

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244 Held Thursday the 12th Day of February, 2026 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 (Deputy Reeve)
Councillor Division 4	Jack Maksymiw
Councillor Division 5	Vern Effa
Councillor Division 6	Robert Kriger
Administrator	Bridgette Rushkewich

Call to Order:

A quorum being present, Reeve, Randy Trost, called the meeting to order, at 8:02 a.m.

Conflict of Interest:

Randy Trost, Reeve, declared a conflict of interest should any discussion come forward regarding a conflict of interest in regards to an employee that may be discussed with the Human Resource Committee; therefore, he will leave Council chambers, he will not participate in any discussions, and he will abstain from voting.

Minutes:

27/26 **Effa:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 15, 2026 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Report:

28/26 **Kristine:** That Council acknowledges the written report received by myself, Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor, and as attached hereto.

Carried.

Unfinished/New Business:

Policies:

Employment Reference Policy:

29/25 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves the Employment Reference Policy as presented and that it be filed.

Carried.

Public Works Shop Stair Rail Upgrade:

30/26 **Protz:** That the Council approve of contracting Finishing Touch Woodworks to upgrade the public works shop stairs for the quoted price of five hundred and eighty-four dollars and thirty-three cents (\$584.33) with the work to be completed by April 1, 2026 and ensuring adherence to the compliance report provided by Professional Building Inspections Ltd.

Carried.

Human Resource Policy:

31/26 **Kristine:** That the Council approves Administration getting costs to contract out the dealing with disciplining and dismissal of employees.

Carried Unanimously.

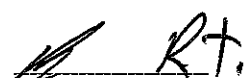
Council was provided with information regarding proper access to legal files, employee files and information from Occupational Health and Safety regarding supervising of employees.

Meghan Thomson attended Council Chambers and with Council permission, spoke to Council from 9:20 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

Office Hours:

32/26 **Zarowny:** That the Council approves the R.M. Office being open five days a week starting next week.

Defeated.


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Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, requested a recorded vote for the next resolution regarding the R.M. Office hours.

33/26 **Kruger:** That the Council will review office hours at the May 7, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

In Favour:

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

Against:

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor
 Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor

Carried.

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, asked for a note to be added to the minutes that the discussion of a rate payer meeting was deferred.

34/26 **S.A.R.M. Proposed Resolution (RM of Langenburg No. 181):**
Procyshen: That the Council is in favour of the resolution submission from the R.M. of Langenburg No. 181 titled Restructuring of Villages into Rural Municipalities.

Carried.

35/26 **S.A.R.M. Public Works Employee Attendance:**
Procyshen: That the Council authorize the two full time grader operators and one seasonal relief operator to be able to attend the S.A.R.M. (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) trade show in Regina, for the day of March 11, 2026 pending weather conditions.

Carried.

36/26 **S.A.R.M. Voting Delegates:**
Maksymiw: That the Council appoints Randy Trost, Reeve and Kristine Procyshen, Deputy Reeve as the two voting delegates for the S.A.R.M. (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) 2026 Convention(s).

Carried.

37/26 **MUDP Courses:**
Procyshen: That the Council authorize that Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor, Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor, and Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor may attend one Municipal Leadership and Develop Course on March 9, 2026; therefore, authorizing the fees for the course and hotel to be paid.

Carried.

38/26 **R.M. of Orkney Historical Society Donation:**
Kruger: That the Council authorize payment being issued to the Orkney Historical Society for a 2026 donation in the amount of one thousand, six hundred and eighty- dollars (\$1,680.00) with payment to be issued for the March 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

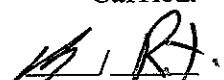
Carried.

39/26 **Employee Training:**
Effa: That the Council approves of the two-office staff that need to obtain and the one public works staff that needs to recertify their First-Aid and CPR course booking their courses as soon as practicable with the costs to be five hundred and thirty dollars (\$530.00) plus applicable taxes for the courses.

Carried.

40/26 **Employee Holidays:**
Protz: That the Council approves employee holidays as follows:
 B. Rushkewich: February 17, 19 and 20, 2026.

Carried.


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

- 41/26 **Effa:** That the Council approve the list of accounts as presented and attached hereto:
EFT numbers 1947 -1972 \$20,778.80,
Cheque numbers 11841 – 11852 \$36,493.24,
INT numbers 26003 -26013 \$56,743.41 and
Payroll totaling: \$19,963.40.

Carried.**Transfer Interest:**

- 42/26 **Protz:** That the Council approves the transfer of the interest earned from the savings account for the Canada Community-Building Fund Program money(ies) to the general chequing account for the total amount of one thousand one hundred nineteen dollars and forty-four cents (\$1,119.44).

Carried.**Monthly Financial Statements:**

- 43/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, Bank Reconciliations and the Credit Card Statement for the month of January 2026 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried.**Administrative Report:**

- 44/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council acknowledges receipt of the Administrative Report and that it be filed.

Carried.**Willowbrook Water Report:**

- 45/26 **Protz:** That the Willowbrook Water Daily Reports and Environmental Analysis for the month of January 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried.**Correspondence: all correspondence sent via email**

- 46/26 **Maksymiw:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed
APAS/FCM – Updates,
Ministry of Highways – Project Information for Highway 47,
RCMP – Monthly Newsletter and Report,
SARM – Monthly Updates and
Silver Dirt Works – Mowing Updates.

Carried.**Recess:**

- 47/26 **Trost:** That this Council Meeting recess for a short break at 11:51 a.m.

Carried.**Reconvene:**

- 48/26 **Trost:** That this Council reconvene at 12:04 p.m.

Carried.**In-Camera:**

- 49/26 **Trost:** That the Regular Meeting of Council moves into a closed session to discuss long term planning and employees at 12:05 p.m.

Carried.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor, left Council chambers at 12:52 p.m.

The Council Meeting reconvened into open session at 1:00 p.m.

Municipal Land Requirement:

- 50/26 **Effa:** That the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244, being unable to acquire the land by agreement with the landowners being Bernice Chernipeski and Carla Dewarle proceed under the provision of *The Municipal Expropriation Act* to acquire the lands legally described as SE 04-26-04-W2, LSD 2 Ext 60 and SE 04-26-04-W2, LSD 7 Ext 60.

Carried Unanimously.


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Adjourn:

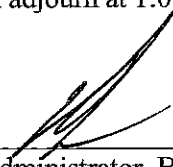
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Protz: That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 1:01 p.m.

Carried.



Reeve, Randy Trost



Administrator, Bridgette Rushkewich



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