

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

A regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 was held on Wednesday, October 8, 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 (abs)

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 8:35 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

186/25

INGELL: That the Agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

187/25

HOFER: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 10, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

List of Accounts for Approval

188/25

SILVERTHORN: That cheques numbering 17260-17290, direct deposits, and online payments for September and October 2025, all totaling \$164,622.34 as shown on the attached List of Accounts for Approval be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

Princess Auto Payment on Hold

189/25

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 hold Cheque No. 17283 dated October 8, 2025 to Princess Auto in the amount of \$943.49 for further clarification.

CARRIED.

Statement of Financial Activities

190/25

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

CARRIED.

Barry Friesen

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191/25

Correspondence

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

CARRIED.

192/25

1980 Fiat-Allis Scraper

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 accept the high bid of \$6,500.00 for the 1980 Fiat-Allis Scraper as is that was advertised on GovDeals.

*Rescinded
2/17/25*

CARRIED.

193/25

Building Permit 03-2025

SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley No. 285 issue Building Permit 03-2025 to Eric and Cindy Simonson for a new dwelling on the NW 19-28-09 W3 subject to the conditions listed in MuniCode's Plan Examination Report.

CARRIED.

194/25

Canada Community Building Fund 2024-25 to 2028-29

BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 submit a Canada Community Building Fund Infrastructure Investment Plan application for construction of a new Conquest Fire Hall to be located on Blk/Par A Plan 101883742 Ext 0 for the 2024-25 to 2028-29 allocation period.

CARRIED.

195/25

Conquest Fire Hall Design

THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 contract a draftsman to design an 80' x 120' 6-bay firehall to be used in tender preparation.

CARRIED.

196/25

Big Valley Well Declaration of Non-Potability

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 declare the Big Valley Well located on the SW 01-27-09 W3M be non-potable and a signed declaration be submitted to the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

CARRIED.

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Bylaw No. 03-2025

197/25

HOFER: That Bylaw No. 03-2025, a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 to Provide for a Planning District Agreement be introduced and read a first time.

CARRIED.

198/25

SILVERTHORN: That Bylaw No. 03-2025 be read a second time.

CARRIED.

199/25

BARRINGTON: That Bylaw No. 03-2025 be given third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

200/25

THOMPSON: That Bylaw No. 03-2025, a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Fertile Valley #285 to Provide for a Planning District Agreement be read a third time and finally adopted.

CARRIED.

Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program

201/25

INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 enter into an agreement with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities for the Rural Municipal Administrator Internship Program authorized by the Reeve and the Administrator as attached to a forming a part of these minutes.

CARRIED.

Hiring of Municipal Administrator Internship Program Intern

202/25

HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 hire Hannah Maclean as intern in the Municipal Administrator Internship Program effective October 1, 2025. That the municipality set a salary of \$52,000.00 during the internship year.

CARRIED.

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203/25 Termination of SARM Group Benefits for Former Seasonal Employees
SILVERTHORN: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 terminate SARM Group Benefits for Aaron Shaw and Brent Silverthorn effective immediately.

CARRIED.

204/25 SARM Midterm Convention in Regina November 5-6, 2025
BARRINGTON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 authorize the Administrator and the Intern to attend the SARM Midterm Convention on November 5-6, 2025 in Regina. That any travel costs be reimbursed by the municipality.

CARRIED.

205/25 Macrorie Co-op Dispersal Auction
THOMPSON: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 authorize Councilor Silverthorn to bid on Lots 150 to 152 for a storage container to a maximum bid of \$7,000.00.

CARRIED.

206/25 Building Permit and Development Permit Application
INGELL: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 has approved the Building Permit Application and Development Permit Application submitted by Justin Haapala for a new shop on SW 16-29-09 W3M. That both applications be forwarded to MuniCode.


CARRIED.

207/25 Gardiner Dam Emergency Preparedness Plan Session
HOFER: That the R.M. of Fertile Valley #285 reimburse Reeve Friesen for any travel costs for attending the Gardiner Dam Emergency Preparedness Plan Session in Saskatoon on November 13, 2025.


CARRIED.

208/25 Adjournment
SILVERTHORN: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED.



Reeve, Friesen



Administrator, Jones