# Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153 Held Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025

In the Municipal Transportation Services Shop #1001 Highway 9, Whitewood, Saskatchewan

# **Present:**

Reeve - Lane Chesney
Councillor Division 1 - Julie Johnson
Councillor Division 2 - Les Beutler
Councillor Division 5 - Darryn Beutler
Councillor Division 6 - Rick Lake

Administrator - Chrissy Bodnarchuk

**Absent:** 

Councillor Division 3 - James Stratton Councillor Division 4 - Eva Davis

# **Call to Order:**

A quorum being present, Reeve Lane Chesney called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

# **Minutes:**

**191/25 Beutler, L:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held August 13, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried.

# **Financial Reports:**

**Johnson:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, the Mastercard statement and the bank reconciliation for the month of August 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#### **Accounts:**

**Beutler, D:** That the accounts in the amount of \$240,254.62 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Carried.

# **Administrative Reports:**

# Foreman Report

**194/25 Lake:** That the Foreman Report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

#### 2025 Projects

**Beutler, L:** That the Administrator request a minimum of three quotes for completion of work orders for 2025 as listed below with the culverts and aggregate provided by the Municipality and the equipment, labour and hauling to be completed by the contactor.

3-1 – Replace Culvert
5-1 – Replace Culvert
5-2 – Replace Culvert

Carried.

# **Correspondence:**

**196/25 Johnson:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:

a) East Central Development Corporation Notice of Annual Meeting & 2024 Financial Statements

Carried.

# **New Business:**

# List of Land in Arrears

**Lake:** That the list of land in arrears of taxes be prepared to not include equal to or less than one-half of the previous year's levy in accordance with Section 3(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*.

Carried.

**198/25 Beutler, L:** That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 acknowledge the list of land in arrears as presented to the head of Council.

Carried.

#### **SARM Midterm Convention**

**Johnson:** That each member of Council and Administration be authorized to attend the 2025 SARM Midterm Convention in Regina, SK. November 5-6, 2025 in accordance with Policy #200-04 and Policy #200-06.

Carried.

## **SARM Midterm Convention**

**Beutler, D:** That each member of the Crew be authorized to attend the 2025 SARM Midterm Convention in Regina, SK. on either November 5 or 6, 2025 to attend the tradeshow in accordance with Policy #200-06.

Carried.

# SARM Member Purchasing Workshop

**201/25 Johnson:** That each member of Council and Administration be authorized to attend the 2025 SARM Member Purchasing Workshop in Regina, SK. November 4, 2025 in accordance with Policy #200-04 and Policy #200-06.

Carried.

#### **SARM Midterm Resolution**

**Beutler, L:** That Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 co-sponsor a resolution with the R.M. of Browning No. 34 at the 2025 SARM Midterm Convention lobbying the Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to establish an orphan fund for the alternative energy industry to clean up abandoned alternative energy infrastructure.

Carried.

# Ochapowace Treaty Land Entitlement File 815.173.2

**203/25 Lake:** That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale respond to File 815.173.2 advising that there is currently no developed road to the parcels in this selection and that the Municipality has no plans to upgrade the road into the location and further that the Municipality will retain all road allowances and road diversions and does not require the purchase of additional roadway right of way.

Carried.

# Whitewood Fire Hall Groundwork

**Lake:** That the R.M. of Willowdale accept the Whitewood Fire Hall proposal estimated at \$200,000.00 to complete groundwork for the new fire hall and agrees to contribute 25% of the total cost.

Carried.

# Town of Whitewood Letter of Support

**Johnson:** That the Administrator draft a letter of support for the Town of Whitewood in their application to upgrade the Community Playground.

Carried.

# Wapella Blackhawk Hockey Game

**Beutler, L:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 pay ice rental fees at the Whitewood Arena to allow the Wapella Blackhawks to host a senior hockey game.

Carried.

# **Broadview Continuing Care Home Donation**

**Beutler, D:** That the R.M. of Willowdale contribute \$500.00 to the Broadview Continuing Care Home to support fundraising efforts to renovate their entertainment and kitchen areas.

Carried.

# **Delegation:**

10:00 a.m. – Lorri Mathewson – Matthewson & Co. – by Zoom

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Reeve Lane Chesney declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business due to personal involvement, therefore is leaving the Council Chambers, is not participating in any discussion and is abstaining from voting (9:57 a.m.).

# Closed Session

**Johnson:** That the meeting enter into closed session at 10:01 a.m. in accordance with Section 120(2)(a) of *The Municipalities Act* and Section 16 of *The Local Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* to discuss personnel.

Carried.

In attendance: Julie Johnson, Les Beutler, Darryn Beutler, Rick Lake and Chrissy Bodnarchuk.

#### Open Session

**209/25 Lake:** That the meeting reconvene into regular session at 11:03 a.m.

Carried.

#### Code of Ethics Investigation

**Johnson:** That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 accept the code of ethics investigation report as presented by Matthewson & Co. via zoom and further acknowledge that there is evidence to support a code of ethics violation and that the appropriate steps are being taken by Council to address the issue.

Carried.

# **Mandatory Council Training**

**Lake:** That the Administrator arrange for mandatory council training for all members of Council from Matthewson & Co. and further that mandatory council training will be scheduled every election year following the election with this requirement to be included in the policy manual.

Carried

Reeve Lane Chesney returned to the Council Chambers at 11:06 a.m.

#### Work Orders

**212/25 Beutler, L:** That the following work order be approved as presented:

2-2 – Install New Culvert

2-3 – Add on to culvert & slope approach

5-2 – Replace Culvert

Carried.

# Tree Mulching

**Lake:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 contract Shredded Mulching Co. to mulch trees throughout the Municipality with a budget up to \$25,000.00 with Councillors to provide written locations to the Administrator in the next two weeks in preparation of the project.

Carried.

#### Elevated Applications Invoice

**Lake:** That the Administrator be authorized to pay invoice 2566 to Elevated Application for \$15,875.00 plus taxes.

Carried.

# **Closed Session**

**Johnson:** That the meeting enter into closed session at 11:37 a.m. in accordance with Section 120(2)(a) of *The Municipalities Act* and Section 16 of *The Local Freedom of Information and Privacy Act* to discuss personnel.

Carried.

In attendance: Lane Chesney, Julie Johnson, Les Beutler, Darryn Beutler, Rick Lake and Chrissy Bodnarchuk.

#### Open Session

**216/25 Lake:** That the meeting reconvene into regular session at 11:50 a.m.

Carried.

#### Unit T-4

**Beutler, L:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 acknowledge that no tenders were received on Unit T-4 and further that the unit be offered for sale by auction at Yorkton Auction.

Carried.

# Unit CT-2

**Beutler, D:** That the crew be authorized to repair the brakes on CT-2 for an approximate cost of \$1,500.00.

Carried.

# **Council Indemnity**

**Beutler, D:** That Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 accept the monthly council indemnity as presented and hereby approve payment with month end payroll cycle with the understanding that any miscalculations be documented on the indemnity sheets.

Chesney	\$ 915.20	Johnson	\$ 302.60	Beutler, L	\$ 351.00
Stratton	\$ 0	Davis	\$ 0	Beutler, D	\$285.80
Lake	\$ 358.00				

Carried.

220/25	Adjournment Beutler, L: That this meeting adjourn (12:10 p.m.).		Carried
	Reeve	Administrator	

# R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 List of Accounts for Approval as of 9/10/2025

Batch: 2025-00063 to 2025-00070

				Payment
Cheques	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
11422	13-Aug-25	Lakeview Quarry Ventures	Gravel Crush	\$77,522.31
11423	13-Aug-25	RMAA	2025 Fall Meeting	\$60.00
11424	13-Aug-25	UMAAS	2025 Fall Workshop	\$105.00
EFT	15-Aug-25	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,798.03
EFT	15-Aug-25	Oshawa Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,562.03
EFT	15-Aug-25	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,920.28
EFT	29-Aug-25	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,777.35
EFT	29-Aug-25	Steve Faelker	Payroll	\$1,226.36
EFT	29-Aug-25	Oshawa Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,690.47
EFT	29-Aug-25	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,979.37
EFT	31-Aug-25	Chrissy Bodnarchuk	August Payroll	\$4,862.77
EFT	31-Aug-25	Darryn Beutler	August Council Indemnity	\$285.80
EFT	31-Aug-25	Leslie Beutler	August Council Indemnity	\$404.00
EFT	31-Aug-25	Lane Chesney	August Council Indemnity	\$946.30
EFT	31-Aug-25	Eva Davis	August Council Indemnity	\$467.35
EFT	31-Aug-25	Julie Johnson	August Council Indemnity	\$302.60
EFT	31-Aug-25	Rick Lake	August Council Indemnity	\$459.20
EFT	31-Aug-25	James Stratton	August Council Indemnity	\$287.00
OL	31-Aug-25	MEPP	August Payable	\$6,523.18
OL	31-Aug-25	Receiver General	August Payable	\$11,708.01
OL	31-Aug-25	Sask Energy	August Payable	\$113.67
OL	31-Aug-25	Sask Power	August Payable	\$734.85
OL	31-Aug-25	Sask Tel	August Payable	\$339.76
OL	31-Aug-25	Minister of Finance	GSSD - August Payable	\$2,137.50
OL	31-Aug-25	Minister of Finance	PVSD - August Payable	\$20,261.79
11425	10-Sep-25	Brandt Tractor Ltd.	August Statement	\$1,152.50
11426	10-Sep-25	By-Pro Feeds Ltd.	2025 Dust Control	\$8,191.67
11427	10-Sep-25	Farm & Family Tire Shop	Mower Tire	\$231.00
11428	10-Sep-25	Alden Fredlund	Gravel Royalties	\$30,496.64
11429	10-Sep-25	Richard Fredlund	Gravel Royalties	\$30,496.64
11430	10-Sep-25	Kahkewistahaw Specific Claim	Overpaid Taxes	\$74.92
11431	10-Sep-25	Napa Auto Parts	August Statement	\$200.79
11432	10-Sep-25	OK Tire	August Statement	\$2,005.24
11433	10-Sep-25	SGI	License Plate Renewal	\$1,439.10
11434	10-Sep-25	Whitewood Legion Branch	2025 Golf Tournament	\$100.00
11435	10-Sep-25	Whitewood Communities in Blo	: 2025 Flower Barrels	\$70.00
EFT	10-Sep-25	Borderland Coop	August Statement	\$16,603.05
EFT	10-Sep-25	Dionco Sales & Service Ltd	August Statement	\$1,054.50
EFT	10-Sep-25	Flatlander Express	August Statement	\$38.39
EFT	10-Sep-25	Frier's Ag	July Invoice	\$379.06
EFT	10-Sep-25	Loraas Disposal	August Statement	\$60.34
EFT	10-Sep-25	Municode Services Ltd.	Building Permit Fees	\$1,602.83
EFT	10-Sep-25	Ricoh Canada Inc.	July Invoice	\$12.51
EFT	10-Sep-25	SARM	August Statement	\$590.65
EFT	10-Sep-25	Toshiba Tec Canada	August Invoice	\$147.39
EFT	10-Sep-25	Western Municipal Consulting	Assessment Appeal	\$105.00
EFT	10-Sep-25	Town of Whitewood	August Invoice	\$1,907.66

EFT OL	10-Sep-25 10-Sep-25	Zee Medical Service Co. Collabria Mastercard	August Statement August Statement		\$509.68 \$1,310.08
				Total	\$240,254.62
Certified correct this 10th day of September, 2025		Reeve			
			Administrator		