

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FERTILE VALLEY #285  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
MAY 8, 2024

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

Approval of Agenda

86/24

THOMPSON: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

87/24

BARRINGTON: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 10, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

88/24

SILVERTHORN: That cheques numbering 16635-16675 and direct deposits for April and May 2024, all totaling \$269,118.30 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

89/24

HOFER: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of April 2024 and Bank Reconciliation at April 30, 2024 shall be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

DELEGATION: 9:00 A.M. WATER SECURITY AGENCY TEAM and WESTSIDE IRRIGATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

Brian Palm with WSA and representatives from MNP design team met with Council. Kirk joined the conversation by speaker phone. Discussion centered around building the trail on NE 24-30-10 W3 up to the Conquest Reservoir. The road would be an all season access road. The municipality will look after the maintenance once the road is complete. WSA to contact the landowners. Start date would be Monday, May 13, 2024. The delegation left at 9:45 A.M.

Correspondence

90/24

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

CARRIED.

Workplace Violence Policy & Prevention Plan

91/24

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 implement a Workplace Violence Policy & Prevention Plan dated May 8, 2024 as per The Saskatchewan Employment Act. The policy to form part of the municipality's Policy Manual.

CARRIED.

McIntosh Sand and Gravel Limited Partnership Gravel Agreement

92/24

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley No. 285 enter into a Gravel Supply Agreement with McIntosh Sand and Gravel Limited Partnership at \$14.00/cu yd for approximately 20,000 cu yds of Type 108 road gravel for the year 2024.

CARRIED.

TAXervice to Continue Tax Enforcement on Bounty Lots

93/24

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 forward tax enforcement details on Lots 6-8 and Lots 9-10, Block 5, Plan G84 Bounty to TAXervice for further processing and to request title to the properties.

CARRIED.

Spring Road Ban to Remove

94/24

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 remove their Spring Road Ban effective May 13, 2024.

CARRIED.

Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance List of Lands to be Withdrawn

95/24

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the list of lands to be withdrawn from the SMHI Insurance Program which is attached to and forming a part of these minutes.

CARRIED.

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96/24

No Through Road Sign

MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 order a "NO THROUGH ROAD" sign (60x60) for RR3092 west of Bratton.

CARRIED.

97/24

Ministry of Highways Weed Control Contract No. 8324-00-11

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley No. 285 enter into a contract for Weed Control with the Ministry of Highways, Contract No. 8324-00-11 for the period ending October 31, 2024. The Administrator be authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality.

CARRIED.

98/24

Draft Financial Statements for 2023

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 approve the draft financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 as prepared by de Jong & Associates.

CARRIED.

99/24

MuniCode Revised Building Official Appointment

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 include Kelsey Rebryna as an appointed Building Official with MuniCode Services Ltd., for our municipality, alongside Clayton Meier, Ryan Thiessen, Travis Elkin, Shenah Cartier, and Clint Vargo.

CARRIED.

100/24

Declaration of Outlook & District Health Centre Appreciation Week

SILVERTHORN: That the Council of the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 declares the week of May 12-18, 2024 Outlook and District Health Centre Appreciation Week.

CARRIED.

101/24

Conquest Fire Department Annual Payment

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 issue a payment of \$20,000.00 to the Conquest Fire Department as per the "Operation of the Conquest Fire Department Fire Agreement dated June 14, 2023.

CARRIED.

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102/24      Transfer of Conquest Fire Department Fire Fees Received  
                 MAUCH: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 transfer \$17,496.00 of  
                 Conquest Fire Department Fire Fees received into the Conquest Fire  
                 Department Savings Account.


CARRIED.


103/24      Rural Municipal Administrators' Convention  
                 INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 send the Administrator  
                 to the RMAA Convention in Regina, May 14-16, 2024. The R.M.  
                 Office to be closed May 13, 2024 afternoon, reopening May 16, 2024  
                 afternoon. All travel costs to be reimbursed by the municipality.

CARRIED.

104/24      Adjournment  
                 THOMPSON: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

CARRIED.

  
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Reeve, Friesen

  
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Administrator, Jones