

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Arm River, No. 252 held in Council Chambers at the R.M. Office in Davidson, SK on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Reeve Wayne Obrigewitsch, Councillors Brian Schmidt, Blaine Smith, David Gregor
Kris Williams, Allan McNabb, Brian Vibert and Administrator Michelle Bublish

01/25 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

02/25 Agenda: David Gregor: That the agenda be adopted as amended as follows:
Under 11. Public Works, add:
2) Resumes
3) Outside Personnel
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.

03/25 Minutes: Allan McNabb: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. be hereby accepted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

04/25 Correspond: Brian Vibert: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
SAMA – Look Ahead to 2025
SARRC – ORC 2025 payment increase
SARM – 2025 Membership Info
Plant Health Network – Winter 2024 newsletter
SARM – Rural Sheaf Dec 31/24
Davidson Childcare – Newsletter
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

05/25 Financials: Allan McNabb: That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary and Council Indemnity for December 2024 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

06/25 Bank Recs: David Gregor: That council approves the December 2024 Bank Reconciliation as presented by Administrator.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

07/25 A/P: Blaine Smith: That the Accounts Payable and Employee Bi-weekly Pay for the month of January 2025 be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08/25 EFT: Blaine Smith: That RM252 council authorizes increasing EFT limit to \$100,000.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Schmidt left the meeting at 9:54 am and returned at 9:58 am

09/25 Bonds: Allan McNabb: That upon presentation by the Administrator of the fidelity bonds, securities, titles and agreements that we accept the same as in order for the year.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10/25 Library: Kris Williams: That Emily Mclvor be hereby appointed to represent the Municipality on the Board of the Palliser Regional Library, Davidson Branch and be paid \$75.00 per meeting and \$0.62/km for the year.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11/25 TIP Grant: Allan McNabb: That the population of the municipality be allocated as follows for the purpose of the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Initiatives Program for 2026.
Davidson Recreation Board 233
Craik Recreation Board 18
Imperial Recreation Board 7
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12/25 Fuel Tender: Brian Vibert: That the municipality tender their fuel requirements for 2025 and further that the invitation for tender be sent to Riverbend Co-operative Limited and McRae Farm Services in Craik, to be reviewed at the March 2025 Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13/25 Rec Grant: Allan McNabb: That the municipality allocates a recreation grant for 2025 to the Davidson Recreation Board of \$20,000.00.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 14/25 Road Ban:** David Gregor: That the administrator inform Saskatchewan Highways & Transportation that the municipality wishes to enter into the 2025 Provincial "Road Bans".
DEFEATED
- 15/25 SARM:** Kris Williams: That Brian Schmidt and David Gregor be appointed the official voting delegates at the annual SARM convention occurring March 11-13, 2025 in Saskatoon, SK. Reeve Obrigewitsch will also attend same. Further, David Gregor be appointed official voting delegate for Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance. Further, that all necessary expenses for council and the Administrator to attend are to be paid by the municipality.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 16/25 Tradeshow:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes outside employees to attend the tradeshow at the SARM convention for one day only. Employees are to use RM vehicle and all other associated costs to be covered by the R.M.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 17/25 Election:** David Gregor: That for 2025, Michelle Bublish be appointed as Returning Officer; the Deputy Returning Officer of the municipality be Denise Brecht, and that an individual will be appointed Poll Clerk; and further that the polling station be as follows: Division 1-6 inclusive be at the municipal office in Davidson, SK on the set date as prescribed by *The Municipalities Act*. Further compensation for staff shall be determined by annual salary.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 18/25 Election:** Blaine Smith: That council establishes compensation for appointed election officials, who are not currently employed by the municipality, be \$300.00 per day and \$0.62/km. Employees who are appointed election officials will receive their regular pay.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 19/25 Gravel:** Wayne Obrigewitsch: That RM 252 request a three (3) year term tender for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 road gravel load, haul and spread of approximately 20,000 cu yards/year to be hauled each spring after release of road bans, must be completed before August 1 of each year. Further the contractor will provide weekly haul reports to the RM office every Friday until contract completed. Tenders to be requested from the following contractors and advertised in The Davidson Leader and posted on Sask Tenders.
Tenders to be presented in tonnes.
Tenders to include a list of contractor's equipment.
Jason Boyd
J. Wright Construction
K McIntosh & Sons
Jeff Sagen
Any, or lowest, quote not necessarily accepted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 20/25 Craik:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes a grant of \$2,000.00 be paid to the Craik and District Regional Park in 2025. Council has no interest in entering an agreement to participate in the Park Board.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 21/25 Schedule 10:** Blaine Smith: That council authorizes Schedule 10 to be advertised with the 2024 Audited Financial Statements.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Councillor Williams left the meeting at 10:30 am and returned at 10:32 am**
- 22/25 Crack Seal:** Brian Vibert: That council directs administration to invite Provincial Crack Sealing Representatives to the February 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 23/25 In Camera:** Allan McNabb: That council enters into an in-camera session at 10:25 a.m. to discuss long-term planning and budget analysis as allowed under LAFOIP Section 16 and *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 and Section 12 of the Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committees.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- In-camera session entered at 10:25 a.m. with Wayne Obrigewitsch, Brian Schmidt, Brian Vibert, Allan McNabb, Blaine Smith, Kris Williams, David Gregor and Michelle Bublish in attendance.**
- 24/25 Exit Camera:** Allan McNabb: That Council exit In-camera session at 10:30 am and regular meeting resumes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 25/25 Interviews:** Allan McNabb: That council invites potential employees to be interviewed on Monday January 20, 2025. Interviews to start at 1:00 pm. Further, if a successful candidate is selected authorization is given to hire same.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 26/25 Outside Staff:** Brian Vibert: That council offers an incentive for outside staff to work overtime hours on weekends.
DEFEATED

Councillor McNabb left the meeting at 11:15 am.

Councillor Schmidt left the meeting at 11:18 am and returned at 11:20 am.

27/25 Rental: **David Gregor:** That Council authorizes Reeve Obrigewitsch to make arrangements with Brandt to have a rental grader delivered to RM Shop. Said grader will be used while the 2024 JD 770GP Motor grader is being assessed for damages for insurance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

28/25 Snow Plow: **Brian Schmidt:** That Council defer discussion on quote received from Triod Supply for a Capital I one-way snow plow until the February Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

29/25 RIRG: **Blaine Smith:** That council acknowledges The RIRG Project – Girvin Grid West (N 21,22,23,24-25-29 W2) was not approved due to funding limitations. RM252 has been placed on an alternate project list, which may be approved if funding becomes available.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

30/25 H&D Benefits: **Brian Vibert:** That council authorizes amending Resolution 342/24 as follows:
Delete: "\$550.00" Insert: "\$800.00"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

31/25 Adjourn: **Kris Williams:** That the meeting be adjourned at 11:33 a.m. and the next regular meeting of council be scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 in the RM Office in Davidson, SK.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator