fillmore appoints the following SARM Plant Health Officers as Pest Control Officers for the purpose of Club Root:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Tayo Adegeye</td> <td>Joanne Kwasnicki</td> <td>Betty Johnson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Katey Makohoniuk</td> <td>Chelsea Neuberger</td> <td>Colleen Fennig</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Carried.</b></p>	Tayo Adegeye	Joanne Kwasnicki	Betty Johnson	Katey Makohoniuk	Chelsea Neuberger	Colleen Fennig																					
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**The Administrator led the Council through the Harassment Prevention Policy and the Council Ethics Bylaw. Each Councillor signed the Acknowledgment that they have been provided a copy of the Policy, they have read and understand the Policy. They also acknowledge that they will abide by the Policy and understand that if they violate the rules set forth by the Policy, there may be disciplinary actions or sanctions.**

**Admin 2024-030 Urban:** That the Administrator's report be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

**Minutes 2024-031 Popowich:** That the minutes of the December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting, be approved as presented. **Carried.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**Correspondence:**

**SARM RES 2024-032 Procyk:** That the following resolution be submitted to SARM to be included in the Annual March Convention:

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is one of rural Saskatchewan's primary industries, and a significant contributor to the municipal tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of Saskatchewan's agricultural sector is essential to municipalities, the province, and the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is Saskatchewan's general farm organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the agricultural policy work of APAS is vital for farmers and ranchers;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan be invited to present an update at every SARM Convention.

**Carried.**

**RDARM 2024-033 Procyk:** That the RM of Fillmore co-sponsors the following resolution that was submitted to SARM Annual March Convention by the RM of Tullymet:

**WHEREAS**, CO<sub>2</sub> is the building block of life and fuels photosynthesis, CO<sub>2</sub> is not a pollutant and to call it a pollutant is disingenuous;

**WHEREAS**, any policies that are designed to punish the critical, natural, CO<sub>2</sub> 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 CO<sub>2</sub>, but also sequesters more CO<sub>2</sub> than any illogically created CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, policies that vilify CO<sub>2</sub> are illogical and unpredictable and 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 CO<sub>2</sub> will be deemed as illogical and dangerous. We move that Saskatchewan remove itself from any national or international agreements such as net zero.

**Carried.**

**Corresp. 2024-034 Urban:** That the correspondence having been read and dealt with be filed. **Carried.**

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**Recess**             **Leguee:**             That at 12:22 pm the Council recess for lunch.   **Carried.**  
**2024-035**

**Reconvene**    **Reeve Leguee** reconvened the meeting at 1:27 pm.

**Financial Statements & Accounts for Approval:**

**F/S**             **Popowich:**         That the RM of Fillmore acknowledge the Financial Statements of the  
**2024-036**                             Fillmore Fire Protection Fund dated December 31, 2023.    **Carried.**

**F/S/Accts**     **Procyk:**             That the Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliation be approved.  
**2024-037**                             as presented. Further, that cheques #19199 - #19231 totaling \$142,190.52 up to  
December 31, 2023 and cheques #19232 – 19243 totaling \$50,010.71 which includes  
Payroll Direct Deposits and Electronic payments of utility bills as indicated on the  
list of accounts for payment be approved and are attached hereto.         **Carried.**

**Councillor Darren Urban** wanted to “put the Administrator in her place” regarding her retirement plans.

**Adjourn**           **Urban:**                         That we now adjourn at 2:05 pm.   **Carried.**  
**2024-038**

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**Reeve**

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**Administrator**