

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Orkney No. 244 Held Thursday the 15th Day of January, 2026 held at 137 George Avenue, R.M. of Orkney No. 244, Sk.**

**Present:**

Reeve	Randy Trost (via telephone)
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:**

Randy Trost, Reeve, advised that he is negating chairing this Regular Meeting of Council and authorizing Deputy Reeve, Kristine Procyshen, to assume the chair, as he is not able to be at the regular Council Meeting in person. Kristine Procyshen, Deputy Reeve, agreed and assumed Chair and Reeve responsibilities in accordance with Bylaw No. 12/2022, Council Procedure Bylaw.

A quorum being present, Deputy Reeve, assumed Chair, Kristine Procyshen, called the meeting to order, at 8:04 a.m.

**Conflict of Interest:**

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, declared a conflict of interest due to the discussion of a non-disclosure of conflict of interest(s) at this meeting; therefore, he will leave Council chambers, he will not participate in any discussions, and he will abstain from voting.

Randy Trost, Reeve, declared a conflict of interest should any discussion come forward regarding a conflict of interest investigation; therefore, he will leave Council chambers (hang up the phone until after the discussion and decision is made), he will not participate in any discussions, and he will abstain from voting.

Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor, declared a conflict of interest should any discussion come forward regarding a conflict of interest investigation; therefore, he will leave Council chambers, he will not participate in any discussions and he will abstain from voting.

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor, declared a conflict of interest from the December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting in regard to the discussion regarding the installation of the "Kane Memorial Road" signs therefore, she left Council Chambers, she did not participate in any discussions and she abstained from voting.

**Minutes:**

1/26 **Protz:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 18, 2025 be approved as presented.

**Carried Unanimously.**

Council acknowledges the presentation completed for Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor for his many contributions and over forty-four years of service for the R.M.

**Council Report:**

2/26 **Protz:** That Council acknowledges the written Councillor Report as received from Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor and is attached hereto.

**Carried.**

**In-Camera:**

3/26 **Procyshen:** That, at the request of the delegation, the Ministry of Highways, the Regular Council meeting moves into a closed session to discuss future planning at 8:14 a.m.

**Carried.**

K. Rogers and R. Gerbrandt, Ministry of Highways, attended Council Chambers, via virtual meeting, from 8:14 to 8:53 a.m. to discuss future development(s).

The Council Meeting reconvened into open session at 9:04 a.m.

  
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**Request for Proposals (RPF):****Gravel Removal and Crushing RPF:**

- 4/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council open the Request for Proposals, posted on SaskTenders, for the possible gravel removal and crushing to be completed in the spring of 2026.

**Carried.**

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor, requested a recorded vote for the awarding of the Request for Proposal to remove, crush and stockpile twenty thousand yards of gravel for the spring of 2026.

- 5/26 **Effa:** That the Council accepts the Request for Proposal for the 2026 gravel removal as received from T & H Trucking Ltd. as the lowest proposal submitted.

**In Favour:**

Randy Trost, Reeve,  
Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor  
Trevor Protz, Division 2 Councillor  
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor  
Vern Effa, Division 5 Councillor  
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor

**Against:**

Kristine Procyshen, Division 3 Councillor

**Carried.****Grader Costs and Trade RFP:**

- 6/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council open the Request for Proposals, posted on SaskTenders, for the possible trade-in and purchase of a new grader in 2026.

**Carried.**

- 7/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council defer the Request for Proposal for the possible trade and purchase of a grader until the February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council.

**Carried.****Tax Title Properties Tenders:**

- 8/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council open the tenders for the advertised, in the Yorkton Marketplace, tax title properties located in the service area of Willowbrook.

**Carried.**

- 9/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Council accepts the one tender received for the purchase of Lot 5, Block 1, Plan AJ1223 in the amount of one hundred dollars, from T. Lozinski, with the condition that the R.M. Office complete the land transfer and that Mr. Lozinski pay any applicable fees incurred by the R.M. to complete the transfer of title.

**Carried.****Unfinished/New Business:****Bylaws:****Bylaw No. 2/2025, A Bylaw to Prohibit Snow On/Across Municipal Right of Ways:**

- 10/26 **Effa:** That Bylaw No. 2/2025, being a Bylaw to Prohibit the Leaving of Ridges on Municipal Roads, be given a second reading at this meeting.

**Carried.****Bylaw No. 2/2025, A Bylaw to Prohibit Snow On/Across Municipal Right of Ways:**

- 11/26 **Effa:** That Bylaw No. 2/2025, being a Bylaw to Prohibit the Leaving of Ridges on Municipal Roads, be given a third reading and adopted at this meeting.

**Carried.****Policies:****Inclement Weather Policy:**

- 12/26 **Maksymiw:** That the Council approves the Inclement Weather Policy as amended and that it be filed.

**Carried.**

  
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- Amend Bylaw:**  
13/26 **Effa:** That the Council directs administration to amend Bylaw No. 12/2025, being a Bylaw to Regulate the Operation of Vehicles and the Use of Highways, to add stop signs going east and west at the intersection of Township Road 270 and Range Road 2052.  
**Carried.**
- S.A.R.M. Bond Renewal:**  
14/26 **Kruger:** That, pursuant to section 113 of *The Municipalities Act*, the Fidelity Bond provided through S.A.R.M. (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) be renewed at \$200,000 and the Monies and Securities coverage be renewed at the maximum allowable amounts.  
**Carried.**
- Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant; Populations for 2027:**  
15/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council authorizes Administration to apply for the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund 2027 Community Grant Program and furthermore; that the R.M. of Orkney No. 244 allocates the population amounts as follows:  
509 population to the Village of Ebenezer, 720 population to the Town of Springside, and 654 population to the Special Service Area of Willowbrook.  
**Carried.**
- Requests/Complaint Forms:**  
**No Farm Equipment Access on Government Road:**  
16/26 **Maksymiw:** That, in response to the request received from D. Rhinas, regarding the no farm equipment signs placed on Government Road, that the Council directs that the signs are left in place with no further changes being granted or made.  
**Carried.**
- Snow Piling West of Pleasant Avenue:**  
17/26 **Effa:** That the Council acknowledge the complaint received from D. Rhinas, regarding the snow removal along Pleasant Avenue.  
**Carried.**
- Request to Refund Interest/Arrears: (Lot J, Block 4, Plan BW3992)**  
18/26 **Kruger:** That the Council declines the request received from the owners of Lot J, Block 4, Plan BW3992, to refund any portion of interest or tax enforcement costs, as it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that the R.M. Office receives address changes on the approved form and in a timely manner.  
**Carried.**
- Administrative Reports:**  
**List of Accounts For Approval:**  
19/26 **Procyshen:** That the Council approve the list of accounts as presented and attached hereto:  
EFT numbers 1918 -1946 \$132,033.83,  
Cheque numbers 11823 – 11840 \$9,752.41,  
INT numbers 25121 - 26002 \$275,356.10 and  
Payroll totaling: \$22,229.21.  
**Carried.**

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, requested a recorded vote for the monthly financial statements.

  
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**Monthly Financial Statements:**

- 20/26 **Effa:** That the Statement of Financial Activities, Bank Reconciliations and the Credit Card Statement for the month of December, 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.

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, and  
Robert Kriger, Division 6 Councillor.

Against:

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor

**Carried.**

**Willowbrook Water Report:**

- 21/26 **Protz:** That the Willowbrook Water Daily Reports and Environmental Analysis for the month of December 2025 be accepted as presented and filed.

**Carried.**

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

- 22/26 **Procyshen:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed  
APAS/FCM – Updates,  
RCMP - Monthly Newsletter,  
SARM -Newsletters and  
Yorkton Concrete – Municipal Concrete Paving Information.

**Carried.**

Bridgette Rushkewich, Administrator left Council Chambers at 11:04 a.m. In the absence of the Administrator and the R.M. not currently having an Assistant Administrator the presiding chair, recorded all resolutions.

**In-Camera:**

- 23/26 **Procyshen:** That the Regular Council meeting moves into a closed session to discuss legal matters at 11:04 a.m.

MLT Aikiens attended Council Chambers, in person at 11:04 a.m.  
Willows LLP attended Council Chambers session, virtually at 11:04 a.m.

Willows LLP presented an oral submission and Council reviewed the written submission received from the Division 1 Councillor and his legal counsel concerning the alleged conflict of interest under section 144 of *The Municipalities Act*.

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, due to a conflict of interest, left Council Chambers at 11:25 a.m.

Willows LLP left Council Chambers, virtually, at 11:25 a.m.

Council remained in closed session to deliberate, consider the written and oral submissions of the Division 1 Councillor and obtain legal advice.

The Council Meeting reconvened into open session at 12:28 p.m.

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor returned to Council Chambers at 12:29 p.m.  
Willows LLP, returned to Council Chambers at 12:29 p.m., via virtually.

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, left Council Chambers at 12:34 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

  
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Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councillor, requested a recorded vote regarding a breach of section 144 of *The Municipalities Act*.

**Breach of The Municipalities Act:**

24/26 **Protz:** That Council has determined the Division 1 Councillor breached section 144 of *The Municipalities Act* and is therefore disqualified from Council pursuant to section 147(1)(e)(ii) of *The Municipalities Act*, and is required to immediately resign in accordance with section 148(1) of *The Municipalities Act* with written reasons for Council's decision to follow.

**In Favour:**

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

**Against:**

Randy Trost, Reeve  
Jack Maksymiw, Division 4 Councilor

**Carried.**

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor returned to Council chambers at 12:37 p.m.

Council provided Mr. Zarowny that they have determined that the Division 1 Councillor has breached section 144 of *The Municipalities Act* (the Act) and is consequently disqualified from Council pursuant to section 147(1)(e)(ii) of *The Municipalities Act*. In accordance with section 148(1) of the Act, he is required to resign immediately. Council offered to allow a recess to allow the Division 1 Councillor an opportunity to discuss the matter with his legal counsel. The offer was declined.

Council asked the Division 1 Councillor to advise them as to whether he will immediately resign his Council seat in accordance with section 148(1) of *The Municipalities Act*.

The Division 1 Councillor provided to Council that he will not resign his Council seat.

In order to avoid a conflict of interest Council asked the Division 1 Councillor to leave Council Chambers so that the Council may pass a resolution pursuant to its' options under section 148(2) of *The Municipalities Act*.

Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor, left Council Chambers at 12:40 p.m.

Randy Trost, Reeve, requested a recorded vote regarding the Decision of the Breach of *The Municipalities Act*.

**Decision of the Breach of The Municipalities Act:**

25/26 **Procyshen:** That, as a result of the Division 1 Councillors refusal to resign in accordance of section 148(1) of *The Municipalities Act*, that Council apply to the Court of King's Bench for an order declaring Mr. Zarowny to be disqualified from Council pursuant to section 148(2)(b)(ii) of *The Municipalities Act*.

**In Favour:**

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

**Against:**

None

**Carried Unanimously.**

  
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Joseph Zarowny, Division 1 Councillor returned to Council Chambers at 12:42 p.m.  
Bridgette Rushkewich, Administrator returned to Council Chambers at 12:44 p.m.

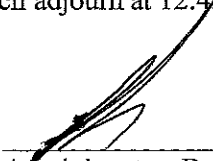
Willows LLP left Council Chambers virtually at 12:45 p.m.

**Adjourn:**

26/26     **Protz:** That this Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

**Carried.**

  
Deputy Reeve, Kristine Proeyshen  
Randy Frost

  
Administrator, Bridgette Rushkewich

  
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