

August 19, 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 August 19, 2025, commencing at 9:07 a.m.

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

#1 Kenneth Stene	#4 Mario Boisvert (arrived at 9:20 am)
#2 Gerald Muller	#5 Kevin Olson
#3 Rick Jensen	#6 Cody Lockhart

DELEGATIONS:
9:15 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update

2. LARSEN BRIDGE LOCKHART – That in the matter of the Larsen Bridge to Culvert Conversion, we accept the recommendation of Prairie Road Solutions to install two (2) 3,400mm x 29m polymer coated corrugated steel culverts.
- CARRIED.

3. MINUTES JULY 15/25 STENE – That the minutes of the July 17, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.
- CARRIED.

4. MONTHLY STATEMENT LOCKHART – That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of July 2025 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented.
- CARRIED.

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

5. ACCTS. MULLER – That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$917,379.20, Council Direct Deposits for August and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2025 Pay Period 15 & 16.
- CARRIED.

6. CLOSURE AND SALE OF ROAD ALLOWANCE MULLER – That in the matter of the request of the property owners of the SE 08-53-07 W3, to purchase right-of-way, we hereby agree to close and sell the said roadway, upon authorization and approval of the Ministry of Highways, in the amount of \$4,000 plus advertising, surveying, and administration costs of the R.M. and the service fees of the Ministry of Highways for the said transactions.
- CARRIED.

7. BEAVER PROGRAM SCHUTTE – That we cancel the Beaver Control Program (BCP) effective August 31, 2025.
- CARRIED.

8. TLE RESPONSE MULLER – That we advise Lanny Ahenakew, TLE Coordinator, Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, in the matter of his inquiry of the following lands:

Christensen Property	Crawford Property
SE 05-52-07 W3	NW 13-50-07 W3
NE 05-52-07 W3	SW 24-50-07 W3
SE 08-52-07 W3	NW 24-50-07 W3
NE 08-52-07 W3	NE 23-50-07 W3
NW 09-52-07 W3, Blk A Plan 102365489 Ext 0	
NW 05-52-07 W3	Stewart Property
SW 08-52-07 W3	SW 21-50-06 W3
SE 06-52-07 W3	NW 21-50-06 W3
NE 06-52-07 W3	NE 21-50-06 W3
SE 07-52-07 W3	
NW 06-52-07 W3, Blk A Plan 101550721 Ext 76	
LSD 03-52-07 W3 Ext 71	
SW 18-52-07 W3	Combres Property
NW 18-52-07 W3	SW 27-50-06 W3
	SE 27-50-06 W3
Delorme Property	SW 26-50-06 W3
NE 31-49-06 W3	NW 22-50-06 W3

Hein Property
NW 34-51-07 W3
NE 34-51-07 W3
SW 34-51-07 W3
SE 34-51-07 W3

Klym Property
SE 06-50-06 W3
SW 05-50-06 W3
NW 32-49-06 W3

Collins Property
SW 03-52-07 W3 Ext 86
SE 04-52-07 W3 Ext 87
NE 04-52-07 W3 Ext 5
NE 04-52-07 W3 Ext 109
SE 09-52-07 W3 Ext 88
SE 09-52-07 W3 Ext 112
NW 04-52-07 W3 Ext 6
NW 04-52-07 W3 Ext 110
NW 04-52-07 W3 Ext 111
LSD 4-09-52-07 W3 Ext 66
LSD 5-09-52-07 W3 Ext 67
LSD 6-09-52-07 W3 Ext 68
LSD 3-09-52-07 W3 Ext 69
NW LSD 3-09-52-07 W3 Ext 70

that we cannot comment on any contamination, P.C.B.s, possible fuel tanks, garbage or sewage disposal sites or noxious weeds on or near the said lands as no environmental assessment has been done by the Rural Municipality on these lands.

CARRIED.

9. GIESCBRECHT ROAD ALLOW.

STENE – That as the Municipality is satisfied that the specifications set out in Policy No. 7.08 have been met under Section 5 [Schedule B] of the Servicing Agreement dated June 28, 2024, entered into with Allan Giesbrecht and Margaret Phillips, and in reference to the letter dated November 22, 2024, for road development to access the SW 26-54-07 W3, we agree to release the Letter of Credit issued by the developer’s financial institution.

CARRIED.
10. CLOSURE AND SALE OF ROAD ALLOWANCE

JENSEN – That in the matter of the request of the property owner of the SE 30-51-05 W3, Plan 74PA20636 Ext 23, 24, 25, 26 to purchase the 66 foot right-of-way, we hereby agree to close and sell the said roadways, upon authorization and approval of the Ministry of Highways, in the amount of \$3,420 plus advertising, surveying, and administration costs of the R.M. and the service fees of the Ministry of Highways for the said transactions.

CARRIED.
11. BYLAW 2025-05 CLOSE ROAD

JENSEN – That Bylaw 2025-05 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to provide for the closing of a municipal road, now be read the first time.

CARRIED.
12. BYLAW 2025-05

STENE – That Bylaw 2025-05 attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes now be read a second time.

CARRIED.
13. BYLAW 2025-05

MULLER – That we agree to give third reading of Bylaw 2025-05 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
14. BYLAW 2025-05 CLOSE ROAD

JENSEN – That Bylaw 2025-05 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to provide for the closing of a municipal road, now be read the third time and adopted.

CARRIED.
15. CLOSURE AND SALE OF ROAD ALLOWANCE

Councillor Muller declared an interest and left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

STENE – That in the matter of the request of the property owners of the SE/SW 36-49-07 W3, Plan 85B04443 to purchase the right-of-way, we hereby agree to close and sell the said roadways, upon authorization and approval of the Ministry of Highways, in the amount of \$1,450 plus advertising, surveying, and administration costs of the R.M. and the service fees of the Ministry of Highways for the said transactions.

CARRIED.

Councillor Muller returned to the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

16. GATES ON MUNICIPAL ROADWAY – LAKE NEBO

MULLER – That we agree to send a letter in response to the request to install gates at Lake Nebo to reduce access for crime prevention with the following conditions:

 - width of gates must be a minimum of 24 feet;
 - notification to all relevant agencies and emergency services is the responsibility of the property owners at Lake Nebo;
 - the R.M. must be granted access for roadway maintenance;
 - the property owners assume all liability and responsibility of the gates;
 - the R.M. does not accept any liability which may arise from the installation and existence of the gates;
 - the property owners assume all responsibility for moving the gates for any reason that arises, such as buildings being moved in and out.

CARRIED.

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl left the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

17. TAX ENFORCEMENT

MULLER – That in the matter of tax arrears outstanding on the SW 15-54-08 W3, we accept the payment proposal of \$500 per month until the arrears are paid in full. Further to this, we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer that upon default in payment to authorize Veritas Law to proceed with tax enforcement.

CARRIED.

18. TAX ABATEMENT STEN

OLSON – That we abate a portion of the 2025 improvement taxes on the NE 04-53-04 W3 as the proper house exemption was not applied at assessment time. The abatement is as follows:

Roll #	Legal Land Description	Municipal	School	TOTAL
4522	NE 04-53-04 W3	\$1,078.22	\$442.69	\$1,520.91

CARRIED.

19. TAX ABATEMENT SCHWEHR

MULLER – That we abate a portion of the 2025 improvement taxes on the NE 02-51-05 W3 as the owner has land in an adjoining municipality to reduce the taxable assessment of the owner’s dwelling. The abatement is as follows:

Roll #	Legal Land Description	Municipal	School	TOTAL
4522	NE 02-51-05 W3	\$2,491.01	\$1,051.44	\$3,542.45

CARRIED.

20. TAX ABATEMENT GERWING

STENE – That we abate a portion of the 2025 improvement taxes on the SE 30-49-06 W3 as the proper house exemption was not applied at assessment time. The abatement is as follows:

Roll #	Legal Land Description	Municipal	School	TOTAL
386 800	SE 30-49-06 W3	\$371.07	\$152.35	\$523.42

CARRIED.

21. TAX ABATEMENT JOHNSON

JENSEN – That we abate a portion of the 2025 improvement taxes on the Block A Plan 101472689 Ext 34 as the owner leases land within the municipality to reduce the taxable assessment of the owner’s dwelling. The abatement is as follows:

Roll #	Legal Land Description	Municipal	School	TOTAL
1495.200	Blk A Plan 101472689 Ext 34	\$2,827.97	\$1,465.46	\$4,293.43

CARRIED.

22. TAX ENFORCEMENT

SCHUTTE – That in the matter of tax enforcement proceedings against Lot 1A Block 2 Plan No. 102357222 Ext 0, we request the Provincial Mediation Board to expedite the proceedings based on the low value of the property, and further that we authorize Veritas Law to proceed on our behalf to request title to the land.

CARRIED.

23. LUNCH

LOCKHART – – That we now recess this meeting for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

CARRIED.

24. RECONVENE SCHUTTE – That we now reconvene this meeting at 12:35 p.m.
CARRIED.
25. PHOTO-COPIER MULLER – That we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to request quotes for a new lease on a photocopier.
CARRIED.
26. VIOLENCE POLICY 6.09 JENSEN – That we adopt the amendments to Policy 6.09 Workplace Violence Prevention.
CARRIED.
27. APP TO SUBDIVIDE LAND LOCKHART – That we advise the Community Planning Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations that we recommend approval of the Application to Subdivide Land of Robert Thompson, for the purpose of removing parcel ties from the SE 14-54-08 W3, as the site has physical and legal access and exceeds the minimum site area requirements of Section 5 of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7, on the condition that the municipality be paid cash in lieu of recreational space in the amount of \$780.40.
CARRIED.
28. DEV/BLDG PERMIT 2025-25020 WHITELAW/ LYNCHUK MULLER – That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Ocean Whitelaw and Dione Lynchuk to construct a new home, with approval pursuant to Section 5.2.1(2)(a) of the Municipal Bylaw 2003-7.
CARRIED.
29. APP TO SUBDIVIDE LAND STENE – That we advise the Community Planning Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations that we recommend approval of the Application to Subdivide Land of Brian Holmes, for the purpose of subdividing Parcel A from the SW 18-51-04 W3, as the site has physical and legal access and exceeds the minimum site area requirements of Section 5 of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7.
CARRIED.
30. LOT CONSOLIDATION MULLER – That we approve the request of Robert Pollock to consolidate the following lots at Fur Lake:

Lot 19 Block 1 Plan 81B08884 Ext 0
Lot 20 Block 1 Plan 81B08884 Ext 0
Lot 21 Block 1 Plan 81B08884 Ext 0
Lot 22 Block 1 Plan 81B08884 Ext 0

CARRIED.
31. LETTER ABOUT CAMPERS LOCKHART – That we instruct the Development Officer to send a letter to all Morin Lake residents which states that Municipal Zoning Bylaw No. 2003-07 does not authorize the use of campers on lakeshore lots.
DEFEATED.
32. COUNCILLOR INDEMNITY OLSON – That we approve the Council’s Indemnity as presented.
CARRIED.
33. ADJOURN MULLER – That we now adjourn at 2:10 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held September 16, 2025, at the Municipal Council Chambers in the Municipal Building located at 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask.
CARRIED.

Lorna Benson
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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