

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Willowdale No. 153

Held Friday the 14th day of January, 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:

1/26 **Stratton:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 10, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Financial Reports:

2/26 **Johnson:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, the Mastercard statement and the bank reconciliation for the month of December 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Cancel Cheque No. 11402

3/26 **Lake:** That Council for the R.M. of Willowdale reissue cheque number 11402 in the amount of \$180.00 due to the cheque being stale dated.

Carried.

Accounts:

4/26 **Beutler, D:** That the accounts in the amount of \$140,042.30 as indicated on the list attached hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Carried.

Administrative Reports:

2025 Gravel Totals

5/26 **Johnson:** That the 2025 Gravel Totals be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Foreman Report

6/26 **Beutler, L:** That the Foreman Report be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Bylaws:

Gravel Licensing Bylaw

7/26 **Beutler, L:** That The Gravel Licensing Bylaw being a bylaw to regulate the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a first time.

Carried.

8/26 **Johnson:** That The Gravel Licensing Bylaw be read a second time.

Carried.

9/26 **Lake:** That The Gravel Licensing Bylaw be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

10/26 **Stratton:** That The Gravel Licensing Bylaw being a bylaw to regulate the excavation of gravel from gravel pits be read a third time and adopted as Bylaw No. 1/2026.

Carried.

Amend Bylaw 5/2023

11/26 **Johnson:** That the amending bylaw being a bylaw to amend bylaw 5/2023 known as the Building Permit Fees Bylaw be read a first time. **Carried.**

12/26 **Stratton:** That The Amending Bylaw be read a second time. **Carried.**

13/26 **Lake:** That the Amending Bylaw be given three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously.**

14/26 **Beutler, D:** That the Amending Bylaw being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 5/2023 known as the Building Permit Fees Bylaw be read and third time and adopted as Bylaw 2/2026. **Carried.**

15/26 **Correspondence:**
Lake: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:

a)	Southeast Transportation Planning Committee	Right of Way Mowing
b)	Inside Outside Studios Inc.	2025 Landowner Map Sales Report
c)	SARM	2026 Membership Fees
d)	SARM	HR Service
e)	Southeast Regional Healthcare Corporation	Meeting Documentation
f)	Southeast Regional Healthcare Corporation	Public Notice
g)	SARM	Division Directors Election
h)	Agricultural Health & Safety Network	Farm Safety Plan Workshops
i)	SARM	Biosecurity in Livestock Operations
j)	RCMP	Webinar
		Quarterly Statistics Report

Carried.

16/26 **Fidelity Bond**
Davis: That pursuant to Section 113 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Fidelity Bond provided through the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities providing Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) coverage for the Administration be accepted as presented. **Carried.**

17/26 **Workers' Compensation Board – Elected Officials**
Beutler, D: That for the year 2026 the Reeve and each Council Member be insured under *The Workers' Compensation Act* at the rate of Forty-three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-six Dollars (\$43,726.00) per elected official. **Carried.**

18/26 **Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant**
Beutler, D: That for the purpose of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Communities Grant Program the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 allocate its per capita amount to the Town of Whitewood for the year 2027. **Carried.**

19/26 **Board of Revision - Board**
Davis: That pursuant to Subsection 220(1) of *The Municipalities Act* the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process for the term of January 1, 2026 through to December 31, 2026; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as Members of the Board of Revision: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner and Rick Leigh.

The chair shall be responsible for naming no fewer than three (3) members for the hearing of any matter. Where the Chair does not include themselves among the appointees, the members appointed for a hearing shall determine the chair of that hearing from among their numbers. **Carried.**

20/26 **Board of Revision - Secretary**
Stratton: That pursuant to Subsection 221(1) of *The Municipalities Act* the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 appoints Nicolle Hoskins with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of

Revision for the term of January 1, 2026 through to December 31, 2026; remuneration as set out in the Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule. If the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties WMC may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing.

Carried.

Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Donation

21/26 **Beutler, L:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 donate two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers in support of promoting safety and reducing crime in Saskatchewan.

Carried.

Whitewood Farmers and Friends Bonspiel Donation

22/26 **Stratton:** That the R.M. of Willowdale sponsor the 2026 Whitewood Farmers & Friends Bonspiel at the Gold Level by donating one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus one twenty-yard load of gravel with a maximum delivery of 10 miles outside R.M. boundaries and further that the donation be delivered by September 30, 2026.

Carried.

Crossroads Sno-Diggers Snowmobile Trail

23/26 **Beutler, D:** That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 give approval to the Crossroads Sno-Diggers for a snowmobile trail through the municipality as presented valid from January 14, 2026 to April 30, 2026 with the understanding that the snowmobiles be permitted on the right of way only, all litter shall be cleaned up and that the local farmers may use some trails during winter and further that the R.M. maintain the right to revoke this approval by providing written notice.

Carried.

Loraas Disposal Road Access

24/26 **Johnson:** That the Council for the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 authorize Loraas Disposal to use municipal roads through 2026 road ban period with the R.M. reserving the right to cancel the authorization temporarily, in whole or in part.

Carried.

Conexus Credit Union Custom Pricing Package Agreement

25/26 **Beutler, D:** That the Administrator and Reeve be authorized to sign the 2026 Custom Pricing Package Agreement from the Conexus Credit Union as presented.

Carried.

Office Building

26/26 **Chesney:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 hire Rococo Construction as Project Manager to oversee the office renovation/replacement project.

Carried.

Closed Session

27/26 **Chesney:** That the meeting enter into closed session at 10:46 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

28/26 **Beutler, L:** That the meeting reconvene into regular session at 11:19 a.m.

Carried.

Employee Return to Work

29/26 **Johnson:** That Seasonal Equipment/Maintenance Operator Mark Briggs be authorized to start a gradual return to work plan with the intent to work up to his previous winter hours with hours of work and schedule to be determined by the Administrator in conjunction with the Foreman and physical therapist.

Carried.

End Dump Trailer

30/26 **Chesney:** That the purchase of an end dump trailer be tabled until February in order to investigate pricing further.

Carried.

Low Boy Trailer Repair

31/26 **Beutler, L:** That the Foreman take Unit T-3 to Bolt-On Mechanical to investigate possible repair costs.

Carried.

Crew Trucks

32/26 **Beutler, D:** That the Administrator obtain quotes from Whitewood Dodge for new service trucks. **Carried.**

Council Indemnity

33/26 **Stratton:** 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	\$ 1,467.00	Johnson	\$ 302.60	Beutler, L	\$ 281.00
Stratton	\$ 822.00	Davis	\$ 396.40	Beutler, D	\$ 285.80
Lake	\$ 336.00				

Carried.Sale of Equipment

34/26 **Lake:** That the 2009 Volvo (Unit S-1) and the 2007 Dodge 3500 (Unit CT-2) be sold at Yorkton Auction.

Carried.Tender – Blk B, Plan 101250504 Ext 45

35/26 **Lake:** That the R.M. of Willowdale No. 153 offer for sale by tender, municipal property described as Blk B, Plan 101250504 Ext 45 with sealed tenders to be submitted to the R.M. Office by 4:00 p.m. on February 6, 2026 and that the opening of tenders be held at the Regular Council Meeting on February 11, 2026.

Carried.Unit S-3 DEF System

36/26 **Davis:** That the Foreman be authorized to have the DEF system deleted from Unit S-3 (2018 Peterbilt 567) by RPM Service Ltd.

Carried.Adjournment

37/26 **Beutler, L:** That this meeting adjourn (12:28 p.m.).

Carried.

Reeve

Administrator

R.M. of Willowdale No. 153
 List of Accounts for Approval
 as of 1/14/2026
 Batch: 2025-00100 to 2026-00002

Cheques	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Payment Amount
11474	10-Dec-25	DCS Operations Inc.	Stockpile Material	\$1,181.25
11475	10-Dec-25	John Domres	Material	\$1,800.00
11476	10-Dec-25	Oly's Rodeo N Roping	2026 Sponsorship	\$250.00
EFT	19-Dec-25	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$4,922.69
EFT	31-Dec-25	Chrissy Bodnarchuk	December Payroll	\$5,437.63
EFT	31-Dec-25	Darryn Beutler	December Council Indemnity	\$546.60
EFT	31-Dec-25	Leslie Beutler	December Council Indemnity	\$537.00
EFT	31-Dec-25	Lane Chesney	December Council Indemnity	\$1,714.51
EFT	31-Dec-25	Eva Davis	December Council Indemnity	\$790.35
EFT	31-Dec-25	Julie Johnson	December Council Indemnity	\$580.20
EFT	31-Dec-25	James Stratton	December Council Indemnity	\$519.25
11477	31-Dec-25	Hertha Briggs	Reimburse Building Permit Deposit	\$1,000.00
11478	31-Dec-25	Eva Davis	2024 PIER Review Adjustment	\$7.26
11479	31-Dec-25	Flatlander Express Inc.	December Invoice	\$21.96
11480	31-Dec-25	Grasslands Newsgroup	December Statement	\$189.00
11481	31-Dec-25	MuniSoft	December Statement	\$94.35
11482	31-Dec-25	Town of Whitewood Recreator	Arena Sponsorship	\$488.25
OL	31-Dec-25	MEPP	December Payable	\$3,372.94
OL	31-Dec-25	Receiver General	December Payable	\$6,108.98
OL	31-Dec-25	Sask Energy	December Payable	\$881.69
OL	31-Dec-25	Sask Power	December Payable	\$497.63
OL	31-Dec-25	Sask Tel	December Payable	\$335.14
11483	31-Dec-25	Dennis & Hilda Brule	Overpaid Taxes	\$130.34
11484	31-Dec-25	Napa Auto Parts	December Statement	\$2,095.43
OL	31-Dec-25	Collabria Mastercard	December Statement	\$1,203.00
OL	31-Dec-25	Minister of Finance	GSSD - December Payable	\$917.86
OL	31-Dec-25	Minister of Finance	PVSD - December Payable	\$11,011.48
OL	31-Dec-25	SMHI	December Payable	\$17,595.00
EFT	02-Jan-26	Blaine Drake	Payroll	\$2,793.94
EFT	02-Jan-26	Ricayla Gawryluk	Payroll	\$1,809.24
11485	14-Jan-26	Ricayla Gawryluk	Reimburse Exam Fee	\$210.00
11486	14-Jan-26	Jean Green	January Caretaking	\$60.00
11487	14-Jan-26	Jeannot Electric Ltd	Division 6 Well Electrical	\$5,747.46
11488	14-Jan-26	Minister of Finance	2026 Fire Dispatch Services	\$520.80
11489	14-Jan-26	RMAA	2026 Membership	\$425.00
11490	14-Jan-26	SETPC	2026 Membership	\$289.19
11491	14-Jan-26	Sask Tip	2026 Membership	\$100.00
11492	14-Jan-26	Westland Insurance	License Plate Renewal	\$1,221.28
11493	14-Jan-26	Whiteood Wiggles & Giggles	2026 Donation	\$2,500.00
EFT	14-Jan-26	Borderland Coop	December Statement	\$4,923.93
EFT	14-Jan-26	FCM	2026 Membership	\$155.48
EFT	14-Jan-26	Loraas Disposal	December Statement	\$205.75
EFT	14-Jan-26	MuniSoft	December Statement	\$5,707.62
EFT	14-Jan-26	SARM	December Statement	\$44,550.55
EFT	14-Jan-26	Southeast Regional Library	2026 Library Fees	\$3,906.00
EFT	14-Jan-26	Toshiba Tec Canada	December Invoice	\$221.79
EFT	14-Jan-26	Town of Whitewood	December Invoice	\$80.00
EFT	14-Jan-26	Western Municipal Consulting	2026 Subscription Fee	\$367.50
OL	14-Jan-26	Minister of Finance	2025 PST Remittance	\$16.98

Total \$140,042.30

Certified correct this 14th day of January, 2026

Reeve

Administrator