

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
JANUARY 8, 2025

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 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.

Approval of Agenda

01/25

THOMPSON: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

02/25

BARRINGTON: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 11, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

03/25

SILVERTHORN: That cheques numbering 16978-17012, direct deposits, and EFT payments for December 2024 and January 2025, all totaling \$185,023.10 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

04/25

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

CARRIED.

Yearly Correspondence Resolution

05/25

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 dispense with the reading of correspondence received each month in the coming year and that a listing of correspondence received, be attached to the monthly minutes and dealt with if necessary.

CARRIED.

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06/25

Correspondence

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

CARRIED.

07/25

Fidelity Bond Resolution for 2025

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 accept the Fidelity Bond as presented. That the SARM Fidelity Bond Invoice of \$238.50 be paid. It includes Fidelity Bond Insurance Coverage of \$100,000; Registered Mail coverage included of \$50,000 and Money and Securities coverage of \$2,500.

CARRIED.

08/25

Renewal of SARM Insurance Plans for 2025

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew the following SARM Insurance Plans for 2025: 1) SARM Membership fee \$3,886.62; 2) SARM Benefits, LTD Benefits, EHD Benefits, Vision Benefits, Group Life Insurance Benefits, SARM Group Coverage \$33,784.84; 3) Property Self- Insurance Plan \$15,547.57; 4) Liability Self- Insurance Plan \$2,819.44; 5) Excess Liability Coverage \$1,513.68; Total \$57,552.15.

CARRIED.

09/25

SPSA Civic Address Registry Signage Incentive Project

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency for the Civic Address Registry Signage Incentive Project for township and range road signage.

CARRIED.

10/25

Federation of Canadian Municipalities 2025-2026 Membership

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our membership with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for 2025-2026 at a cost of \$290.52.

CARRIED.

11/25

WaterWolf Planning Inc. Membership 2025

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew our membership with WaterWolf Planning Inc. for 2025 at a cost of \$1,890.00. Also, that GIS License Fees of \$589.58 be paid for November 15, 2024 to November 14, 2025.

CARRIED.

12/25

RMAA Membership for 2025

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 renew the Administrator's Rural Municipal Administrators' Association of Saskatchewan (RMAA) membership for 2025 at a cost of \$425.00.

CARRIED.

13/25

Donation to STARS

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 make a donation to STARS for 2025 in the amount of \$5,000.00

CARRIED.

14/25

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Donation 2025

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 make a donation to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers for 2025 of \$200.00.

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CARRIED.

15/25

Donation to Outlook & District Regional Park for 2025

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 make a donation to the Outlook & District Regional Park for 2025 of \$2,500.00.

CARRIED.

16/25

Weed Inspector Appointment for 2025

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 appoint Layne Abrahamson as Weed Inspector for the year 2025.

CARRIED.

17/25

Building Inspector Appointment for 2025

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract MuniCode Services Ltd. as the building official for the municipality for the year 2025.

CARRIED.

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18/25

2025 Council Meeting Dates

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 set the regular meeting date for Council to be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. for 2025: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10.

CARRIED.

19/25

Monthly Remittance Deadlines

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 authorize the Administrator to meet the monthly remittance deadlines for collection of Education Property Tax and Saskatchewan Municipal Hail received each month. As well, online payments be approved and released for utilities and other creditors to meet payment due dates by the Administrator and Reeve.

CARRIED.

20/25

Assessor Appointment for 2024<sup>5</sup>

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 appoint L. Jean Jones as our Assessor for 2025.

CARRIED.

21/25

Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board Elected Officials Coverage

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 set the amount of positional coverage for elected officials at \$42,235.00 for 2025, complying with Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board minimum.

CARRIED.

22/25

Stray Animals Act Administrator

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 appoint L. Jean Jones as Administrator of The Stray Animals Act, for the year 2025.

CARRIED.

23/25

Schedules "A", "B", "C" Year 2025

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve Schedule "A" Year 2025 Committees of Council, Schedule "B" Year 2025 Appointments, and Schedule "C" Year 2025 RM Rates/Charges.

CARRIED.

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24/25

Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Allocation

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 allocate the 2025 municipal population of 604 for the purpose of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant allocation as follows: Dinsmore 201, Conquest 201 and Macrorie 202.

CARRIED.

25/25

Wheatland Regional Library Board Representative 2025

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 representative to the Wheatland Regional Library Board for 2025 be L. Jean Jones, Conquest Library Board Chairperson.

CARRIED.

26/25

SaskTenders Notice of Planned Procurement 2025

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 post our Notice of Planned Procurement on SaskTenders, of our participation with the SARM buying group, for two weeks for the year 2025.

CARRIED.

27/25

Beaver and Wildlife Control Appointments

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 reappoint Ralph Guillet, William C. Vavra, and Shawn W. Rafoss for the Beaver Control Program and also for Nuisance Wildlife Control in the municipality for 2025-26.

CARRIED.

28/25

SARM Beaver Control Program Claim 2024-25

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue a payment Of \$360.00 to William C. Vavra for 12 beaver removed under the Beaver Control Program for 2024-25 and that our claim be filed with SARM.

CARRIED.

Administrator Jones declared a conflict of interest and left the Council Chambers at 10:25 a.m. Administrator Jones returned to the Council Chambers at 10:45 a.m.

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2025 Salaries and Wages

29/25

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the following salaries/wages for 2025: Foreman Darren Jones – Annual \$96,371.40 plus benefits; Administrator L. Jean Jones – Annual \$78,670.37 plus benefits; Aaron Shaw \$34.55/hr plus benefits; Brent Silverthorn \$30.92/hr plus benefits; Henry Bachman \$30.00/hr plus benefits; Blaine Norris \$34.55/hr plus benefits.

CARRIED.

Transfer of Fire Fees to Conquest Fire Department Savings Account

30/25

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 transfer \$1,560.77 for Conquest Fire Department Fire Fees received from Fire Invoices #0001 (February 2, 2023) and #0005 (June 24, 2024) into the Conquest Fire Department Savings Account.

CARRIED.

Sun Valley Land Ltd and Enbridge Pipelines Inc. to Utilize Ditch Access

31/25

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide consent to Sun Valley Land Ltd. for Enbridge Pipelines Inc. to temporarily utilize ditch access to access worksite on NE 12-28-09 W3M for MP 307 ROW Remediation.

CARRIED.

Sun Valley Land Ltd. and Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for Ditch Access and Temporary Equipment Crossing

32/25

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide consent to Sun Valley Land Ltd. for Enbridge Pipelines Inc. to temporarily utilize the ditches for access and temporary equipment crossing on SE 06-29-10 W3M, NW 32-28-10 W3M and between SE 1-29-11 W3M and SW 06-29-10 W3M for MP 293-296 ROW Remediation.

CARRIED.

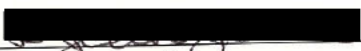
Adjournment

33/25

BARRINGTON: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED.

  
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Reeve, Friesen

  
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Administrator, Jones