

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MAY 7, 2025

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, May 7, 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

94/25

INGELL: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

95/25

MAUCH: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 9, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

96/25

HOFER: That cheques numbering 17101-17129, direct deposits, and online payments for April and May 2025, all totaling \$173,459.81 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

97/25

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

CARRIED.

Correspondence

98/25

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

CARRIED.

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DELEGATION: 9:00 A.M. Conquest Fire Department. Fire Chief Connor Ogilvie and Deputy Fire Chief Dan Ogilvie attended the Council Chambers and presented information for a 120x80 fire hall building or 40x80 fire hall renovation to Council. Estimates for gas, power, water and sewer, plumbing, and engineered drawing were provided. Information will be taken to another meeting between village and municipal councils. The delegation left at 9:30 a.m.

DELEGATION: 9:35 A.M. Brent Silverthorn, Seasonal Employee, met with Council in the Council Chambers. Council reviewed the Return to Work form completed by Brent's doctor. There are some restrictions affecting a return to work but would expire within 30 days. Doctor indicated Return to Work by May 1, 2025. Brent left the Council Chambers at 9:50 a.m.

DELEGATION: 9:55 A.M. Aaron Shaw, Seasonal Employee, met with Council in the Council Chambers. Council reviewed the Return to Work form completed by Aaron's doctor. Previous neuropathy has been eliminated due to recent accident. Healing is coming along. Doctor did not indicate any restrictions affecting a return to work or a return to work date. Aaron left the Council Chambers at 10:05 a.m.

Seasonal Call Backs

99/25

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue Seasonal Callbacks to work for: 1) Brent Silverthorn and 2) Aaron Shaw. There will be a 30 day probation period from start date.

CARRIED.

Hillcrest Cemetery Fee Increase

100/25

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 make a change to Schedule "C" Year 2025 R.M. Rates/Charges – Hillcrest Cemetery Fees be increased to \$100.00/plot (includes \$50.00 locate fee).

CARRIED.

2023 Arrears Proceed to Request Title

101/25

MAUCH: That TAXervice be authorized under s22(1) of The Tax Enforcement Act on or after April 8, 2025 to commence proceedings to request title with respect to the following described lands:

- Roll 1867 Lot 19-Blk/Par 2 – Plan G421 Ext 0
- Roll 1868 Lot 20-Blk/Par 2 – Plan G421 Ext 0
- Roll 1869 Lot 21-Blk/Par 2 – Plan G421 Ext 0

CARRIED.

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- 102/25      Conquest Branch Library Donation  
                 SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 provide a monetary donation of \$750.00 to the Conquest Branch Library for 2025 to assist with room rental costs.  

CARRIED.
  
- 103/25      3D Dust Control for 2025  
                 HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract 3D Dust Control to service our ratepayers for 2025 at a cost of \$0.36/L.  

CARRIED.
  
- 104/25      Conquest Fire Department 2025 Operating Payment  
                 BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue a payment of \$20,000.00 to the Conquest Fire Department for 2025 as per the "Operation of the Conquest Fire Department Fire Agreement" dated June 14, 2023.  

CARRIED.
  
- 105/25      WaterWolf Planning Inc. Budget 2025/2026  
                 THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 has reviewed the WaterWolf Planning Inc. Budget for 2025/2026 and hereby adopts it.  

CARRIED.
  
- 106/25      Xerox Lease Contract 2025  
                 INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 enter into a 60 Month Lease with Xerox for a Xerox Versalink C7130 device (lease price \$103.50/mo., black print cost \$0.0095, color printing cost \$0.078) due to the present lease expiring.  

CARRIED.
  
- 107/25      Celebrate Important Services Month of May  
                 MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 support National Police Week, National Nurses Week and National EMS Week during the month of May 2025 by advertising in THE OUTLOOK at a cost of \$75.00 plus GST.  

CARRIED.

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Office Closure May 13-15, 2025

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 Office be closed May 13-15, 2025 for the Rural Municipal Administrators' Association Convention in Saskatoon. That the Administrator be reimbursed for travel costs.


CARRIED.


109/25

Adjournment

SILVERTHORN: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

CARRIED.

  
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Reeve, Friesen

  
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Administrator, Jones