

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
DECEMBER 10, 2025

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the Council Chambers, 316 Railway Avenue, in Conquest, Saskatchewan.

Present were:

Reeve: Barry Friesen

Councilors 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 and MAIP Intern Hannah Maclean

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

Approval of Agenda

228/25

INGELL: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

229/25

MAUCH: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 12, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

230/25

HOFER: That cheques numbering 17330-17359, direct deposits, and online payments for November and December 2025, all totaling \$120,227.37 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

231/25

SILVERTHORN: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of November 2025 and Bank Reconciliation at November 30, 2025 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Correspondence

232/25

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

CARRIED.

233/25

Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. Board of Revision Appointment

THOMPSON: That pursuant to Subsection 220/(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the RM OF FERTILE VALLEY NO. 285 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the **Board of Revision** process for the term January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Board of Revision: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner and Rick Leigh. The Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers.

That pursuant to Subsection 221(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the RM OF FERTILE VALLEY NO. 285 appoints Nicole Hoskins with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as **Secretary to the Board of Revision** for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule. If the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties WMC may appoint a delegate to perform Administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing.

CARRIED.

234/25

Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. Development Appeals Board Appointment

INGELL: That pursuant to Subsection 214(1) of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, the RM OF FERTILE VALLEY NO. 285 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the **Development Appeals Board** process for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026, remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Development Appeals Board: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Easchuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tieseen, Stu Hayward, Pam Malach, Barry Clark, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner, and Rick Leigh. The Chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers. That pursuant to Subsection 216(3)(a) of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, the RM OF FERTILE VALLEY NO. 285 appoints Claudette McGuire with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as **Secretary to the Development Appeals Board** for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026, remuneration as set out in *Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule*. If the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties WMC may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing.

CARRIED.

235/25

Crossing Repairs on Conquest MP 24.73

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve crossing repairs for Conquest MP 24.73, NW 20-30-09 W3, with hardwood.

CARRIED.

236/25

Conquest Fire Hall Blueprint Design

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract Creative Drafting & Design for Conquest Fire Hall blueprint drawings. That a professional Engineer seal of approval be obtained before posting a Call for Tenders.

CARRIED.

237/25

Public Disclosure Annual Declarations

SILVERTHORN: That the Public Disclosure Annual Declarations were received November 12, 2025 for the Council of the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 and have now been filed.

CARRIED.

238/25

Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant for 2026-27 Eligibility

BARRINGTON: That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant for 2026-27:

- Submission of the Annual Audited Financial Statements to the Ministry;
- The municipality does not run a Municipal Waterworks System;
- Is in good standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;
- Council Procedure Bylaw has been adopted by Council;
- Employee Code of Conduct has been adopted by Council; and
- Public Disclosure Statements have been filed and annually updated by Council members.

CARRIED.

239/25

Laptop Purchases from MuniSoft

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 purchase two new ASUS Pro P Series 15.6" Laptops from MuniSoft with an approximate quote of \$1,108.00 plus taxes each.

CARRIED.

240/25

Bradley Directories Council Books for 2026

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 order Bradley Directories Council Books for 2026 as well as 2 extras for our Weed Inspector and Pest Control Officer. As well, that 2 large laminated maps be ordered for the Administrator and Foreman offices.

CARRIED.

BAK

241/25 Enbridge 2026 Blanket Approach Consent Request
MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide approval for Enbridge's 2026 Blanket Approach Consent Request for their Pipeline Integrity Dig Program to Evolve Surface Strategies Inc.

CARRIED.

242/25 Transfer of Conquest Fire Department Fire Fees Received
HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 transfer \$11,350.00 for Conquest Fire Department Fire Fees received from Fire Invoices Nos. 001, 002, 004, 005, 006 in 2025 into "Fire Fees Received" Savings Account by December 31, 2025.

CARRIED.

243/25 Transfer of Fertile Valley Cemetery Donations Received
SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 transfer Fertile Valley Cemetery donations received in 2025 to the Fertile Valley Cemetery Account in the amount of \$1,400.00 before December 31, 2025.

CARRIED.

244/25 Issue Payment of Hillcrest Cemetery Donations Received
BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue a cheque to Dale Beattie for Hillcrest Cemetery donations received in 2025 in the amount of \$200.00.

CARRIED.

245/25 Christmas Greetings Advertisement
THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 place a Christmas Greetings ad in the December 18, 2025 issue of THE OUTLOOK at a cost of \$114.84 plus GST.

CARRIED.

246/25 MuniCode Services Ltd. for 2026
INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract MuniCode Services Ltd. as the building official for the municipality for the Year 2026.

CARRIED.

BBF

247/25

Tax Title Property to Acquire

MAUCH: That TAXervice, on behalf of the R.M. of Fertile Valley No. 285, be authorized to proceed under the TAX ENFORCEMENT ACT to acquire title for the following described land:

- LOT 19-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN G421 EXT 0, 138152718
- LOT 20-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN G421 EXT 0, 138152730
- LOT 21-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN G421 EXT 0, 138152741.

CARRIED.

248/25

Administrator Holiday Time 2025 to Take

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve remaining holiday time for the Administrator to be taken before the end of December 2025 (3 days).

CARRIED.

249/25

Office Holidays Hours

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 post the following Holiday Hours for the Christmas Season: CLOSED December 24-28, 2025, OPEN December 29-31, 2025, CLOSED January 1-4, 2026, OPEN January 5, 2026.

CARRIED.

Administrator Jones and MAIP Intern Hannah Maclean declared a pecuniary Interest and left the Council Chambers at 10:50 a.m. They returned to the Council Chambers at 11:00 a.m.

250/25

Christmas Bonuses

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue the following Christmas Bonuses to employees for 2025: Darren Jones \$500.00, L. Jean Jones \$500.00, Hannah Maclean \$500.00, Blaine Norris \$500.00, Henry Bachman \$500.00, Chris Buscholl \$500.00, Wayne Sparks \$500.00.

CARRIED.

251/25

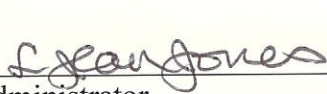
Adjournment

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

CARRIED. 6



Reeve



Administrator