

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Willner No. 253 held at the RM Office, 101 Lincoln Street, in Davidson, SK on Thursday, April 9, 2026 commencing at 1:08 p.m.

Present: Reeve Len Palmer
 Councillors Shane Shearwood, Ellen Symington, Rich Kowalski,
 Steven Barlow and Martin Cammer
 Foreman Victor Northrop
 Administrator Michelle Riecken
Regrets: Councillor Rob Allan

67/26 Call to Order: Len Palmer: That as a quorum is present this meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

68/26 Agenda: Steven Barlow: That the agenda be approved as amended as follows:
 Under 8. Public Works, add:
 7. Hubb’s Road
 8. Vollmer’s Road
 Under 9. Reeve and Councillor Forum, add:
 4. Dr. Recruitment and Retention **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There is no conflict of interest declared at this time regarding agenda items.

69/26 Minutes: Martin Cammer: That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 12, 2026
 at 1:00 p.m. be hereby approved as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

70/26 Correspond: Ellen Symington: That the correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted
 as presented and be filed.
 SARM – Response to 2026 Provincial Budget
 Canadian Paving Service – Info letter
 SARM – Approval of Emergency Strychnine Registration
 T of D Assessment Notice – RSC building
 CTP – Maintenance Funding Advisory 2026-27
 Gov’t of SK – reply to RM letter to J. Cockrill
 Davidson Library – AGM Minutes & March Meeting Minutes
 Town of Davidson – Newsletter **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

71/26 Financials: Martin Cammer: That the Statement of Financial Activities, Accounts Paid, and
 Employee Payroll Summary and Council Indemnity for the month of March 2026 be hereby
 approved as presented and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

72/26 Bank Recs: Rich Kowalski: That council approves the March 2026 BMO Bank Rec and
 the March 2026 Affinity Credit Union Bank Rec. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

73/26 A/P: Ellen Symington: That Accounts Payable, Employee Bi-Weekly Payroll Summary
 for the month of April 2026 be approved for payment and attached to and form
 part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Victor Northrop presented the Foreman’s Report at 1:32 p.m.

74/26 Repairs: Steven Barlow: That council authorizes repairs to the JD772 Grader and the 2013
 JD 524K Wheel Loader as discussed. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

75/26 Arne’s Trlr: Steven Barlow: That council authorizes accepting bids on the 2001 Arne’s gravel
 trailer. “As is, where is” condition, highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
 Bids will be reviewed at the June Council Meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Barlow presented the Joint Council Meeting Report.

76/26 Report: Steven Barlow: That council accepts the above report as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

77/26 Slip Tank: Ellen Symington: That council authorizes purchasing a 680L slip tank and 12v pump from
 Riverbend Coop at most economical price. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 78/26 Training:** Len Palmer: That council approves 3 participants to take part in Evolution Training from Monday April 27 – Wednesday April 29, 2026. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 79/26 Personnel:** Ellen Symington: That council authorizes hiring Mr. Thomas Moore as seasonal maintenance equipment operator for a wage of \$30.00 per hour with employment to commence as soon as possible, with 13-week probationary period (will be extended if required). Further, that upon successful completion of the probationary period, wage will be reviewed and the regular benefit package will be available to the employee. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 80/26 Personnel:** Steven Barlow: That council authorizes hiring seasonal employees Dean Stoian and Perry Lyke. Dean Stoian will receive a \$2.00 raise and start date will be May 4 or at the discretion of the foreman. Perry Lyke will receive a \$1.00 raise and start date will be June 1 or at the foreman's discretion. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 81/26 Road:** Steven Barlow: That council acknowledges ratepayer request to do repairs to Twp Rd 272 near West Boundary Road. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 82/26 Road:** Steven Barlow: That council authorizes RM to do repairs along Rge Rd 3023. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve Palmer presented the Alternate Truck Route Agreement Meeting**
- 83/26 ATR:** Martin Cammer: That council directs administration to contact Marla Muhr from Saskatchewan Highways and investigate proposed price increase to gravel royalty at pit located at NE 13-28-29 W2. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Reeve Palmer presented the Town of Davidson Recreation and Culture Meeting**
- 84/26 Report:** Martin Cammer: That council accepts above report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- Councillor Rich Kowalski presented the Fire Board Meeting Report**
- 85/26 Report:** Shane Shearwood: That council accepts above report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 86/26 Dr. Ret:** Steven Barlow: That council authorizes Administration to arrange a Dr. Recruitment and Retention Committee Meeting with Town of Davidson and RM of Arm River No. 252 and then reach out to SHA with concerns from there. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 87/26 Budget:** Martin Cammer: That the 2026 budget be adopted and is attached to and forms part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 88/26 Mill Rate:** Steven Barlow: That council establishes the mill rate at 5.5 mills for 2026. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 89/26 5 Year Cap:** Ellen Symington: That council adopts the five-year capital budget as presented by the Administrator for the years 2026 to 2030. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 90/26 IIP:** Ellen Symington: That council acknowledges approval from the Canada Community-Building Fund for IIP to clay cap 1.61 km of Range Road 3031. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 91/26 Bylaw:** Steven Barlow: That Bylaw No. 01/2026 being a bylaw to dispense with mailing of assessment notices be read a first time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 92/26** Shane Shearwood: That Bylaw No. 01/2026 being a bylaw to dispense with mailing of assessment notices be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 93/26** Martin Cammer: That Bylaw No. 01/2026 being a bylaw to dispense with mailing of assessment notices be given a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 94/26** Ellen Symington: That Bylaw No. 01/2026 being a bylaw to dispense with mailing of assessment notices be read a third time and adopted. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

95/26 Bylaw: Rich Kowalski: That Bylaw No. 02/2026 being a bylaw to repeal bylaws be read a first time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

96/26 Ellen Symington: That Bylaw No. 02/2026 being a bylaw to repeal bylaws be read a second time. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

97/26 Martin Cammer: That Bylaw No. 02/2026 being a bylaw to repeal bylaws be given a third reading at this meeting. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

98/26 Shane Shearwood: That Bylaw No. 02/2026 being a bylaw to repeal bylaws be read a third time and adopted. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Martin Cammer presented the ORC Meeting Report

99/26 ORC: Steven Barlow: That council accept the report from the ORC Meeting as presented.

Further, council supports recommendations of ORC Committee with council authorizing contracting Doug Mills as ORC Attendant for \$17.50 per hour.

The 2026 ORC Season will begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 (weather permitting) and close October 17, 2026; hours of operation will be Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed at lunch) and Fridays 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Further, council authorizes contracting Protex Environmental for Used Oil and plastics pick up at the ORC: subject to approval of RM 252 and Town of Davidson. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

100/26 CIB: Ellen Symington: That Council approves Community in Bloom’s request to fill water at the RM of Arm River water fill site, provided RM252 agrees to same. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

101/26 Packer: Len Palmer: That council will rent EZ Packer to Bill Hanna for \$350/day provided EZ Packer is returned in same condition it left in. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

102/26 Adjourn: Len Palmer: That this meeting be adjourned at 3:59 p.m. and the next meeting of council is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., or at the call of the Reeve, in the R.M. Office, Davidson SK. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Reeve

Administrator