

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285
FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL FOLLOWING A GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

The first meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 following a general election was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024, in the Council Chambers, 316 Railway Avenue, in Conquest, Saskatchewan.

Present were:

Reeve: Barry Friesen

Councillors for

Div. 1: Lonnie Ingell

Div. 2: Bryce Mauch

Div. 3: Mike Z. Hofer

Div. 4: Bob Silverthorn

Div. 5: Craig Barrington

Div. 6: Bill Thompson

Administrator L. Jean Jones

Reeve Friesen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

193/24

2024 Municipal Election Results

THOMPSON: That the following are the results of the 2024 Municipal Election for the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285:

Reeve Barry R. Friesen, Elected by Acclamation;

Councillor for Division 1, Lonnie Ingell, Elected by Acclamation;

Councillor for Division 3, Mike Z. Hofer, Elected by Acclamation;

Councillor for Division 5, Craig Barrington, Elected by Acclamation.

CARRIED.

194/24

Oaths for Members of Council

BARRINGTON: That, pursuant to Section 94(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the Oaths for members of Council of the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 as declared by Reeve Barry R. Friesen and Councillors Lonnie Ingell, Mike Z. Hofer and Craig Barrington, be accepted as attached to and forming a part of these minutes.

CARRIED.

195/24

Approval of Agenda

SILVERTHORN: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

196/24

Approval of Minutes

HOFER: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 9, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

MP

197/24

List of Accounts for Approval

MAUCH: That cheques numbering 16899-16944 and direct deposits for October and November 2024, all totaling \$318,115.93 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

198/24

Statement of Financial Activities

INGELL: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of October 2024 and Bank Reconciliation at October 31, 2024 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

199/24

Correspondence

THOMPSON: That the list of correspondence be acknowledged as attached to and forming a part of these minutes, now be filed.

CARRIED.

200/24

Aecon RMA 01-2024 H230370 – Highway 15-12 Project Release

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide written confirmation of the RMA 01-2024 H230370 – Highway 15-12 Project Release for AECON Transportation West Ltd. Compensation has been received and project complete.

CARRIED.

201/24

Pest Control Officer Resignation

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 accept Dana Hansen's letter of resignation dated October 29, 2024 as Pest Control Officer for the municipality.

CARRIED.

202/24

MuniCode Services Ltd. – Building Official for 2024

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract MuniCode Services Ltd. as the building official for the municipality for the Year 2024.

CARRIED.

203/24

Gopher Control Program Rebates

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue Gopher Control Program rebate claims as follows: CK McKenzie Farm \$38.13; C. Ogilvie \$76.25; E. Wilson \$38.13; E. Skaalid \$76.25; B. Gehlert \$38.13 and B. Barton \$38.13.

CARRIED.

204/24

Enbridge 2025 Blanket Agreement Request

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide approval for Enbridge's 2025 Blanket Agreement Request for their Pipeline Integrity Dig Program to Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.

CARRIED.

205/24

Wheatbelt Transit Authority HandiVan Donation

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide a donation of \$5,000.00 to the Wheatbelt Transit Authority for the HandiVan Operating Account.

CARRIED.

206/24

Subdivision Approval for NE ¼ 13-30-09 W3M

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approves the subdivision application for the NE ¼ 13-30-09 W3M – Proposed Parcel A – Residential Use. There are no land uses in the vicinity of the proposed subdivision that would be incompatible with the intended use of the proposed site, nor are there any site conditions that make the land unsuitable for its intended use. There are no facilities that would be affected by the proposed development. No servicing agreement is required. Further, that this approval be subject to final approval by the Ministry of Government Relations, Community Planning Branch.

CARRIED.

207/24

Development and Building Permit Applications to MuniCode

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 has approved the Building Permit Application and Development Permit Application submitted by Brian and Caroline Lawless for Parcel A on NE ¼ 32-30-08 W3M. That both applications be forwarded to MuniCode.

CARRIED.

RM/1/6

208/24

Royal Bank of Canada Schedule "A" Banking Service Fees

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 is in agreement to Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Schedule "A" Banking Service Fees commencing November 1, 2024 and ending November 2, 2026, with an option to extend to an additional 2 years. Further, that the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the Negotiated Service Fees document.

CARRIED.

209/24

Christmas Party Plans

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 plan a staff Christmas Party with the Village of Conquest and that costs be shared for the gathering.

CARRIED.

210/24

Road Maintenance Agreement No. 02-2024

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement No. 02-2024 with Saskcon Repair Services to haul approximately 1000 tonne riprap from SE 03-30-10 W3M, 4.83 km west on Township Road 300.

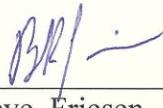
CARRIED.

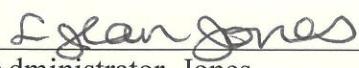
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Adjournment

THOMPSON: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED.


Reeve, Friesen


Administrator, Jones