

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grayson No. 184 held on Wednesday February 18, 2026 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office located at 131 Taylor St. at Grayson, SK**

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**Present**

Reeve: Dustin Grant (Via Phone)	Division 4: Kevin Lang (Via Phone)
Division 1: Jeremy Chopping	Division 5: Trent Duczek
Division 2: Mike Lang	Division 6: Werner Schicker
Division 3: Roger Ell	Administrator: Sarah Dietrich

**Call to Order** A quorum present, Reeve Dustin Grant called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda** 30/26 D. Grant: That the agenda as presented to Council be accepted. **Carried Unanimously**

**Minutes** 31/26 J. Chopping: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 14, 2026 be approved as presented. **Carried Unanimously**

**Financial Statement**  
32/26 M. Lang: That the bank reconciliation and statement of financial activity for the month of January, 2026 be approved as presented. **Carried Unanimously**

**Correspondence**  
33/26 T. Duczek: That the correspondence presented to Council be acknowledged and filed. **Carried Unanimously**

**Business:**

**Council Remuneration**  
34/26 M. Lang: That effective January 01, 2026, Council meeting remuneration be set to \$300.00 per day plus mileage of \$0.70 per kilometer. **Carried Unanimously**

35/26 K. Lang: That effective January 01, 2026, 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**

36/26 W. Schicker: That Council and employees be paid \$100.00 per day meal allowance plus accommodations with mileage be paid at a rate of \$0.70 per kilometer and Council receiving \$300.00 remuneration for meetings held outside Municipal boundaries. **Carried Unanimously**

37/26 T. Duczek: That remuneration of \$100.00 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**

**Culvert Inventory**  
38/26 R. Ell: That Council acknowledge and approve the 2025 culvert inventory as presented by the Administrator attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Gravel Inventory**  
39/26 J. Chopping: That Council acknowledge and approve the 2025 gravel inventory as presented by the Administrator attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Fees** 40/26 M. Lang: That Council approves the 2026 General Fees for the R.M. of Grayson No. 184 as per attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Invoice #2024-13** 41/26 J. Chopping: That Council acknowledges the request to reduce the fine amount on Invoice #2024-13 (Invoice) for the violation of Bylaw 08-2006 (A Bylaw to Provide for Restricting the Operations of Tractors and Certain Vehicles on Roads) and further the invoice amount will remain at \$3500.00. **Carried Unanimously**

**Letter/Invoice** 42/26 R. Ell: That Council acknowledges the letter and invoice (correspondence) in the amount of \$12,210,000.00 from Michael Flegel dated November-December 2025 (postmarked February 2026) as per attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes and further that Council requests the correspondence be forwarded on to the RCMP-Melville Detachment. **Carried Unanimously**

**Finning Canada Sales Agreement**  
43/26 M. Lang: That authorization be given to the Reeve to sign the Sales Agreements between Finning Canada and the R.M. of Grayson No.184 for the purchase of two CAT 150 15A AWD Motor Graders as per attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Penalty Cancellation Request**  
44/26 R. Ell: That Council acknowledges the emails dated February 8, 12 and 14, 2026 from the owners of Lot 39 Blk/Par 01 Plan 76R04481 in the Hamlet of Moose Bay requesting the cancellation of penalty due to the 2025 transfer of ownership, and further that as it is the responsibility of the seller/purchaser and/or their legal team(s) involved to make tax payment arrangements, the request to cancel the February penalty amount of \$30.13 is denied. **Carried Unanimously**

**Annual Hamlet/R.M. Meeting**  
45/26 D. Grant: That the Administrator schedule a Hamlet Meeting with the Hamlet Board Chairs on a date to be determined based on majority availability. **Carried Unanimously**

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**Hamlet Year End Financial Statements**

**46/26 M. Lang:** That the 2025 Annual Financial Statements for the Hamlets of Exner's Twin Bays, Greenspot, Moose Bay, and Sunset Beach be accepted as presented as per attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) Convention**

**47/26 J. Chopping:** That members of Council and Administrator be authorized to attend the SARM Convention held in Regina March 10-12, 2026, with expenses paid as per the indemnity rates. **Carried Unanimously**

**March Regular Council Meeting**

**48/26 T. Duczek:** That due to the SARM Convention being held March 10-12, 2026, the March Regular Council meeting will be held March 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. **Carried Unanimously**

**Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association (SMHI)**

**49/26 M. Lang:** That Council Acknowledges the March 11, 2025 SMHI Minutes and further that Reeve Dustin Grant be authorized to attend the SMHI Annual Meeting on March 10, 2026 in Regina. **Carried Unanimously**

**Loraas Disposal South Ltd.**

**50/26 W. Schicker:** That authorization is given to the Reeve to sign the Loraas Disposal South Ltd. Road Access for 2026 Spring Road Ban Period Agreement as attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Alteration of Road Allowance**

**51/26 D. Grant:** That Council requests a letter be sent to the owners of SW 01-19-04 W2 advising that alteration of any Road/Road Allowance is a violation of Bylaw 2024:02-A Bylaw to Provide Restrictions for Municipal Roads (Bylaw) and further that permission must be granted by the R.M. of Grayson No.184 prior to any Road/Road Allowance alteration as failure to do so will result in fines as outlined in the Bylaw. **Carried Unanimously**

**SaskPower Project #20465081**

**52/26 K. Lang:** That Council acknowledges the email dated February 2, 2026, from SaskPower advising the R.M. of Grayson No.184 of Project #20465081- The project's intention is to build 3.0km of new 3-PHASE (3X-PIGEON-25KV) and upgrade of 16.0km of 1-PHASE to 3-PHASE (3X-PIGEON-25KV) on existing poles as per the construction map submitted, and further that Council has no objections. **Carried Unanimously**

**Restructuring of Villages into Rural Municipalities**

**53/26 D. Grant:** That the R.M. of Grayson No.184 support and opt to co-sponsor the following Resolution submitted by the R.M. of Langenburg No.181 to be read at the 2026 Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) Annual Convention held March 10-12 in Regina, SK:

WHEREAS section 61 of *The Municipalities Act* does not prescribe the Minister to make an order that would be in the best interest of the non-compliant municipality.

WHEREAS the Communities in Transition {CIT} Funding, Capital Grant Program does not see contributions from urban municipalities.

WHEREAS section 61 of *The Municipalities Act* simply offloads the provincial infrastructure and environmental liabilities of small urban municipalities onto rural municipalities by force of a Ministers Order.

WHEREAS section 61 of *The Municipalities Act* relieves SUMA of their objective under section 4(1)(d) of The Act to incorporate the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association of these small urban municipalities and places the responsibility on SARM upon a restructuring order.

WHEREAS restructuring orders for villages into RMs will exacerbate the situation that already exists with empty RM Council chairs.

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the provincial government to impose an immediate freeze on all Ministers Orders relating to village restructuring until a comprehensive review of the viability of all municipalities in Saskatchewan is done to evaluate the need for legislation and policies changes to be reflective of the findings on the future needs of municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SARM lobby the provincial government for changes from the Municipal Revenue Sharing contributions to the CIT Funding Capital Grant Program in which urbans must contribute and all municipalities can apply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the province should retain the environmental responsibilities and liabilities as well as the infrastructure capital responsibilities and liabilities of these villages. **Carried Unanimously**

**Taxervice Agreement**

**54/26 T. Duczek:** WHEREAS The *Tax Enforcement Act* requires the municipality to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;

AND WHEREAS Council for the municipality deems it to be in the municipality's best interest to hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that R.M. of Grayson No. 184 hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipality's behalf for a term of 3 (three) years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the Taxervice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality as per attached hereto, forming a part of these minutes. **Carried Unanimously**

**Agenda Item #19: Property Tax Increase Concern**

Councillor Roger Ell advised Council that the next agenda item (email dated January 19, 2026) has already been addressed as he has spoken with the land owner directly.

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**Rural Municipal Administrators Association (RMAA) Workshop**

**55/26 M. Lang:** That the Administrator be authorized to attend the RMAA Workshop, March 31, 2026 in Melville, SK with expenses paid as per indemnity rates and a registration fee of \$100.00. **Carried Unanimously**

**Permit**            **56/26 M. Lang:** That the Development and Building Permit Application for a house, attached garage, and covered decks on Lot 18 Blk/Par 2 Plan 102193860 in the Hamlet of Moose Bay be forwarded on to the Building Official and Municipal Planning Consultant for review. **Carried Unanimously**

**Permit**            **57/26 M. Lang:** That the Development and Building Permit Application to lift the existing cottage, construct a foundation and retaining wall on Lot 56 Blk/Par 01 Plan 76R04481 in the Hamlet of Moose Bay be forwarded on to the Municipal appointed Building Official and Planning Consultant and further that the Applicant must meet all the criteria for the above development as per the information submitted, including complying with any conditions set out in the Inspection Report(s) provided by R.C. Inspection Services and the Plan Review(s) provided by Beaton Planning and furthermore the applicant is responsible for compliance with The Construction Code Act, the National Building Code of Canada, the R.M. of Grayson No. 184 Zoning Bylaw 2004-02, Building Bylaw 2008-04, and all other applicable Municipal Bylaws. **Carried Unanimously**

**Snowmobile Trail Reroute Proposal**

**58/26 T. Duczek:** That Council acknowledges the Snowmobile Trail Reroute Proposal from Richard Banbury submitted to the R.M of Grayson No.184 (R.M) and the Esterhazy Super Sledders Club (Club) and further that the decision to reroute will remain with the club who then would submit any changes to the R.M. for final approval. **Carried Unanimously**

**Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP): Acquiring Railway Parcels**

**59/26 R. Ell:** That Council request the Administrator look into obtaining the unused railway parcels within the R.M. of Grayson No.184 boundaries and report back at the March 18, 2026 meeting. **Carried Unanimously**

**Accounts**        **60/26 D. Grant:** That the accounts as presented be approved for payment in the amount of \$115,844.51. **Carried Unanimously**

**Adjournment**    **61/26 W. Schicker:** That the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m. **Carried Unanimously**

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Administrator

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Reeve