

April 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask., on April 15, 2025, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

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PRESENT – Reeve Levi Schutte, Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions:

#1 Kenneth Stene	#4 Mario Boisvert
#2 Gerald Muller	#5 Kevin Olson
#3 Rick Jensen (by phone)	#6 Cody Lockhart

DELEGATIONS:
9:30 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update
2. MINUTES MAR. 18/25

LOCKHART – That the minutes of the March 18, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.
3. PUBLIC HEARING MTG MINUTES

OLSON – That the minutes of the March 18, 2025, Public Hearing Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:20 a.m.
4. MONTHLY STATEMENT

MULLER – That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2025 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented.

CARRIED.
5. ACCTS.

MULLER – That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$311,898.42, Council Direct Deposits for April and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2025 Pay Period 6 & 7.

CARRIED.
6. ROAD BAN ORDER 2025-01

SCHUTTE – That Road Ban Order 2025-01 be acknowledged in these minutes setting the weight restriction of 8.2 tonnes including load on the following municipal roadways:

 - 1) West of Sections 4 and 9-49-04 W3
 - 2) Through Section 29 and East of Section 32-50-04 W3

CARRIED.
7. PURCHASE TRUCK

OLSON – That we purchase a 2019 International Truck from Diamond Truck Centres, Saskatoon, Sask., at a cost of \$85,000 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED.
8. GRAVEL HAULING TENDER

LOCKHART – That we award the gravel loading and hauling tender to K. McIntosh & Sons Construction & Supply Ltd., Outlook, Sask.

CARRIED.
9. POLICY 7.09 CLEARING ROAD ALLOWANCE

BOISVERT – That we adopt Policy 7.09 Clearing Within Road Allowances to permit landowners to clear trees and brush from road allowances with mutual benefit to landowners and the Municipality.

CARRIED.
10. GOPHER CONTROL PROGRAM

SCHUTTE – That we make application for participation under the Gopher Control Program (GCP) for the year 2025-2026 as administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM).

CARRIED.

11. BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM
- OLSON – That we make application for participation under the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2025 – 2026 as administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and authorize the following individuals to remove problem beavers in the Rural Municipality:

Name	Place of Residency
Division No. 1:	
Wayne Diehl	Town of Shellbrook
Cole Tanchuk	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Daryl Beaulac	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Division No. 2:	
Dennis Cox	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Dennis Baun	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Daryl Beaulac	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Division No. 3:	
Terry Hamborg	Village of Canwood
Gordon Olson	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Daryl Beaulac	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Scott Freeman	Village of Canwood
Colton Bahnuick	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Division No. 4:	
Gilles Francoeur	Victoire
Daryl Beaulac	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Division No. 5:	
Jason Amundson	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Daryl Beaulac	R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Scott Freeman	Village of Canwood
Division No. 6:	
Daryl Beaulac	R.M. of Canwood No. 494

CARRIED.

12. BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM
- MULLER – That we set the following guidelines for the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2025-2026:

1. The Public Works Supervisor or each councillor shall direct where problem beavers shall be removed in his division;

2. Beaver tails must be delivered to the councillor on or before June 30, 2025;

3. Legal descriptions of where the beavers were removed must be provided by the authorized individuals when delivering the beaver tails;

4. A bounty will be paid in the amount of \$30.00 for each problem beaver removed from March 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, and thereafter the bounty will be reduced to \$15.00 per beaver;

5. Councillors cannot be designated as beaver hunters; and

6. Counting of beaver tails shall be done by another councillor if the hunter is a family member, defined as follows:

“Family member” means spouse, parent, grandparent, child, brother or sister or of a spouse; and also means grandchild, and son- or daughter-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and cousin or a person who resides in the employee’s household as a member of the family.

CARRIED.

13. EMPLOYEE BREAKFAST
- OLSON – That we host an employee breakfast on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 7:30 a.m. at the Seniors’ Room at Canwood Elks Hall.

CARRIED.

Councillor Muller declared an interest and left the room at 11:25 a.m.

14. SALE OF ROAD ALLOWANCE LOCKHART – The in the matter of the request of the property owners of the NE 36-49-07 W3, Plan 102420324 Ext 1 to purchase the 66 foot right-of-way located on the North boundary, we hereby agree to initially consider the sale of the said roadway, upon authorization and approval of the Ministry of Highways, in the amount of \$1,000 per acre for a total of two acres plus the advertising and administration costs of the R.M. and the service fees of the Ministry of Highways for land transactions. Further to this, we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to publish public notice.
- CARRIED.
- Councillor Muller returned to the meeting at 11:40 a.m.
- Councillor Boisvert declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.
15. BRUSH CLEARING STENE – That we hire Coop-A-Dees Contracting, Big River, Sask., to clear the R.M. right-of-way on Range Road 3043 at a cost of \$6,250 plus applicable taxes.
- CARRIED.
- Councillor Boisvert returned to the meeting at 12:10 p.m.
16. LUNCH SCHUTTE – That we now recess this meeting for lunch at 12:11 p.m.
- CARRIED.
17. RECONVENE BOISVERT – That we now reconvene this meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- CARRIED.
18. ROCK PICKER OLSON – That we agree to purchase a 2025 Degleman rock picker from Martodam Motors (1983) LTD., Spiritwood, Sask., at a cost of \$40,540 plus applicable taxes.
- CARRIED.
19. RESIGNATION MITCHELL SCHUTTE – That we acknowledge the resignation of Equipment Operator Kaytlyn Mitchell effective May 2, 2025.
- CARRIED.
20. HIRE COLLINS MULLER – That we hire Len Collins, Debden, Sask., for the position of seasonal Equipment Operator on Wage Grid 3, Step 4, with a 3-month probationary period.
- CARRIED.
21. HIRE BEDARD OLSON – That we hire Derek Bedard, Canwood, Sask., for the position of seasonal General Labourer on Wage Grid 1, Step 1, with a 3-month probationary period.
- CARRIED.
22. HIRE HINSON LOCKHART – That we hire Brad Hinson, Canwood, Sask., for the position of permanent Truck Driver on Wage Grid 5, Step 4, with a 3-month probationary period.
- CARRIED.
- Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl left the meeting at 1:30 p.m.
23. SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT MULLER – That in the matter of the Special Events Permit Request of Golden Links Rebekah Lodge #6 of Prince Albert, for the purpose of a fundraising golf tournament on May 31, 2025, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Canwood Regional Park, located within the boundaries of the R.M. of Canwood, we hereby approve and acknowledge the said event but do not accept liability which may arise from the event.
- CARRIED.
24. HWY 55 WMC AGM BOISVERT – That we acknowledge the Annual General Meeting of Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation set for April 17, 2025.
- CARRIED.
25. COUNCIL BURSARY SCHUTTE – That we designate the Human Resources Committee to review the applicants' submissions, interview the applicants and select the recipient of the Council Bursary prior to Friday, May 31, 2025.
- CARRIED.

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| 26. TAX ENF. | <u>LOCKHART</u> – Further to Resolution No. 9 of August 19, 2024, that in the matter of a default in payment for tax arrears, we authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with tax enforcement for Owner #2518.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 27. LIST OF LANDS WITH ARREARS | <u>OLSON</u> – That it be acknowledged in these minutes that the List of Lands with Arrears was presented to Reeve Levi Schutte by the Chief Administrative Officer on April 2, 2025, and is attached hereto.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 28. SMHI WITHDRAWAL | <u>OLSON</u> – That we approve the Withdrawal Numbers 494-1659 and 494-1660 from the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 29. DEV PERMIT 2025-25001 DARATHA | <u>LOCKHART</u> – That we approve the Development Permit Application of Wayne Daratha to construct a cabin, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.1(1)(a) of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 30. COUNCILLOR INDEMNITY | <u>OLSON</u> – That we approve the Council’s Indemnity as presented.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 31. FILE CORR. | <u>MULLER</u> – That we now file the correspondence.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 32. DRAFT FIN. STATEMENTS | <u>MULLER</u> – That we approve the 2024 draft audited financial statements as presented and that no subsequent events have occurred that would affect those statements, and no unrecorded contingencies or commitments have been identified.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |
| 33. ADJOURN | <u>MULLER</u> – That we now adjourn at 3:10 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held May 21, 2025, at the Municipal Council Chambers in the Municipal Building located at 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask.
<div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED.</div> |

Lorna Benson
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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