

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244 Held
Thursday the 8th Day of May, 2025 held at 137 George Avenue, R.M. of Orkney No. 244, Sk.**

Present:

Reeve	Randy Trost
Councillor Division 1	Joseph Zarowny
Councillor Division 2	Trevor Protz
Councillor Division 3	Kristine Procyshen
Councillor Division 4	Jack Maksymiw
Councillor Division 5	Vern Effa (Deputy Reeve)
Councillor Division 6	Robert Kriger
Administrator	Bridgette Rushkewich

Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Reeve, Randy Trost called the meeting to order, at 8:01 a.m.

Delegations:

T. Morrissey, Fire Chief, B. Novak, Reeve, R.M. of Wallace No. 243 and T. Harris, Administrator, R.M. of Wallace No. 243 attended Council Chambers from 8:01 to 9:13 a.m. to discuss Controlled burn policy, regional fire services, bylaw enforcement and joint application to the TSSI (Targeted Sector Support Initiative) for an Emergency Response Plan.

Regional TSSI Application:

- 166/25 **Zarowny:** That the Council approves the submission of an application to the Targeted Sector Support Initiative for the Rural Municipality of Cana No. 214, the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244, and the Rural Municipality of Wallace No. 243 in jointly completing a Regional Emergency Management Plan within and around the region of the City of Yorkton and contracting Fortress Consulting Services as per their quote provided and filed.

Carried Unanimously.

Emergency Planning:

- 167/25 **Procyshen:** That the Council directs to the fire departments that provide service to the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244 that they work together to provide to Council the level of service that they are able to meet and to develop a major intersection road diversion plan to increase safety and response times for the rate payers and furthermore; that the Council supports working with the City of Yorkton Fire Department for the possibility of provisions for bylaw enforcement and establishing the Voyant alert system within the R.M.

Carried Unanimously.

Controlled Burn Policy:

- 168/25 **Procyshen:** That the Council is in support of the controlled burn policy presented by T. Morrissey, Fire Chief, and will work to add the policy to the R.M.'s policy manual.

Carried.


Text2Car Additional User:

- 169/25 **Protz:** That the Council approves of establishing an additional user on the R.M.'s existing Text2Car program for the Yorkton Fire Chief, to assist in increased safety and response times for the R.M.'s ratepayers.

Carried.

Conflict of Interests:

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor, declared a conflict of interest at this meeting, in regards to a complaint received for the in-camera session: therefore, he will leave Council chambers, he will not participate in any discussions and he will abstain from voting.


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Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councilor, requested a recorded vote for the amendment to the April 10, 2025 resolution 133/25

- Minutes:**
- 170/25 **Effa:** That resolution 133/25 from the April 10, 2025 regular meeting be amended by adding at the beginning of the resolution in the interim; therefore becoming, That, in the interim, Council approves that the public works maintenance operation will be completed as follows...

In Favour:

Randy Trost, Reeve
Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councilor
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor
Vern Effa, Division 5 Councilor
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councilor

Against:

Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councilor
Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councilor

Carried.

- 171/25 **Effa:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 10, 2025 be approved as now amended in resolution 170/25.

Carried Unanimously.

- 172/25 **Kriger:** That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on April 17, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

- 173/25 **Protz:** That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on April 28, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

Unfinished/New Business:

Policies:

Website Policy:

- 174/25 **Maksymytz:** That the Council approve amending the website policy to allow for the R.M. Bylaws on the municipalities website to be completed as the RM Office has time.

Carried.

Bylaws and Policies:

- 175/25 **Trost:** That all Council members that wish to obtain copies of all bylaws and policies will no longer be charged the applicable fee.

Carried.

Development:

- 176/25 **Zarowny:** That as soon as someone contacts the R.M. Office in regards to any development that the applicable Division Councilor and Reeve should be notified.

Defeated.

Delegation:

K. Lutz, Pride Landscaping attend the meeting via telephone from 11:29 to 12:12 p.m. to discuss a development.


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Development:**Discretionary Use Contractors Yard NE 14-25-04-W2:**

177/25 **Protz:** That the Council directs the Development Officer to work on a development agreement with the following conditions; there is to be:

For the entire property:

- No snow hauled onto the property,
- A development easement acknowledging that any future subdivision on the parcel will require, at the owner's/developer's sole expense to construct an internal service road to the R.M.'s specifications at the time of subdivision,
- Compliance with the Ministry of Highways approach requirements and furthermore; that the Council wants confirmation from the Ministry of Highways that the application is for a Commercial business and may require a type 1 approach at the location approved by the Ministry of Highway's and the R.M.

For the proposed Commercial development area:

- No manure to be stored on the property and the existing pile shall be spread out on the property, as there was no permission to have brought on to the property,
- No processing of aggregate materials on site,
- An additional side yard set-back distance increased by fifty percent of the total required,
- At least one additional row of trees planted on the north side of the property where the proposed commercial business is to be developed to act as a dust and sound barrier.

Carried.

Public Works Provision of Coveralls:

178/25 **Protz:** That the Council approves the estimated cost of the public works departments provision of coveralls for one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) for the year.

Carried Unanimously.

2025 Insurance:

179/25 **Zarowny:** That the Council acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Insurance values and have no amendments.

Carried Unanimously.

SMHI Withdraws (Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance):

180/25 **Protz:** That the Council accepts the withdraw applications as presented by Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance and that they are filed.

Carried.

Complaint/Request Forms:**Dust Suppressant Placement:**

181/25 **Protz:** That, as there was a previous agreement with K. and M. Werner regarding the placement of dust suppressant on the municipal road adjacent to their property, NW 7-27-06-W2; therefore, Council approves of them placing Milligan Bio-oil on the municipal road adjacent to their property, being range road 2070, at their sole expense.

Carried.

Speed Bump Request:

182/25 **Procyshen:** That the Council approves the placement of two speed bumps and required signage placed on Government Road south as per the request received from B. Sharpe.

Carried Unanimously.

Additional Speed Bump:

183/25 **Zarowny:** That the Council approves the Division 1 Councilor having an additional speed bump installed on Government Road, at the location of his preference.

Carried.

Request to Move Existing Well:

184/25 **Zarowny:** That the request received from the land owners of Lot 3, Block 16, Plan AD3245 requesting the existing well located on Lot 6, Block 16, Plan AD3245 be allowed to moved onto lot 3, Block 16, Plan AD3245 to re-establish the well on their owned lot is denied.

Carried Unanimously.


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Canada Post Mail Boxes:

- 185/25 **Protz:** That the Council directs the Administrator to let Canada Post know that if their policy is that the rural mail boxes must be placed alongside the edge of the road and that when completing snow removal, this policy is not conducive to efficiently removing snow that future claims for damages to mail boxes will be forwarded to Canada Post.

Carried Unanimously.

Request for Mail Box Repair Re-Imbursement:

- 186/25 **Procyshen:** That the Council approves payment totalling one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) being issued to Brad Duncan for the costs to replace their mail box as this is what has been paid previously by the R.M. (issued cheque 11710).

Carried Unanimously.

Ditch Repairs in Pleasant Heights:

- 187/25 **Zarowny:** That the public works employees will correct the damage to the ditches made by digging snow out with the R.M. back hoe in Pleasant Heights as time permits.

Carried.

Request for Boat Dock and Walking Path (York Lake Municipal Reserve):

- 188/25 **Protz:** That, as the Council has a signed agreement, regarding the development and maintenance on the municipal reserve lot by the York Lake Regional Park, that Council can not proceed with the request to have a boat dock and/or walking path on the same municipal reserve lot.

Carried Unanimously.

Employee Holidays:

- 189/25 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves the employee holidays as follows:
Amend the following employee holidays:
J. Maksymytz from April 25 to May 21 (1/2 day);
Ratify:
J. Maksymytz: May 5 and 6 and
D. Fink May 8.

Carried.

Administrative Reports:**List of Accounts For Approval:**

- 190/25 **Effa:** That the Council approve the list of accounts as presented and attached hereto:
EFT numbers 1658-1688 \$32,225.16,
INT numbers 25036 and 25043: \$39,381.57,
Cheque numbers 11693– 11709 \$21,721.58 and
Payroll totaling: \$25,390.83.

Carried Unanimously.

Additional Payment:

- 191/25 **Procyshen:** That the Council approves issuing payment to Minty's Moving Ltd. for progress payment number four for the total amount of \$\$83,556.36 with the payments being added to the List of Accounts for Approval (issued payment EFT 1689).

Carried Unanimously.

Monthly Financial Statements:

- 192/25 **Kruger:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, Bank Reconciliations (for March and April) and the Credit Card Statement for the month of April, 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried Unanimously.

Willowbrook Water Report:


- 193/25 **Protz:** That the Willowbrook Water Daily Reports and Environmental Analysis for the month of April 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence: all correspondence sent via email

- 194/25 **Procyshen:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed
APAS/FCM – Updates,
Ministry of Highways – Project Updates,
SARM -Newsletters and Resolutions and
RCMP - Monthly Newsletter

Carried.


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In-Camera:

- 195/25 **Trost:** That the Regular Meeting of Council be closed for an in-camera session at 12:55 p.m. to discuss employee, legal and future planning.

Carried.

Council asked Bridgette Rushkewich, Administrator to attend the in-Camera session.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor left Council Chambers at 1:50 p.m. prior to the discussion of a complaint that was received.

Council asked Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor, to attend the closed session from 2:12 to 2:19 p.m.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor, returned to Council Chambers at 2:24 p.m.

The Council Meeting reconvene into open session at 10:25 p.m.

Trade Mower:

- 196/25 **Effa:** That the Council authorize trading in the Spearhead mower that was purchased in 2024 for the purchase of a 2025 Degelman Rev 1500 15-foot rough cut mower for the total purchase price of \$59,384.83, less trade-in value of \$53,077.80.

Carried.

Public Works Employee:


- 197/25 **Effa:** That the Council approves of establishing an additional seasonal labourer position with the human resource committee to decide the details of the position.

Carried Unanimously.

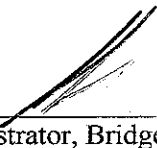
Adjourn:

- 198/25 **Trost:** That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 3:35 p.m.

Carried.



Reeve, Kandy Trost



Administrator, Bridgette Rushkewich


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