

May 29th, 2025

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Preeceville held on Thursday, May 29th, 2025, in the Preeceville Town Office Council Chambers, Preeceville, Saskatchewan.

In Attendance: Mayor - Darin Newton
Councillors - Kenton Hull
- Meaghan Nelson
- Taylor Sliva
- Jared Stefanyshyn
- Stacey Strykowski
CAO - Lorelei Karcha

Regrets: Councillor - Ashley Ward

Mayor Darin Newton called the meeting to order at 6:56 pm.

6:57 pm to 7:30 pm – Bart Cook met with Town Council to discuss Residential Lot Development in Town. Discussions were held on the development of a new lot along 6th Avenue NE.

Agenda 193-25 Nelson/Strykowski: That the agenda as added to be approved. CARRIED.

7:33 pm – Town Foreman Chris Halkyard joined the meeting.

Lagoon 194-25 Nelson/Hull: That the proposal provided by Nexom to Acid Clean Cleaning the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility SAGR System for \$33,850.00 plus taxes, be approved. CARRIED.

Foreman's 195-25 Sliva/Nelson: That the Foreman's Report be acknowledged and Report filed. CARRIED.

Accounts 196-25 Nelson/Sliva: That the accounts listed on the attached "List A – Accounts Approved As Paid" and dated May 29th, 2025 and the Employee Payroll Summary Report dated April 25th, May 2nd and May 16th, 2025, be approved as paid. CARRIED.

7:44 pm – Mayor Darin Newton vacated his position as Chair of the Council Meeting and Deputy Mayor Kenton Hull took over chairing the meeting.

7:44 pm – Mayor Darin Newton declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.

197-25 Sliva/Stefanyshyn: That the account of Preeceville Shop Easy in the amount of \$16.52, be approved and paid. CARRIED.

7:45 pm – Mayor Darin Newton was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he had declared a pecuniary interest in had been dealt with. Mayor Darin Newton resumed chairing the meeting.

198-25 Nelson/Sliva: That the accounts listed on the attached "List B – Accounts Approved & To Be Paid" and dated May 29th, 2025, be approved and paid. CARRIED.

7:46 pm – Town Foreman Chris Halkyard left the meeting.

Councillor 199-25 Nelson/Stefanyshyn: That Councillor Ashley Ward's resignation from Resignation the Town of Preeceville Council effective May 29th, 2025 be acknowledged. CARRIED.

Minutes 200-25 Sliva/Strykowski: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of Council held April 16th, 2025, be approved. CARRIED.

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	201-25	Hull/Stefanyshyn: That the minutes of the special meeting of Council held May 5 th , 2025, be approved. CARRIED.
	202-25	Stefanyshyn/Strykowski: That the minutes of the special meeting of Council held May 12 th , 2025, be approved. CARRIED.
	203-25	Sliva/Hull: That the minutes of the special meeting of Council held May 14 th , 2025, be approved. CARRIED.
	204-25	Sliva/Strykowski: That the minutes of the special meeting of Council held May 22 nd , 2025, be approved. CARRIED.
Bylaw Enforcement	205-25	Hull/Strykowski: That the Bylaw Enforcement Officer's Reports from May 15 th and May 27 th , 2025, be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.
	206-25	Nelson/Sliva: That as recommended by the Town's Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Orders to Remedy under the Town's Nuisance Abatement Bylaw No. 9-2005 be issued to the following property owners and/or occupants: 116-122 Main Street N, 19 2 nd Avenue NE, 242 Highway Avenue E, and 634 Railway Avenue SE. CARRIED.
Arena Roof Project	207-25	Sliva/Hull: That the invoice provided by Rice Construction Ltd. for the Preeceville Skating Arena Lower Roof Insulation and Repair Project for \$223,910.89 including taxes be approved; and further, that the progress payment of \$201,519.80 including taxes and the 10% holdback, be paid. CARRIED.
Sask Water	208-25	Stefanyshyn/Strykowski: That the report provided by Mayor Darin Newton and Chief Administrative Officer Lorelei Karcha from the Meeting held May 6 th , 2025 with the Minister of Government Relations, Eric Schmalz and the Canora-Pelly MLA, Sean Wilson to discuss the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and the Sask Water Highway 9 Regional Potable Water Project, be acknowledged as presented. CARRIED.
8:47 pm – Councillor Jared Stefanyshyn declared a pecuniary interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.		
EDC Items	209-25	Sliva/Hull: That the quote provided by S-Elect Energy Ltd. to supply and install power to the Preeceville EDC Memorial Park from the Preeceville Recreation Center for \$1,779.89, be approved. CARRIED.
8:49 pm – Councillor Jared Stefanyshyn was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he had declared a pecuniary interest in had been dealt with.		
Mayor's Report	210-25	Strykowski/Sliva: That the Mayor's Report be acknowledged as presented. CARRIED.
Lions Park Play Structure	211-25	Sliva/Nelson: That the Preeceville Recreation Boards request to remove the dilapidated wooden play structure at the Preeceville Lions Park be approved with the work to be done by volunteer Board Members. CARRIED.
Recreation Board	212-25	Strykowski/Hull: That the Preeceville Recreation Board be authorized to renew the previous year's land rental agreement for approximately 50 acres of land on the Town owned property located within the NE Section of 28-34-5 W2nd, with the rental proceeds to be used to fund the Recreation Boards 2025 Projects. CARRIED.

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CD&RC Report	213-25	Nelson/Strykowski: That the Community Development and Recreation Coordinator's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.
Seasonal Labourer	214-25	Sliva/Strykowski: That it be acknowledged that the position of Seasonal Shop Labourer was not filled and further that the position be advertised again and filled for a term of June to September 2025. CARRIED.
CAO Report	215-25	Sliva/Nelson: That the Chief Administrative Officer's Report be acknowledged and filed. CARRIED.
Draft Financial Statement	216-25	Stefanyshyn/Strykowski: That the 2024 Draft Consolidated Audited Financial Statement for the Town of Preeceville prepared by Baker Tilly SK LLP be approved as presented. CARRIED.
Rep Letter	217-25	Sliva/Hull: That the Representation Letter regarding the Town of Preeceville's Audit be accepted, and further that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign this letter on behalf of Town Council. CARRIED.
Financial Activities	218-25	Hull/Nelson: That the Statement of Financial Activities – Detailed and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending April 30 th , 2025, be accepted as presented. CARRIED.
Budget	219-25	Sliva/Nelson: That the Town of Preeceville 2025 Operating Budget as attached hereto, be approved. CARRIED.
Mill Rate	220-25	Nelson/Hull: That the Town of Preeceville mill rate be set at 7.20 mills for the 2025 tax year. CARRIED.
Base Tax Bylaw	221-25	Sliva/Stefanyshyn: That a bylaw to provide for a Base Tax commencing in the 2025 tax year be introduced and read a first time. CARRIED.
	222-25	Strykowski/Hull: That Bylaw No. 2-2025 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Base Tax be read a second time. CARRIED.
	223-25	Sliva/Nelson: That Bylaw No. 2-2025 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Base Tax be given three readings at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
	224-25	Hull/Stefanyshyn: That Bylaw No. 2-2025 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Base Tax be read a third time. CARRIED.
Mill Rate Factor Bylaw	225-25	Nelson/Stefanyshyn: That a bylaw to provide for a Mill Rate Factor commencing in the 2025 tax year be introduced and read a first time. CARRIED.
	226-25	Strykowski/Hull: That Bylaw No. 3-2025 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Mill Rate Factor be read a second time. CARRIED.
	227-25	Sliva/Stefanyshyn: That Bylaw No. 3-2025 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Mill Rate Factor be given three readings at this meeting. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
	228-25	Stefanyshyn/Nelson: That Bylaw No. 3-2025 being a Bylaw of the Town of Preeceville to Provide for a Mill Rate Factor be read a third time. CARRIED.

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School Mill Rate	229-25	Nelson/Strykowski: That it be acknowledged that the Provincial Government has set the following mill rates for public school divisions for 2025: 1.07 mills for Agricultural property; 4.27 mills for Residential property; 6.37 mills for Commercial/Industrial property; and 7.49 mills for Resource property; and further that these taxes be levied on behalf of the Province for 2025. CARRIED.
Tax Reduction	230-25	Sliva/Hull: That a tax reduction be given to the Preeceville Senior's Club 60 for 2025, in an amount that they are only left paying the base tax amount set for municipal taxes and an equivalent percentage of school taxes, and this matter be reviewed for 2026. CARRIED.
	231-25	Sliva/Nelson: That a full tax reduction, cancelling all 2025 Municipal and School taxes be given to the Ukrainian Catholic Parish Hall, with this matter be reviewed again for 2026. CARRIED.
Ability Bus Board	232-25	Hull/Strykowski: That the request received from the Preeceville Ability Bus Board for the Town of Preeceville to cover the Board's 2025 Operational expenses for vehicle and building insurance, vehicle licensing and insurance, and building power, energy and repair and maintenance costs be approved. CARRIED.
Building Permits	233-25	Hull/Nelson: That the following Building Permit be approved as per the conditions stated on the permit: 1) 39 4 th Street SE, Permit #1-2025 to construct a greenhouse; 2) 62 4 th Street SE, Permit #2-2025 to construct a fence; and 3) 527 3 rd Avenue NE, Permit #3-2025 to construct a detached garage. CARRIED.
Building Height Deviation	234-25	Strykowski/Sliva: That approval be given to the property owner of 527 3 rd Avenue NE for a deviation from the required 16.4 feet maximum height requirement for an accessory building in the Residential District, to a maximum height of 17 feet to accommodate the detached garage accessory building the property owner is building on this property. CARRIED.
AWSA	235-25	Sliva/Nelson: That Councillor Kenton Hull and/or Councillor Jared Stefanyshyn be authorized to attend the Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Association Annual General Meeting to be held June 18 th , 2025 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and further that any expenses incurred for attending this event be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
	236-25	Strykowski/Nelson: That the Town of Preeceville's membership in the Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Association be renewed for 2025 and the fee of \$1,100.00 be paid. CARRIED.
ECA EMO	237-25	Strykowski/Nelson: That the Town of Preeceville participate in the Regional Emergency Measures Operations Plan to be developed by the East Central Municipal Alliance; and further that the Town's EMO Coordinator Cliff Prestie be authorized to attend any meeting in association with this project with any expenses incurred for attending these meeting to be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.
Community Safety Net	238-25	Nelson/Hull: That the Town sponsor \$160.00 plus GST to the Community Safety Net for the "Health Safety" family resource booklets they will be distributing in Preeceville in conjunction with the Fire Department to educate and protect youth. CARRIED.
Community Futures	239-25	Strykowski/Sliva: That Mayor Darin Newton be authorized to attend the Community Futures Ventures Meeting to be held on June 26 th , 2025 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and further that any expenses incurred for attending this event be paid for by the Town. CARRIED.

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Council Employment Policy	240-25	Nelson/Stefanyshyn: That it be a policy of the Town of Preeceville that any persons whose employment with the Town was terminated, shall not be considered for hiring by Town Council to any position with the Town for a period of not less then five years after the termination date.	CARRIED.
Committee Reports	241-25	Nelson/Sliva: That the following committee reports be acknowledged: Preeceville Legion Hall Committee, Preeceville Bike and Skate Park Committee, Preeceville Sports Grounds Committee, Preeceville Recreation Board and Preeceville Tennis Court/Pickle Ball Committee.	CARRIED.
Correspondence	242-25	Sliva/Nelson: That the correspondence listed below acknowledged and filed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- SUMA - Municipal Updates- Good Spirt School Division – From the Board Report- Sask Housing Corporation 2024 Annual Report- RCMP Combined Traffic Services District Commander Update- Ombudsman Saskatchewan 2024 Annual Report- NEATPC Meeting June 10th, 2025- Ministry of Highways – Highway 47	CARRIED.
Adjourn	243-25	Sliva/Hull: That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 10:54 pm.	CARRIED.

MAYOR



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER