

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244 Held Thursday the 14th Day of August, 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 (joined via telephone)
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 8:02 a.m.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councilor was in attendance via telephone.

Conflict of Interest:

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.

Minutes:

258/25 **Protz:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried.

Delegations:

B. Drotar attended the RM meeting from 8:05 to 8:17 a.m. to discuss various tax rates.

Road Extension (Anderson Road):

259/25 **Protz:** That the Council approves building up a portion of Range Road 2060, north of “Anderson Road”, by approximately 200 meters to upgrade the portion of road from a summer road to an all-weather road.

Defeated.

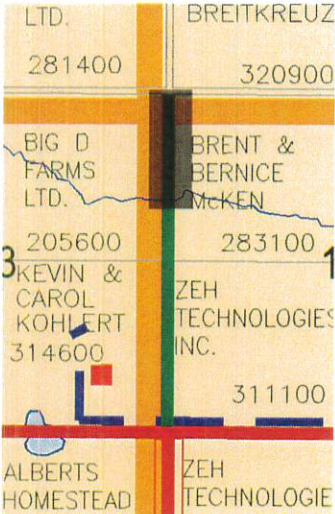
Repair Low-Level Crossing (13-25-05-W2):

260/25 **Protz:** That the Council approves a budget of an estimated five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to build up an in-land low level crossing area on section 13-25-05-W2.

Defeated.

Road Closure East Section 13-25-05-W2:

261/25 **Protz:** That the Council approves of placing “No Through Road” and “Road Closed” signs at the intersection of Range Road 2060 and Township Road 262 and to change the portion of the northern part of the road’s classification from summer road to no road, as indicated below in black; therefore, barricading and placing a dead-end sign at the end of the summer road.



Carried Unanimously.


Admin./Reeve

Public Hearing, Road Closure (NW 28-25-06-W2):

- 262/25 **Effa:** That the Public Hearing now be held for the proposal to permanently close and sell a portion of the unused road allowance on NW 28-25-06-W2, which was posted in the RM Office and public notices sent to adjoining land owners, at 9:30 a.m.

Carried.

That there was no person in attendance and that no written submissions were received.

- 263/25 **Trost:** That the public hearing for the proposal to permanently close and sell a portion of the unused road allowance on NW 28-25-06-W2 now be closed and the Regular Council meeting proceed at 9:32 a.m.

Carried.

Councilor Reports:

- 264/25 **Zarowny:** That the Council acknowledge receipt of the written reports received from the Division 2 and Division 3 Councillors as presented and attached hereto.

Carried.

Unfinished/New Business:**Bylaws:****Bylaw No. ZB19/2025, Amend Bylaw No. 4/2015, the Zoning Bylaw**

- 265/25 **Maksymiw:** That Bylaw No. ZB19/2025, being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 4/2015, being known as the Zoning Bylaw be given a first reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

- 262/35 **Effa:** That a meeting be held with the Yorkton Regional Planning District Commission to present bylaw No. ZB19/2025, a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 4/2015, known as the Zoning Bylaw and furthermore; that a Public Hearing be set for September 11, 2025 at 8:15 a.m.

Carried Unanimously.

Bylaw No. 11/ 2025, A Bylaw to Close and Sell a Road:

- 263/25 **Protz:** That Bylaw No. 11/2025, being a Bylaw to Enter Into an Agreement to Close and Sell a portion of a Road on NW 18-25-04-W2 be given a first reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Bylaw No. 12/2025, A Bylaw to Regulate Operation of Vehicles:

- 264/25 **Zarowny:** That Bylaw No. 12/2025, being the Traffic Bylaw, be given a first reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

- 265/25 **Kruger:** That Bylaw No. 12/2025, being the Traffic Bylaw, be given a second reading at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

- 266/25 **Procyshen:** That Bylaw No. 12/2025, being the Traffic Bylaw, be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

- 267/25 **Zarowny:** That Bylaw No. 12/2025, being the Traffic Bylaw, be given three readings and adopted at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

Bylaw No. 9/2023, A Bylaw to Provide for the Numbering of Buildings

- 268/25 **Procyshen:** That the Council approves of Administration completing updates to Bylaw No. 9/2023, a Bylaw to Provide for the Numbering of Houses and Other buildings, to include a map for the Special Service Area of Willowbrook and any other updates that may be required.

Carried. Unanimously.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councilor, left her telephone attendance to Council Chambers at 10:06 a.m.


Admin./Reeve

Development:**Municipal Reserve Work:**

- 269/25 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves only maintenance work to be completed to the municipal reserve lot MR1 Plan 101880750 as presented by the York Lake Regional Park Board, with all costs to be borne by the Yorkton Regional Park Authority Board.

Carried.

Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councilor requested a recorded vote for the proposed seasonal activities approval on the NW 18-25-04-W2.

Seasonal Activities NW 18-25-04-W2:

- 270/25 **Councilor:** That the Council authorize Administration to complete a development agreement, to be registered on title, that provides permission for seasonal activities to be held on NW 18-25-04-W2 with the following conditions:
 Owner is responsible:
 to ensure all permits as applicable are obtained from any other entity,
 for ensuring adherence to all municipal, provincial and federal requirements,
 all clean up after events are held,
 no alcohol is to be provided and portable washroom are to be provided,
 contact to RM and emergency service providers is to be provided a minimum of two weeks prior to the event and furthermore,
 that the agreement is valid for a three-year term with the RM having the option of voiding the development permit should there be damage to municipal property or guidelines not followed.

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

Carried.**RM Tractor Repairs:**

- 271/25 **Trost:** That the Council approves of contracting Jobsite Mechanical Service Ltd. for an estimated cost of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to delete the high definition exhaust fluid system in the 6140M tractor.

Carried Unanimously.**Addition to Taxes:**

- 272/25 **Kruger:** That the Council approves of adding the Yorkville Public Utility Board outstanding utility amount to the arrears of taxes as follows:
 NW 36-26-04-W2, Block A in the amount of \$3,761.49.

Carried.

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councilor, requested a recorded vote in regards to the waiver of construction penalty for the Township Road 275 bridge construction.

Penalty Abatement:

- 273/25 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves the request to abate the \$2,400 penalty for pile deviations to Minty's Moving for the work completed on the township 275 road bridge project.

In Favour:

Randy Trost, Reeve
 Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councilor
 Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor
 Vern Effa, Division 5 Councilor
 Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councilor

Against:

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councilor

Carried.


 Admin./Reeve

Form A: Work Within Municipal Right of Way Lot 8, Block 1: (Maple Grove Estates)
 274/25 **Effa:** That the Council approves the work as presented to the municipal right-of-way adjacent to lot 8, Block 1, Plan 101880750 W2 providing that all work is done in accordance with the permit requirements as provided by the Water Security Agency.
Carried.

Form A: Work Within Municipal Right of Way SE 08-25-06-W2:
 275/25 **Protz:** That the Council defer the conversation regarding the installation of a culvert on SE 08-25-06-W2 until the next meeting.
Carried.

List of Lands in Arrears:
 276/25 **Zarowny:** That the Council accept the list of lands in arrears as 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 Taxervice be authorized to manage tax enforcement proceedings on behalf of the municipality.
Carried Unanimously.

Abate Waste Disposal Levy Lot 5, Block 5, Plan AT3129 (Willowbrook):
 277/25 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves of abating the one hundred and four dollars and twenty-one cents (\$104.21) special levy for waste disposal that was charged on the commercial property being Lot 5, Block 5, Plan AT3129 in error.
Carried.

G. Lacaille from Brandt attended Council Chambers from 11:16 to 11:24 a.m.

Complaint/Request Forms:
Dust Suppressant (PT NE 07-25-04-W2, Parcel A, Plan 98Y02541)):
 278/25 **Zarowny:** That the Council declines the request received to re-apply dust suppressant to the municipal road adjacent to PT NE 07-25-04-W2, Parcel A, Plan 98Y02541.
Carried Unanimously.

Ditch Mowing:
 279/25 **Protz:** That the Council acknowledges the receipt of the complaint received regarding the R.M. mowing a portion of ditch prior to July 15th and will take the complaint into consideration in the future.
Carried Unanimously.

Employee Holidays:
 280/25 **Effa:** That the Council approves the employee holidays as follows:
 Rescind: D. Fink July 31;
 Ratify: L. Bilniski – August 8; and
 Approve: K. Ruf – August 18 and 20th (half day), B. Rushkewich August 28 and 29.
Carried Unanimously.

Administrative Reports:
List of Accounts For Approval:
 281/25 **Protz:** That the Council approve the list of accounts as presented and attached hereto:
 EFT numbers 1746-1777 \$305,077.14,
 Cheque numbers 11746– 11762 \$584,058.13,
 INT numbers 25064 and 25073: \$311,907.99 and
 Payroll totaling: \$57,985.77.
Carried Unanimously.

Additional Payment:
 282/25 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves of payment being issued to SGI Canada in the amount of \$48.76 for insurance fees and that the amount be added to the List of Accounts for Approval (payment issued August 14, 2025, Other # 25074)
Carried Unanimously.

Monthly Financial Statements:
 283/25 **Effa:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, Bank Reconciliations and the Credit Card Statement for the month of July, 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.
Carried Unanimously.


 Admin./Reeve

Willowbrook Water Report:

- 284/25 **Protz:** That the Willowbrook Water Daily Reports and Environmental Analysis for the month of July 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.

Carried Unanimously.

Correspondence: *all correspondence sent via email*

- 285/25 **Kruger:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed
 APAS/FCM – Updates,
 Assiniboine Watershed association – Yorkton Regional Field Day Invitation,
 Bylaw Enforcement Reports,
 Canada Community Building Fund – Bridge Rehabilitation Approval,
 Ministry of Agriculture – Ministers Order regarding Noxious Weeds,
 Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure – Culvert Replacement Highway 47,
 MLDP (Municipal Leadership and Development Program) Interest in Hosting Upcoming Training,
 SARM -Newsletters and
 RCMP - Monthly Newsletter.

Carried Unanimously.

In-Camera:

- 286/25 **Trost:** That the Regular Meeting of Council be closed for an in-camera session at 11:56 a.m. to discuss employee, legal and future planning matters.

Carried.

Bridgette Rushkewich, Administrator, provided Council with a sealed envelope received from Matthewson and Co. and then left Council Chambers at 12:05 p.m.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor left Council Chambers and Bridgette Rushkewich, Administrator returned to Council Chambers at 1:42 p.m. prior to discussing a complaint received regarding work completed in Division 4.

The Council Meeting reconvene into open session at 1:47 p.m.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor returned to Council Chambers at 1:48 p.m.

Public Works Employees:

- 287/25 **Protz:** That the Council approves of a thirty-day trial in change in public works grader operator's division of work to be as follows:
 Grader Operator currently working in Division 1 and 2 will now complete work in Divisions 2 and 3,
 Grader Operator currently working in Divisions 4 and 5 will remain the same and
 Grader Operator currently working in Divisions 3 and 6 will now work in Divisions 1 and 6.

Carried Unanimously.

Municipal Expropriation:

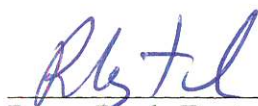
- 288/25 **Effa:** That should Parkland Appraisals not complete the contracted work by August 30, 2025 the Council directs the Administrator to contract Gerein Appraiser Inc. to assume the contract work and have completed within a six-week time period.

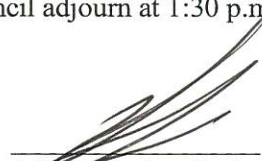
Carried Unanimously.

Adjourn:

- 289/25 **Trost:** That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

Carried.


 Reeve, Randy Trost


 Administrator, Bridgette Rushkewich


 Admin./Reeve