

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244 Held Thursday the 13th Day of August, 2026 held at 137 George Avenue, R.M. of Orkney No. 244, Sk.

Present:

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

Absent:

Councillor Division 1	Joseph Zarowny (on Council direct temporary suspension)
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Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Reeve, Randy Trost, called the meeting to order, at 8:03 a.m.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

Randy Trost, Reeve declared that he may have a conflict of interest in regards to one item regarding an in-camera item; therefore, if he does he will not participate in any of the discussion, he will abstain from voting and he will leave Council Chambers.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor declared a conflict of interest in regards to one item regarding the dust suppressant complaints; therefore, she will not participate in any of the discussion, she will abstain from voting and he will leave Council Chambers.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor declared that he may have a conflict of interest in regards to dust suppressant complaints; therefore, he will not participate in any of the discussion, he will abstain from voting and he will leave Council Chambers.

Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor declared a conflict of interest in regards to one item regarding the dust suppressant complaints; therefore, he will not participate in any of the discussion, he will abstain from voting and he will leave Council Chambers.

Minutes:

262/26 **Effa:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 9, 2026 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Delegations:

L. Coulter and A. Coulter attended Council chambers from 8:06 to 8:23 a.m. to discuss culverts on SW 32-25-06-W2.

F. Lindenbach attended Council chambers from 8:24 a.m. to 8:38 a.m. to discuss drainage on SW 06-26-06-W2

J. Nielsen attended Council chambers from 8:39 to 8:52 a.m. in regards to both presentations SW 32-25-06-W2 and SW 06-26-06-W2.

N. Bird and K. Woods attended Council chambers from 8:53 to 9:12 a.m. to discuss the installation of a gate and the removal of fencing on the municipal road allowance on East half 36-27-04-W2.

Fencing on 36-27-04-W2:

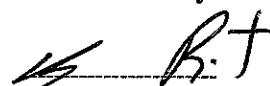
263/26 **Procyshen:** That the owners of NE 36-27-04-W2, that previously leased the east adjacent road allowance, will be given notification that all fencing must be removed from the municipal road allowance by November 1, 2026.

Carried Unanimously.

Council Reports:

264/26 **Protz:** That the Council acknowledges receipt of the Division 3, Councillor written report as received and attached hereto.

Carried Unanimously.


Admin./Reeve

Unfinished/New Business:**Bylaws:****Bylaw No. 18/2026**

- 265/26 **Protz:** That the Council approves Bylaw No. 18/2026, being a Bylaw to Control Traffic be given a first reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Bylaw No. 18/2026

- 266/26 **Kruger:** That the Council approves Bylaw No. 18/2026, being a Bylaw to Control Traffic be given a second reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

- 267/26 **Trost:** That the Council approves Bylaw No. 18/2026, being a Bylaw to Control Traffic be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

- 268/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council approves Bylaw No. 18/26, being a Bylaw to Control Traffic be given a third reading and adopted at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Policies:**Sick Day Policy:**

- 269/26 **Protz:** That the Council approves the Sick Day Policy as revised and that it be filed.

Carried Unanimously.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor and Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor, having previously declared a conflict of interest regarding the dust suppressant, left Council Chambers at 9:55 a.m.

Dust Suppressant Complaints:

- 270/26 **Protz:** That the Council acknowledges receipt of the multiple rate payers' concerns received in regards to dust suppressant asking to be treated equally and requests to be added to the annual listing to receive dust suppressant; and furthermore, that these concerns will be taken into consideration with the next time Council amends the policy.

Carried.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor and Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor returned to Council Chambers at 10:15 a.m.

Recycling Program:

- 271/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves of participating in the recycling program for the unorganized areas of Collacott and Pleasant Heights at no additional cost to the rate payers as per the information provided by Ottenbreit Sanitation Services.

Carried.

2026 General Insurance Renewal:

- 272/26 **Kruger:** That the Council acknowledges receipt of and accepts the renewal of the commercial property insurance as received from SGI Canada for the renewal price of twenty-one thousand and one hundred thirty-five dollars and that it be filed.

Carried.

Human Resource Services:

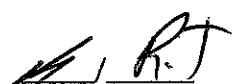
- 273/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council approves contracting Knibbs HR consulting to complete a human resource review; and furthermore, that Council approves the Reeve and Administrator signing the contract as presented and that it be filed.

Carried Unanimously.

SW 24-26-04-W2 Culvert Installation:

- 274/26 **Effa:** That the Council approves of placing the two culvert replacements located south of SW 24-26-04-W2 into the 2027 capital budget plan, due to budgetary constraints, but that the Administration submit an application for BCSF (Build Communities Strong Fund) grant program.

Carried.


Admin./Reeve

Road Upgrade:

- 275/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves that the road located north of the north half of section 24-25-04-W2 (portion of township road 254) will remain as a seasonal road (travel not recommended), with the R.M. to have some material to be placed on the road to fill in some of the larger holes when time permits.

Carried.**Delegate:**

Louis A. Browne, Louis Browne Legal Professional Corporation, as legal representative for the Division 1 Councillor, attended Council Chambers virtually, from 11:14 to 11:34 a.m., further to resolution 260/26, to present the written submission received and provide a verbal submission regarding the Conflict of Interest Complaints received.

In-Camera:

- 276/26 **Trost:** That the Council move in camera at 11:34 a.m. pursuant to Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to consider the complaints, the written and oral submissions of Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, to consider the request for an adjournment, and to receive privileged legal advice from the RM's legal counsel.

Carried.

MLT Aikins was present for the duration of the closed session.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 11:52 a.m.

Randy Trost, Reeve and Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor, requested a recorded vote in regards to the resolution for the request for an adjournment.

Request for Adjournment:

- 277/26 **Trost:** That the Council refuse the request by Councillor Zarowny's legal counsel for an adjournment.

In Favour:

Randy Trost, Reeve
Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor
Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor
Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor

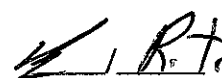
Carried Unanimously.**In-Camera:**

- 278/26 **Trost:** That the Council move in camera at 11:54 a.m. pursuant to Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to consider the complaints, the written and oral submissions of Councillor Zarowny, and to receive privileged legal advice from the RM's legal counsel.

Carried.

MLT Aikins was present for the duration of the closed session.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 1:22 p.m.


Admin./Reeve

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor requested a recorded vote in regards to the determination of breaching section 144 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Determination of Two Non-Disclosures of Conflict of Interests:

- 279/26 **Trost:** That the Council has determined Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, has breached s. 144 of *The Municipalities Act* and furthermore; that written reasons for Council's decision will follow.

In Favour:

Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor
Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor
Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor

Against:

Randy Trost, Reeve
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor

Carried.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor requested a recorded vote in regards to the disqualification of the Division 1 Councillor due to the breach of s. 144 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Disqualification:

- 280/26 **Trost:** That, as a result of Council's determination that Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councilor has breached s. 144 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Council determines that Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, is disqualified from Council pursuant to s. 147(1)(e)(ii) of *The Municipalities Act* and is required to resign immediately in accordance with s. 148(1) of *The Municipalities Act*.

In Favour:

Randy Trost, Reeve
Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor
Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor
Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor

Carried Unanimously.

Louis A. Browne, Louis Browne Legal Professional Corporation, as legal representative for the Division 1 Councilor, who was observing the meeting virtually, was notified of resolution 758/26 and provided time to speak with his client, Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, of the Councils decision.

Revised Fiber Optic Line Installation:

- 281/26 **Trost:** That the Council approves the revised fiber optic line installation to be completed on the south side of section 32-25-04-W2, as this does not interfere with the R.M.'s potential drainage plans on Government Road.

Carried Unanimously.

Louis A. Browne, Louis Browne Legal Professional Corporation, as legal representative for the Division 1 Councilor, returned to Council Chambers virtually at 1:22 p.m. and advised Council that Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor is not resigning.


Admin./Reeve

Kristine Procyshe Division 3 Councillor, requested a recorded vote in regards to Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor's refusal to resign.

Refusal to Voluntary Resign:

- 282/26 **Trost:** That, as a result of Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor's refusal to resign in accordance with s. 148(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, the Council apply to the Court of King's Bench for an order declaring him to be disqualified from Council pursuant to s. 148(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.

In Favour:

Randy Trost, Reeve
Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor
Kristine Procyshe, Division 3 Councillor
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor

Against:

Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor

Carried.

List of Lands in Arrears

- 283/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Council acknowledges the List of Lands in Arrears, that was submitted to the head, and presented and attached hereto and furthermore, that the list excludes properties in which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy and furthermore, that Taxservice be authorized to manage tax enforcement proceedings on behalf of the municipality.

Carried Unanimously.

5-Year Capital Plan:

- 284/26 **Trost:** That the Council acknowledge receipt of the Administrator's review of potential upcoming capital projects and the request for Council members to submit their requested projects on the project submission form in order to assist in updating the Council's five-year capital plan.

Carried Unanimously.

Channel Clearing:

- 285/26 **Procyshe:** That the Council approves, in consultation with the Yorkton Creek Watershed Association Board, to complete channel clearing in the Willowbrook Creek, starting at Highway 47 at Willowbrook and proceeding west as far as possible within this year's established budget; and furthermore, that Administration begin obtaining any applicable permits required from the Water Security Agency.

Carried Unanimously.

Complaint/Request Forms:

Culverts NW 32-25-06-W2:

- 286/26 **Procyshe:** That the Council approves that, as the structure located south of highway 52 onto NW 32-25-06-W2 is acting a berm for the water in Division 3 of the R.M. of Orkney No. 244, that the Council wishes to obtain ownership of the structure, with the measurements of a regular road allowance, to assist in water level controls; and furthermore, that the Council directs the Administrator to proceed with the decision and consult legal as required with the costs to be in addition to this year's established budget.

Carried Unanimously.

Proposed Drainage SW 06-26-06-W2:

- 287/26 **Effa:** That the Council defers the decision to possibly install culverts on a portion of range road 2070 west of the SW 06-26-06-W2 as the Willowbrook Creek, located south of the proposed drainage, cannot handle an intake of more water at this time.

Carried Unanimously.


Admin./Reeve

Council was provided with a copy of *The Municipalities Act* section 274

Tax Abatement Requests PT NE 27-25-04-W2 and SW 08-26-06-W2:

- 288/26 **Protz:** That the Council declines the requests for tax abatements for PT NE 27-25-04-W2 and SW 08-26-06-W2 as they were provided with an appeal time that should have been used.

Carried Unanimously.

Holidays:

- 289/26 **Kruger:** That the Council acknowledge the Administrators holidays taken July 16, 17, 20, 21 and August 6 and 7.

Carried.

Administrative Reports:

List of Accounts for Approval:

- 290/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approve the list of accounts as presented and attached hereto:
EFT numbers 2109 -2143 \$375,974.96,
Cheque numbers 11919 – 11926 \$36,293.22
INT numbers 26067-26080 \$269105.09 and
Payroll totaling: \$29,391.81.

Carried.

Monthly Financial Statements:

- 291/26 **Effa:** That the Statement of Financial Activities and Credit Card Statement for the month of July 2026 and the bank reconciliations for the month of July 2026 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried Unanimously.

Administrative Report:

- 292/26 **Effa:** That the Council acknowledges receipt of the written Administrative and Public Works Report and that it be filed.

Carried.

E.M.O. Representative:

- 293/26 **Maksymiw:** That resolution 79/26 to appoint Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor as a representative on the Emergency Management Committee be amended by removing Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor and replacing it with Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor.

Carried Unanimously.

Willowbrook Water Report:

- 294/26 **Kruger:** That the Annual Waterworks Compliance Inspection Report and the Willowbrook Water Daily Reports and Environmental Analysis for the month of July 2026 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried.

Correspondence: all correspondence sent via email

- 295/26 **Procyshen:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed
APAS – Updates,
FCM – Update,
Maple Ag and Outdoor – Mowing Equipment,
PDAP (Provincial Disaster Assistance Program) Information Update,
RCMP – Monthly Newsletter and Report and
SARM – Monthly Updates.

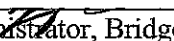
Carried.


Admin./Reeve

Adjourn:
296/26 **Protz:** That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 2:32 p.m.

Carried.

Reeve ~~Randy~~ Trost


Administrator, Bridgette Rushkewich


Admin./Reeve

Division 3 monthly report August 13, 2026

I, Kristine Procysen have submitted a monthly written report for division 3 to allow transparency for ratepayers in the RM of Orkney #244.

I was away for holidays the first week of August.

Road gravel came from good lake pit for division 3 roads as it was to wet to remove gravel from the pit off of Rd 2070, T&H once again did a great job and I truly appreciate the respect they have for those traveling on the roads while they are moving gravel throughout the RM.

There is frustration amongst Willowbrook residents with Bylaw and what bylaw seems to be picking and choosing to give warning too. I ask for continuity in what Bylaw does for the RM of Orkney as a whole. I have been working closely with our administrator in several areas of concern.

There seems to be no clarity regarding the roads marked with Natural Heritage signs.

We also have delegations today from 2 division 3 ratepayers, and would like to thank them for their presentations.

I would like to invite everyone to visit Willowbrook this Saturday for the Country Boyz Garage 3rd annual Show n' Shine. It should be a great time!

As always I am readily available to talk when I am not working my other job and try to get back to all in a timely matter, I am not available 24/7.

Submitted without prejudice,

Kristine Procysen

Division 3 Councilor /Deputy Reeve

