

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF INVERGORDON No. 430**  
**Regular meeting of Council held in the R.M. Council Chambers**  
**7 Danchuk Drive in Crystal Springs, SK**  
**July 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**9:00am**

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<i>Present:</i>	<i>Reeve</i>	<i>Bruce Hunter</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 1</i>	<i>Kelvin Dutka</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 2</i>	<i>Keith Thibault</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 3</i>	<i>Calvin Parsons</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 4</i>	<i>Kevin Hawreschuk</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 5</i>	<i>Wayne Bacon (arrived at 9:12am)</i>
	<i>Councillor, Division 6</i>	<i>Edwin Rundbraaten</i>
	<i>Administrator</i>	<i>Courtney Beaulieu</i>

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A quorum being present, Reeve Hunter called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

*Minutes of Regular Meeting*

**171/24 Hawreschuk**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday June 12, 2024 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Councillor Bacon joined the meeting at 9:12am.

*Statement of Financial Activities*

**172/24 Bacon**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Statement of Financial Activities as at June 30, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Council Reports*

Reeve Hunter provided an update relating to a meeting he attended with the *North Central Rural Pipeline Association* and Councillor Thibault updated the Council on the *Lakeview Pioneer Lodge* amalgamation into the *Saskatchewan Health Authority*.

*Bank Statement*

**173/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bank Statement as at June 30, 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Payroll Register*

**174/24 Rundbraaten**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Reference No. 000716 to 000735 and No. 900067 totaling \$43,891.48 as outlined in the Payroll Register (June 2024) attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Authorized Expenditure Report*

**175/24 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following authorized expenditures totaling \$7,366.17 as outlined in the Authorized Expenditure Report attached to and forming part of these minutes, be accepted as presented:

- Online Banking No. 2024-34; and
- Automatic Withdrawal No. 2024-089 to 2024-106.

CARRIED

*List of Accounts for Approval*

**176/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following payments, totaling \$28,247.34, as outlined in the List of Accounts for Approval attached to and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment:

- Cheque No. 3695 to 3715; and
- EFT No. 2316 to 2331.

CARRIED

*Unpaid Taxes Report*

**177/24 Parsons**

WHEREAS, total taxes outstanding as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

- Current: -\$32,546.47 (Credits)
- Arrears and Interest: \$55,599.65

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Unpaid Taxes Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Staff Reports*

Administrator Beaulieu presented her report and updated matters relating to the Utility Report.

**178/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 annual compliance inspection reports from Water Security Agency be accepted as presented for the following utility works:

- Crystal Springs Wastewater Works;
- Crystal Springs Waterworks;
- Yellow Creek Wastewater Works;
- Yellow Creek Waterworks;

AND, that the Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory issued by the Water Security Agency on May 6, 2024 for the Yellow Creek Waterworks be acknowledged.

CARRIED

*Correspondence*

**179/24 Bacon**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Correspondence be filed as read:

- |                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Wakaw Lake Regional Park | 2023 Audited Financial Statements |
| • Melfort RCMP             | 2024 Quarter 1 Report             |
| • Government of Canada     | ICIP Project Announcements        |
| • Kinistino Sports Complex | Gravel Donation Request           |

CARRIED

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**180/24 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the RM of Invergordon donate to the Kinistino Sports Complex, their one load of crushed gravel (25 yards), delivery included, in accordance with Annual Grants Policy GG-021 and donate a second load for the improvement of the rink parking lot.

CARRIED

*Ratify Gravel Sale*

**181/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Custom Work Policy TS-001 the request for 1,000 yards of Screened Gravel by [REDACTED] as authorized by majority vote to Administrator Beaulieu in writing on June 27, 2024 be hereby ratified.

CARRIED

*Ratify Beaver Dam*

**182/24 Dutka**

WHEREAS, a large beaver dam exists on the outlet of Sucker Lake under Eagle Bay Bridge.

WHEREAS, the beaver dam, in combination with spring runoff and recent substantial rainfall created high water levels which started to erode the bridge infrastructure.

WHEREAS, the Eagle Bay Bridge is the only access and egress road for Eagle Bay residents.

WHEREAS, Council discussed lowering the beaver dam by one foot to allow the high water level to recede gradually in order to avoid more flooding and a potential catastrophic washout of the bridge.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the removal of a portion of the beaver dam under Eagle Bay Bridge as authorized by majority vote to Administrator Beaulieu in writing on June 19, 2024 be hereby ratified.

CARRIED

*Canada Summer Jobs*

**183/24 Hawreschuk**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kaitlyn Cadrain be hired for the 2024 Canada Summer Jobs position of Office Assistant, at an hourly wage of \$18.00 commencing immediately.

CARRIED

*Tax Enforcement (2022 Arrears)*

**184/24 Hawreschuk**

WHEREAS, Section 26 of *The Tax Enforcement Act* states that upon the expiration of the 6-Month Notice issued following the resolution to authorize proceedings for title, on properties valued below a taxable assessment of \$17,500 and where no person is residing upon the property, the municipality may transfer title of the property into the name of the municipality, in lieu of outstanding taxes, penalties and costs.

WHEREAS, the required 6-Month Notices (Form "C") were sent by registered mail to the landowner(s) on November 17, 2023 and six (6) months have since passed.

WHEREAS, the landowner of one affected property is a defunct organization with no official mailing address or method of contact. Accordingly, public notice of the 6-Month Notice (Form "C") on this property was advertised in *The Journal* on December 8, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 26 of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, Council hereby authorized Administrator Beaulieu to apply to the registrar for the registration of a transfer of the following properties into the name of the municipality, in lieu of outstanding arrears including penalties, costs and any fees charged in accordance with Tax Enforcement Policy GG-16:

- Blk B, Plan 101480992 Ext 6    PT SE 21-45-22-W2    Title #115825710    \$1,115.91
- Lot 03, Block 14, Plan CZ343    Yellow Creek    Title #142699472    \$1,014.36

CARRIED  
BA CB

**185/24 Parsons**

WHEREAS, following the expiration of the 6-Month Notice for properties valued above a taxable assessment of \$17,500, are resided upon or otherwise as prescribed by *The Tax Enforcement Act*, consent for title must be authorized by the Provincial Medication Board.

WHEREAS, the required 6-Month Notices (Form "C") were sent by registered mail to the landowner(s) on November 17, 2023 and six (6) months have since passed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 24 of *The Tax Enforcement Act*, Council hereby authorizes Administrator Beaulieu to request consent to acquire title from the Provincial Mediation Board, on the following properties:

- Lot 07, Block 04, Plan BZ4287    Yellow Creek
- Lot 08, Block 04, Plan BZ4287    Yellow Creek
- Lot 04, Block 14, Plan CZ343    Yellow Creek
- Lot 05, Block 14, Plan CZ343    Yellow Creek
- Lot 19, Block 02, Plan CZ343    Yellow Creek
- Lot 20, Block 02, Plan CZ343    Yellow Creek
- Lot 21, Block 02, Plan CZ343    Yellow Creek
- Lot 01, Block 02, Plan BF706    Yellow Creek
- Lot 02, Block 02, Plan BF706    Yellow Creek
- Lot 11, Block 03, Plan BF706    Yellow Creek
- Lot 12, Block 03, Plan BF706    Yellow Creek
- Lot 09, Block 03, Plan CD1647    Yellow Creek
- Lot 10, Block 03, Plan CD1647    Yellow Creek
- Lot 11, Block 03, Plan CD1647    Yellow Creek
- Lot 12, Block 03, Plan CD1647    Yellow Creek
- Lot 08, Block 02, Plan CD1647    Yellow Creek
- Lot 16, Block 02, Plan BF706    Yellow Creek
- Lot 10, Block 06, Plan 102030736    Rhona Lake
- Blk A, Plan 102225024 Ext 0    PT SE 27-45-24-W2

AND, that payment in the amount of \$20.00 per property is hereby authorized to be immediately paid to the Provincial Mediation Board with the above request for consent and shall be added to the outstanding total arrears and costs of each property.

CARRIED

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**186/24 Hunter**

THAT, this meeting be recessed for a lunch break at 12:09pm.

CARRIED

Reeve Hunter called the meeting back to order at 12:35pm. Foreman, Myron Toner present at the time the meeting called to order.

*Staff Reports*

Foreman Toner presented his report and departed the meeting at 12:57pm.

**187/24 Thibault**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Foreman's Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

*Set Municipal Mill Rate*

**188/24 Bacon**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Council hereby sets the following uniform mill rates, unchanged from 2023, for the year 2024:

- i. Municipal, 9.5 mills; and
- ii. Special Service Area of Yellow Creek, 14.5 mills.

CARRIED

*Minimum Tax Bylaw*

**189/24 Thibault**

WHEREAS, for the year 2024, the following minimum taxes will be applied to all taxable property for municipal purposes, except for property residing in the Organized Hamlet of Crystal Springs, Meskanaw and Tway and the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek:

- i. Agricultural      \$10.00 Land
- ii. Residential      \$500.00 Land              \$250.00 Improvements
- iii. Commercial      \$500.00 Land              \$250.00 Improvements

WHEREAS, for the year 2024, the following minimum taxes will be applied to all taxable property in the Organized Hamlet of Crystal Springs, unchanged from 2023:

- i. Agricultural      \$50.00 Land
- ii. Residential      \$100.00 Land              \$100.00 Improvements
- iii. Commercial      \$100.00 Land              \$200.00 Improvements

WHEREAS, for the year 2024, the following minimum taxes will be applied to all taxable property in the Organized Hamlet of Meskanaw, unchanged from 2023:

- i. Agricultural      \$40.00 Land
- ii. Residential      \$80.00 Land              \$80.00 Improvements
- iii. Commercial      \$80.00 Land              \$180.00 Improvements

WHEREAS, for the year 2024, the following minimum taxes will be applied to all taxable property in the Organized Hamlet of Tway:

- i. Agricultural      \$75.00 Land
- ii. Residential      \$75.00 Land              \$25.00 Improvements
- iii. Commercial      \$75.00 Land              \$25.00 Improvements

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WHEREAS, for the year 2024, the following minimum taxes will be applied to all taxable property in the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek:

- i. Agricultural \$350.00 Land
- ii. Residential \$350.00 Land \$300.00 Improvements
- iii. Commercial \$350.00 Land \$450.00 Improvements

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-07, being a bylaw to establish a minimum tax, be read a first time.

CARRIED

**190/24 Parsons**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-07 be read a second time.

CARRIED

**191/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-07 be given three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**192/24 Parsons**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-07 be read a third time and is hereby adopted.

CARRIED

*Mill Rate Factor Bylaw*

**193/24 Bacon**

WHEREAS, for the year 2024, the following mill rate factors will be applied to the uniform mill rate levied against taxable property for municipal purposes, except for property residing in the Organized Hamlet of Crystal Springs, Meskanaw and Tway and the Special Service Area of Yellow Creek:

- i. Agricultural 0.9450
- ii. Residential 0.9450
- iii. Commercial 1.0500

WHEREAS, these rates represent a 5% increase to the Residential and Commercial mill rate factors and a 5.75% increase to the Agricultural mill rate factor, from 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-08, being a bylaw to establish a mill rate factor, be read a first time.

CARRIED

**194/24 Hawreschuk**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-08 be read a second time.

CARRIED

**195/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-08 be given three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**196/24 Parsons**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Bylaw 24-08 be read a third time and is hereby adopted.

CARRIED

Councillor Bacon departed the meeting at 1:40pm and did not return.

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*Acknowledge Regional Park Mill Rate*

**197/24 Rundbraaten**

WHEREAS, the Struthers Lake Regional Park Board has advised of an 1.6% increase in their uniform mill rate for the 2024 year.

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 302 of *The Municipalities Act*, Council hereby acknowledges the 2024 uniform mill rate of 4.80 mills for Struthers Lake Regional Park residential property;

AND, that the Regional Park's tax allocation of 80% be hereby acknowledged.

CARRIED

*Acknowledge Education Mill Rates*

**198/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Education Property Tax mill rates be acknowledged as unchanged from 2023, as follows:

- i. Agricultural Property 1.42 mills
- ii. Residential Property 4.54 mills;
- iii. Commercial/Industrial Property 6.86 mills; and
- iv. Resource Property 9.88 mills.

CARRIED

*Acknowledge Conservation & Development Area Levies*

**199/24 Dutka**

WHEREAS, a review of the lands in the Fletts Springs Conservation and Development Area boundary yielded an increase to the total levy for 2024, however the levy amount per acre remains unchanged from 2023.

WHEREAS, the levies for the Birch Hills and Shannonville Conservation and Development Areas remain unchanged from 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2024 Conservation and Development Area Levies be acknowledged as follows:

- Birch Hills C&D \$0.55 per acre (total levy \$14,280.57);
- Fletts Springs C&D \$1.25 per acre (total levy \$8,233.00); and
- Shannonville C&D \$2.85 per acre (total levy \$3,529.00).

CARRIED

*Discretionary Use Application (Crystal Ridge)*

**200/24 Thibault**

WHEREAS, a Development Permit application has been submitted for an ATCO Trailer to be renovated and utilized as a Mobile Home on Crystal Ridge Lot 15, Block 4, Plan 101968106.

WHEREAS, the application includes photos of the ATCO Trailer in its current state, exterior painting plans by the applicant and a building code review report from a Professional Architect.

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WHEREAS, the use of a Mobile Home in Lakeshore District #3 is a discretionary use, requiring public notification to surrounding landowners and approval of Council prior to the use commencing.

WHEREAS, public notice was issued on June 21, 2024 by mail to all landowners at the Crystal Ridge subdivision, posted to the municipal website and in the municipal office during the notice period.

WHEREAS, Administrator Beaulieu presented four (4) written submissions for Council's consideration during the review of the application.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Development Permit application for a renovated ATCO Trailer to be used as a Mobile Home on Lot 15, Block 4, Plan 101968106 at the lakeshore subdivision of Crystal Ridge be denied as the proposed use is industrial in nature.

CARRIED

*Subdivision Application – NE 18-45-24-W2*

**201/24 Rundbraaten**

WHEREAS, a Subdivision Application has been received from Community Planning for the subdivision of a 12.4 acre existing farmstead (Proposed Parcel "A") from the balance of the remaining quarter section.

WHEREAS, the Proposal Parcel "A" includes the existing access from a developed road on its eastern border.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in reference to File No. SUBD-003196-2024, Council approves the Subdivision Application of Parcel "A" (12.4 acres) on NE 18-45-24-W2 as drawn on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision dated April 14, 2023 by *Valley Geomatics Land Surveyors*.

CARRIED

*Adjourn*

**202/24 Dutka**

BE IT RESOLVED, that this meeting be adjourned at 2:14pm.

CARRIED

  
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Bruce Hunter  
Reeve

  
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Courtney Beaulieu  
Administrator