

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153
Held Friday the 11th day of February, 2026
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 9:00 a.m.

Minutes:

38/26 Johnson: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 14, 2026 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Financial Reports:

39/26 Beutler, D: That the Statement of Financial Activities, the Mastercard statement and the bank reconciliation for the month of January 2026 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Accounts:

40/26 Davis: That the accounts in the amount of \$86,442.69 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Carried.

Councillor L. Beutler joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Administrative Reports:

Foreman Report

41/26 Lake: That the Foreman Report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Correspondence:

42/26 Stratton: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:

a)	Southeast Transportation Planning Committee	Executive Meeting Minutes & Newsletter
b)	APAS	Gopher Extermination
c)	SAMA	Notice of Annual Meeting
d)	SaskPower	2026 Proposed Road Construction Plans
e)	SaskTel	2026 Proposed Road Construction Plans
f)	Hudson Bay Association	Member Update and Renewal
g)	Search & Rescue Saskatchewan Association of Volunteers	Advertising
h)	Conquest Equipment	Municipal Grade Equipment
i)	R.M. of Langenburg	SARM Resolution
j)	Department of Highways	Functional Study
k)	IHunter App	RM Map Usage

Carried.

New Business:

SARM Division Curling

43/26 Beutler, L: That Council and employees making up the winning Division 1 curling team be authorized to attend the 2026 Division playoffs in Regina, SK. on Monday March 9, 2026 in accordance with Policy #200-04 and #200-06.

Carried.

- SARM Annual Convention
44/26 Lake: That each member of Council and Administration be authorized to attend the 2026 SARM Annual Convention in Regina, SK. from March 10-12, 2026 in accordance with Policy #200-04 and #200-06 and further that crew be authorized to attend one day of the trade show and that the foreman attend Leadership and Influence Training on March 11, 2026 in accordance with Policy #200-06.
Carried.
- SARM Delegates
45/26 Beutler, D: That Council appoint Reeve Lane Chesney and Councillor James Stratton as the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 voting delegates for the 2026 SARM Convention.
Carried.
- Municipal Hail
46/26 Johnson: That Councillor James Stratton be appointed as delegate to attend the Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Association to be held March 10, 2026 in Regina, SK.
Carried.
- March Meeting
47/26 Lake: That the Council Meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday March 11, 2026 be changed to Wednesday March 4, 2026 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Transportation Services Shop at #1001 Highway 9 Whitewood, SK.
Carried.
- Destruction of Records
48/26 Beutler, D: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 authorize Administration to proceed with the destruction of records as presented by the Administrator in Schedule 1 dated February 11, 2026 as per the municipality's Destruction of Records Bylaw 2012-01.
Carried.
- RMAA Spring Workshop
49/26 Stratton: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 authorize Administrator to attend the RMAA Spring Workshop in Melville, SK. on March 31, 2026 in accordance with Policy #200-06.
Carried.
- Community Safety Net
50/26 Davis: That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 sponsor twenty (20) kids for a total of three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320.00) plus GST for the Whitewood Fire and Rescue safety initiative through Community Safety Net.
Carried.
- World Spectator Winter Sports Feature
51/26 Johnson: That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 purchase a one column ad for eighty dollars (\$80.00) in the World-Spectator Minor Hockey & Figure Skating feature.
Defeated.
- SaskPower – Road Ban Exemption
52/26 Beutler, L: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 permit SaskPower to use municipal roads through 2026 road ban period with the understanding that all road repairs and damages caused by SaskPower crews will be invoiced to SaskPower as a custom work item.
Carried.
- Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program
53/26 Lake: That the R.M. of Willowdale apply to the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program for rebate funding for the agricultural water well to be completed on SW 23-18-01-W2.
Carried.
- Tender – Blk B, Plan 101250504 Ext 45
54/26 Beutler, D: That the Council R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 accept the tender of the property described as Blk B, Plan 101250504 Ext 45 for one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and further that the Administrator be authorized to transfer title with transfer costs invoiced to purchaser.
Carried.
- Shop Furnace Replacement
55/26 Beutler, D: That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 authorize Administrator to get two updated quotes for the shop furnace to revisit pricing in fall 2026 for possible installation before winter.
Carried.

Recorded Vote

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

Office Update

56/26 Chesney: That Rococo Construction continue with project management and obtaining prices as discussed for office renovation/replacement and further that should the quote(s) be accepted and the project proceed that Rococo Construction be hired as the general contractor for the project.

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		5	2	0

Carried.

Equipment Trailer

57/26 Beutler, D: That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 proceed with the repair work to Equipment Trailer (Unit T-3) as required by initial inspection to pass SGI safety.

Carried.

Recorded Vote

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Eva Davis for the next item of business.

Equipment Trailer

58/26 Johnson: That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 purchase new end dump trailer with a budget of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

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		1	6	0

Defeated.

Custom Gravel Hauling

59/26 Johnson: That the R.M. of Willowdale hire contractor(s) to custom haul municipal material as required for projects and approaches for the 2026 season with number of loads and contractor to be organized by the Foreman.

Carried.

Service Trucks

60/26 Beutler, D: That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 acknowledge inspection repair listings for 2018 Dodge service truck (Unit CT-1) and 1997 Dodge service truck (Unit CT-3) and further that the repairs to both trucks be completed per listing and additionally DEF system be deleted from Unit CT-1 and four-wheel drive be repaired on Unit CT-3.

Carried.

Closed Session

61/26 Lake: That the meeting enter into closed session at 11:02 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, James Stratton, Eva Davis, Darryn Beutler, Rick Lake and Chrissy Bodnarchuk

Open Session

62/26 Stratton: That the meeting reconvene into regular session at 11:42 a.m.

Carried.

Grader/Equipment Operator

63/26 **Beutler, D:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 hire Oshawa Gawryluk as full time equipment operator at a starting wage of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per hour, probation period to September 30, 2026 and a start date to be as soon as possible upon graduation and further that the employee be allowed to start work part time hours should he be available for initial training with hours and dates to be determined by the Foreman.

Carried.

Unit S-2 DEF System

64/26 **Beutler, D:** That the Foreman be authorized to have the DEF system deleted from Unit S-2 (2018 Peterbilt 567) by RPM Service Ltd.

Carried.

Council Indemnity

65/26 **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	\$ 1,014.70	Johnson	\$ 302.60	Beutler, L	\$ 281.00
Stratton	\$ 287.00	Davis	\$ 431.40	Beutler, D	\$ 285.80
Lake	\$ 311.00				

Carried.

Adjournment

66/26 **Beutler, L:** That this meeting adjourn (12:04 p.m.).

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator

R.M. of Willowdale No. 153
List of Accounts for Approval
as of 2/11/2026
Batch: 2026-00003 to 2026-00012

Cheques	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Payment Amount
11494	14-Jan-26	Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers	2026 Donation	\$200.00
11495	14-Jan-26	Whitewood Curling Club	2026 Farmers & Friends Bonspiel	\$1,000.00
11496	15-Jan-26	SPCOA	Reissue Cheque	\$180.00
EFT	16-Jan-26	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,950.67
EFT	16-Jan-26	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,911.40
EFT	30-Jan-26	Mark Briggs	Payroll	\$444.43
EFT	30-Jan-26	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,677.94
EFT	30-Jan-26	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,789.32
EFT	31-Jan-26	Chrissy Bodnarchuk	January Payroll	\$5,075.06
EFT	31-Jan-26	Darryn Beutler	January Council Indemnity	\$285.80
EFT	31-Jan-26	Leslie Beutler	January Council Indemnity	\$281.00
EFT	31-Jan-26	Lane Chesney	January Council Indemnity	\$1,467.00
EFT	31-Jan-26	Eva Davis	January Council Indemnity	\$396.40
EFT	31-Jan-26	Julie Johnson	January Council Indemnity	\$302.60
EFT	31-Jan-26	Rick Lake	January Council Indemnity	\$336.00
EFT	31-Jan-26	James Stratton	January Council Indemnity	\$822.00
OL	31-Jan-26	MEPP	January Payable	\$5,526.24
OL	31-Jan-26	Receiver General	January Payable	\$11,041.82
OL	31-Jan-26	Sask Energy	January Payable	\$1,841.84
OL	31-Jan-26	Sask Power	January Payable	\$1,180.86
OL	31-Jan-26	Sask Tel	January Payable	\$337.41
11497	31-Jan-26	SGI	License Plate Renewal	\$1,197.10
OL	31-Jan-26	Minister of Finance	PVSD - January Payable	\$3,101.10
11498	11-Feb-26	Copper Ridge Construction	Shop Repairs	\$870.24
11499	11-Feb-26	Minister of Finance	VOID	\$0.00
11500	11-Feb-26	Napa Auto Parts	January Statement	\$471.69
11501	11-Feb-26	RPM Service Ltd.	Equipment Repairs	\$5,957.21
11502	11-Feb-26	SAMA	2026 Requisition	\$10,142.00
11503	11-Feb-26	Town of Wapella	2026 Fire Grant	\$3,000.00
11504	11-Feb-26	World Spectator	January Statement	\$735.00
11505	11-Feb-26	Minister of Finance	2026 Gravel Leases	\$840.45
EFT	11-Feb-26	Borderland Coop	January Statement	\$5,712.34
EFT	11-Feb-26	Flatland Plumbing & Heating	Shop Repairs	\$449.55
EFT	11-Feb-26	Frier's Ag	January Invoice	\$95.80
EFT	11-Feb-26	Grasslands Newsgroup	January Statement	\$255.16
EFT	11-Feb-26	Loraas Disposal	January Statement	\$178.79
EFT	11-Feb-26	Mazergroup Ltd	January Statement	\$2,438.63
EFT	11-Feb-26	SARM	January Statement	\$210.00
EFT	11-Feb-26	Toshiba Tec Canada	January Invoice	\$467.33
EFT	11-Feb-26	Town of Whitewood	January Statement	\$1,209.82
OL	11-Feb-26	Collabria Mastercard	January Statement	\$3,806.97
OL	11-Feb-26	Saskatchewan WCB	2026 Statement	\$5,255.72
Total				\$86,442.69

Certified correct this 11th day of February, 2026

Reeve

Administrator