

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Willner, No. 253 held at the RM Office in Davidson, SK on Thursday, January 11, 2024 commencing at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Reeve Len Palmer, Councillors Neil Palmer, Ellen Symington, Martin Cammer
Foreman Steven Low and CAO Yvonne Goodsman

Regrets: **Councillors** Matt Arend and Steven Barlow

- 01/24 Call to Order:** Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 02/24 Agenda:** Martin Cammer: That the agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- There is no conflict of interest declared at this time regarding agenda items.**
- 03/24 Minutes:** Ellen Symington: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as corrected as follows:
Add: "Councillor Cammer left the meeting at 4:36 pm."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 04/24 Correspond:** Neil Palmer: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed.
- 1) Dana Skoropad – Xmas/New Years Greeting/offer to meeting with council
 - 2) SARM – Rural Dart (Jan. 9/24)
 - 3) PHN – Appendix A from the IPCP program
 - 4) APAS – Annual General Meeting report
 - 5) SARM – 2024 Membership Fee information
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 05/24 Financials:** Neil Palmer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, Employee Payroll Summary and Council Indemnity and Bank Reconciliation for the month of December 2023 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 06/24 A/P:** Len Palmer: That Accounts Payable, Employee Bi-Weekly Payroll Summary for the month of January 2024 be approved for payment and attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Michael O'Brien attended the meeting at 1:35 pm**
- Michael O'Brien handed the Administrator his resignation as Councillor for Division 2 of the R.M. of Willner No. 253.**
- Mr. O'Brien left the meeting at 1:45 pm**
- Chad Nagel from Brandt attended the meeting at 1:45 p.m.**
Chad Nagel left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.
- Dion Hagen from Finning attended the meeting at 2:15 p.m.**
Dion Hagen left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.
- Stacey Wiebe from SMS Equipment/Komatsu attended the meeting at 2:45 p.m.**
Stacey Wiebe left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.
- 07/24 Resign:** Len Palmer: That council acknowledge Administrator's receipt of the resignation from Councillor of Division 2.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 08/24 By-election:** Neil Palmer: That council authorizes a By-election for Division 2 be held with Nomination Day on February 7, 2024 and Election Day on March 13, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 09/24 Unaudited F/S:** Martin Cammer: That council acknowledges receipt of the Unaudited Financial Statement for 2023 as presented by the CAO.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 10/24 Schedule 10:** Neil Palmer: That council authorizes Schedule 10 of the Financial Statement to be included with the 2024 Tax Notice Insert.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11/24 **Bonds:** Neil Palmer: That upon presentation by the Administrator of the Fidelity Bonds, Securities, Titles and Agreements, we accept the same as in order for the year.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 12/24 **Library:** Ellen Symington: That Mary Smillie be hereby appointed to represent the Municipality on the Board of the Palliser Regional Library, Davidson Branch and be paid \$600.00 per year.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 13/24 **Fuel Tender:** Martin Cammer: That the municipality tender for their fuel requirements for 2024, and further that the invitation for tender be sent to Riverbend Co-operatives Limited and McRae Farm Services Ltd. To be presented for council consideration at the March 2024 Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 14/24 **TIP Grant:** Martin Cammer: That the population of the municipality be allocated as follows for the purpose of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Initiative Program for 2025:
Davidson Recreation Board: 293 population
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 15/24 **Rec Grant:** Ellen Symington: That the municipality allocates the recreation grant in the following manner for 2024: Davidson Recreation Board: \$10,000.00
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 16/24 **Road Bans:** Len Palmer: That the Administrator is to inform Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways And Infrastructure that the municipality wishes to withdraw from the 2024 "Spring Road Bans".
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 17/24 **SARM:** Neil Palmer: That discussion regarding the SARM convention in Regina, SK be deferred to the Regular Council Meeting in February 2024. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 18/24 **SMHI Del:** Martin Cammer: That discussion regarding appointment of the official delegate for The Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Association Annual Convention be deferred to the Regular Council Meeting in February 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 19/24 **Election:** Martin Cammer: That for 2024, Yvonne Goodsman be appointed Returning Officer and that the Deputy Returning Officer of the Municipality be Michelle Bublish and Denise Brecht be appointed poll clerk further that the polling place be as follows: Division 1 through 6 inclusive be at the municipal office in Davidson SK on the set date as prescribed by *The Municipalities Act*. Further, staff compensation shall be restricted to their annual salary.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 20/24 **Election:** Martin Cammer: That council establishes compensation for appointed election officials, who are not currently employed by the municipality, at \$200.00 per day and \$0.62/km.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 23/24 **Supervision:** Ellen Symington: That council establishes that councillor mileage for yearly supervision must be accompanied by detailed description of activity to provide public accountability.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Steven Low presented the Foreman Report at 4:55 p.m.**
- 24/24 **Report:** Ellen Symington: That council accepts the Foreman Report as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 25/24 **Oat Bait:** Ellen Symington: That council authorizes due to lack of interest, no purchase of burrow oat bait will be made.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 26/24 **Well-Site:** Ellen Symington: That council defer discussion on the gravel storage at the highway well site until the February Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 27/24 **T of D:** Martin Cammer: That council defers discussion on issues of mutual interest with The Town of Davidson and RM of Arm River, No. 252 until proposed Intermunicipal Joint Meeting occurs.
Further, RM 253 suggests a meeting date of February 15 or 16, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 28/24 **Highway 11:** Neil Palmer: That council acknowledges receipt of correspondence from Town of Davidson regarding transportation, infrastructure and safety.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 29/24 **RCMP:** Martin Cammer: That Reeve and Councillor Palmer or alternate Councillor Cammer will attend the Craik RCMP Consultative Meeting being held on Monday, January 22, 2024.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 30/24 Gravel:** Neil Palmer: That council authorizes offering \$3,200.00 per acre for an estimated 320 acres being NW & SW 05-28-28 W2. Further, all arrangements shall go through Dellene Church Law Office. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 31/24 Grader:** Martin Cammer: That council authorizes the purchase of a 2024 CAT 150Joy-BR for \$265,000.00 plus taxes and a tire fee, to include trade in of 2019 CAT 140M 0N9D01547 for \$218,000.00 (gross Trade Allowance). **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 32/24 Adjourn:** Len Palmer: That this meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the R.M. Office, Davidson, Sask. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator