

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153
Held Wednesday the 7th day of May, 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 3 -	James Stratton
Councillor Division 4 -	Eva Davis
Councillor Division 5 -	Darryn Beutler
Councillor Division 6 -	Rick Lake
Administrator -	Chrissy Bodnarchuk

Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Reeve Lane Chesney called the meeting to order at 8:53 a.m.

Minutes:

83/25 **Stratton:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 9, 2025 be approved as presented. **Carried.**

Financial Reports:

84/25 **Lake:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, the Mastercard statement and the bank reconciliation for the month of April 2025 be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

Recorded Vote

A recorded vote was requested by Reeve Lane Chesney for the next item of business.

2025 Budget

85/25 **Johnson:** That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 adopt the budget for the year 2025 as presented and attached.

RECORDED VOTE:

VOTED

<u>Councillor</u>		<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Reeve	Lane Chesney	X		
Division 1	Julie Johnson	X		
Division 2	Les Beutler	X		
Division 3	James Stratton	X		
Division 4	Eva Davis	X		
Division 5	Darryn Beutler	X		
Division 6	Rick Lake	X		
TOTAL VOTES		7	0	0

Carried.

2025 Municipal Mill Rate

86/25 **Beutler, L:** That the municipal mill rate be set at 6.00 for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 for the year 2025. **Carried.**

2025 Education Property Tax Mill Rates

87/25 **Davis:** That the 2025 Education Property Tax Mill Rates be acknowledged as presented:

Agricultural:	1.07 mills	Residential:	4.27 mills
Commercial/Industrial:	6.37 mills	Resource:	7.49 mills

Carried.

Accounts:

88/25 **Beutler, D:** That the accounts in the amount of \$64,540.56 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment. **Carried.**

Bylaws:

Bylaw 2/2025 – Mill Rate Factors Bylaw

- 89/25

Beutler, L: That Bylaw No. 2/2025 being a bylaw to set municipal mill rate factors in the Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153 be read a first time.

Carried.
- 90/25

Johnson: That Bylaw No. 2/2025 be read a second time.

Carried.
- 91/25

Beutler, D: That Bylaw No. 2/2025 be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.
- 92/25

Stratton: That Bylaw No. 2/2025 being a bylaw to set municipal mill rate factors in the Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153 be read a third time and adopted.

Carried.

Correspondence:

- 93/25

Lake: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:

a) Southeast Transportation Planning Committee Executive Meeting Minutes

Carried.

New Business:

SARM Division One Meeting

- 94/25

Johnson: That the Administrator and Council be authorized to attend the SARM Division One Meeting to be held June 18, 2025 in Kipling, SK. in accordance with Policy #200-04 and #200-06.

Carried.

Work Orders

- 95/25

Lake: That the following work order be approved as presented to be amended to installation of two new culverts.

5-1 – Install New Culvert

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Julie Johnson declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business due to family involvement, therefore is leaving the Council Chambers, is not participating in any discussion and is abstaining from voting (9:30 a.m.).

2025 Scholarship

- 96/25

Lake: That Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 award Taydean Johnson the 2025 Scholarship Award.

Carried.

Councillor Julie Johnson returned to the Council Chambers at 9:35 a.m.

Asbestos Testing

- 97/25

Beutler, L: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 accept the asbestos testing report as presented and further that the Administrator be authorized to gather quotes for all required repairs as well as any requirements and grants from Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation.

Carried.

Condolence and Congratulations Policy #200-13

- 98/25

Stratton: That the Condolence and Congratulations Policy #200-13 be adopted as presented for the purpose of providing clear and consistent process to follow for using public funds for events of Condolence and Congratulations.

Carried.

Condolence Donation

- 99/25

Beutler, L: That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 donate one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to Southeast Regional Library – Whitewood Branch in lieu of flowers in memory of retired employee Ken Wilson.

Carried.

Road Maintenance Agreements – Triple G Enterprises Co Ltd.

100/25

Lake: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 accept the road maintenance agreement 2025-04 with Triple G Enterprises Co Ltd. dated May 7, 2025.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest
Reeve Lane Chesney and Councillor Eva Davis declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business due to personal involvement, therefore are leaving the Council Chambers, are not participating in any discussion and are abstaining from voting (10:43 a.m.).

101/25

Closed Session
Beutler, L: That the meeting enter into closed session at 10:44 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, James Stratton, Darryn Beutler, Rick Lake and Chrissy Bodnarchuk.

102/25

Open Session
Lake: That the meeting reconvene into regular session at 11:15 a.m.

Carried.

103/25

Code of Ethics Investigation
Lake: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 is unable to adequately investigate Code of Ethics complaint #2025-01 and requests Administrator contract Matthewson & Co. to complete the investigation.

Carried.

Reeve Lane Chesney and Councillor Eva Davis returned to the Council Chambers at 11:16 a.m.

104/25

Council Indemnity
Johnson: 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	\$ 1,016.80	Johnson	\$ 302.60	Beutler, L	\$ 381.00
Stratton	\$ 287.00	Davis	\$ 386.40	Beutler, D	\$ 285.80
Lake	\$ 410.40				

Carried.

105/25

Adjournment
Lake: That this meeting adjourn (11:49 a.m.).

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator

R.M. of Willowdale No. 153				
List of Accounts for Approval				
as of 5/7/2025				
Batch: 2025-00029 to 2025-00038				
				Payment
Cheques	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
11379	09-Apr-25	CT Scanner Fund	In Lieu of Flowers	\$150.00
EFT	11-Apr-25	Mark Briggs	Payroll	\$2,153.40
EFT	11-Apr-25	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,355.69
EFT	11-Apr-25	Cole Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,765.72
EFT	11-Apr-25	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,383.70
EFT	25-Apr-25	Mark Briggs	Payroll	\$761.30
EFT	25-Apr-25	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,455.07
EFT	25-Apr-25	Cole Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,756.65
EFT	25-Apr-25	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,745.81
EFT	30-Apr-25	Chrissy Bodnarchuk	April Payroll	\$5,500.70
EFT	30-Apr-25	Darryn Beutler	April Council Indemnity	\$285.80
EFT	30-Apr-25	Leslie Beutler	April Council Indemnity	\$416.00
EFT	30-Apr-25	Lane Chesney	April Council Indemnity	\$1,055.24
EFT	30-Apr-25	Eva Davis	April Council Indemnity	\$295.40
EFT	30-Apr-25	Julie Johnson	April Council Indemnity	\$302.60
EFT	30-Apr-25	James Stratton	April Council Indemnity	\$287.00
OL	30-Apr-25	MEPP	April Payable	\$4,595.10
OL	30-Apr-25	Receiver General	April Payable	\$10,095.86
OL	30-Apr-25	Sask Energy	April Payable	\$1,579.52
OL	30-Apr-25	Sask Power	April Payable	\$795.71
OL	30-Apr-25	Sask Tel	April Payable	\$393.07
11380	30-Apr-25	SGL	License Plate Renewal	\$114.68
OL	30-Apr-25	Minister of Finance	PVSD - April Payable	\$268.49
11381	02-May-25	Mark Briggs	Reimburse MEPP	\$366.91
11382	07-May-25	Lower Souris Watershed	2025 Levy	\$196.38
11383	07-May-25	Maximum Welding	Equipment Repair	\$2,570.14
11384	07-May-25	Scott McRoberts	Overpaid A/R Account	\$92.00
11385	07-May-25	Napa Auto Parts	March & April Statement	\$650.63
11386	07-May-25	Prairie Asbestos Testing	Asbestos Testing	\$813.75
11387	07-May-25	King's Printer	2025 Assessment Notice	\$30.00
11388	07-May-25	Scissors Creek Testing Inc.	Gravel Testing	\$262.50
11389	07-May-25	Garth Shackleton	2024-25 Snow Removal	\$548.63
11390	07-May-25	Sidetrack Laser & Epoxy	Plaques & Boards	\$269.98
11391	07-May-25	Text2Car	2025 Fleet Management Renewal	\$1,998.00
11392	07-May-25	Whitewood Legion	Christmas Party	\$234.00
11393	07-May-25	Whitewood Regional 4H	2025 Donation	\$300.00
EFT	07-May-25	Borderland Coop	April Statement	\$7,658.60
EFT	07-May-25	Core Industrial Services	Shop Septic Pump Out	\$157.50
EFT	07-May-25	Dionco Sales & Service Ltd	April Statement	\$3,194.40
EFT	07-May-25	Grasslands News Group	April Statement	\$120.49
EFT	07-May-25	Frier's Ag	April Invoice	\$704.99
EFT	07-May-25	MuniSoft	April Statement	\$231.99
EFT	07-May-25	Toshiba Tec Canada	April Invoice	\$135.70
EFT	07-May-25	Town of Whitewood	April Invoices	\$1,538.43
OL	07-May-25	Collabria Mastercard	April Statement	\$1,717.53
OL	07-May-25	Minister of Finance	2025 Mineral Tax	\$235.50

Total

\$64,540.56

Certified correct this 7th day of May, 2025

Reeve

Administrator