

September 16, 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 September 16, 2025, commencing at 9:03 a.m.

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

#1 Kenneth Stene	#4 Mario Boisvert
#2 Gerald Muller	#5 ABSENT
#3 Rick Jensen	#6 Cody Lockhart

DELEGATIONS:

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

2. MINUTES
AUG. 19/25 BOISVERT – That the minutes of the August 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3. MONTHLY
STATEMENT STENE – That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of August 2025 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

4. ACCTS. JENSEN – That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$726,827.75, Council Direct Deposits for September and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2025 Pay Period 17, 18 & 19.

CARRIED.

Councillor Muller declared an interest and left the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

5. BYLAW
2025-06
CLOSE ROAD JENSEN – That Bylaw 2025-06 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.

6. BYLAW
2025-06 STENE – That Bylaw 2025-06 attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes now be read a second time.

CARRIED.

7. BYLAW
2025-06 JENSEN – That we agree to give third reading of Bylaw 2025-06 at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. BYLAW
2025-06
CLOSE ROAD LOCKHART – That Bylaw 2025-06 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.

Councillor Muller returned to the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

9. EMPLOYEE
BREAKFAST LOCKHART – That we set October 21, 2025, for an employee appreciation breakfast to be held at the Seniors' Room at 8:00 a.m.

CARRIED.

10. SEASONAL
LAYOFFS STENE – That we agree the layoff date for Seasonal Employees will be November 7, 2025.

CARRIED.

11. TLE FILE
838.045 11.03 MULLER – That in the matter of Ahtahkakoop TLE File 838.045 for the NE 31-49-06 W3, we retain the original road allowance.

DEFEATED.

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

12. TAX TITLE PROPERTY DAWSON MULLER – That as the title of the following property, formerly owned by Graham Dawson, was transferred to the municipality under the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* on August 25, 2025, we cancel the balance of the taxes owing to December 31, 2025. The cancellation is as follows:
- | Roll No. | Legal Description | Municipal | School | Total |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 3381.100 | Lot 1A Blk 2 Plan 102357222 Ext 0 | \$650.00 | \$2.39 | \$652.39 |
- CARRIED.
13. SARM VOTING DELEGATES BOISVERT – That we agree to send as many Councillors as can attend to the Midterm SARM Convention held in Regina, Sask., on November 5 and 6, 2025. Further to this, we appoint Gerald Muller and Rick Jensen as Official Voting Delegates for the 2025 Midterm Convention.
- CARRIED.
14. FALL WORKSHOPS MULLER – That we authorize the Office Staff to attend the following training and agree to pay the training fees, meals and mileage:
- September 11 - Emergency Management Workshop, Big River, Sask., Development Assistant Jamie Skarpinsky and Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson
- September 12 - Emergency Management Functional Exercise, Big River, Sask., Development Assistant Jamie Skarpinsky and Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson
- September 19 - RMAA Fall Meeting, Warman, Sask., Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson
- September 25 – UMAAS Fall Workshop – Enhanced Municipal Administration Program (EMAP), Prince Albert, Sask., Development Assistant Jamie Skarpinsky, Public Works Assistant Tammy Molzan, and Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson
- CARRIED.
15. POLICY 8.03 STENE – That we adopt the revisions to Policy 8.03 Condolence and Congratulations.
- CARRIED.
16. BYLAW 2025-07 REPEAL BYLAWS MULLER – That Bylaw No. 2025-07 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to repeal bylaws, now be read the first time.
- CARRIED.
17. BYLAW 2025-07 JENSEN – That Bylaw No. 2025-07 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes now be read a second time.
- CARRIED.
18. BYLAW 2025-07 BOISVERT – That we agree to give third reading of Bylaw No. 2025-07 at this meeting.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
19. BYLAW 2025-07 REPEAL BYLAWS LOCKHART – That Bylaw No. 2025-07 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to repeal bylaws, now be read the third time and adopted.
- CARRIED.
20. DISC. USE CAMP-GROUND BOISVERT – That we approve the Discretionary Use Application of Guy and Debra Robin, Shell Lake, Sask., for a campground, pursuant to Section 5.2.1(3)(1) of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7 on the following conditions:
1. The applicants must post \$7,500 with the R.M. for the purpose of a cost-share arrangement for the registration of the roadway, no later than October 30, 2025.
 2. The maximum number of campsites is limited to 15, and the maximum number of recreational vehicles is limited to 1 per campsite.
- CARRIED.
21. CONSOLIDATE BLK A STENE – That we approve the request of Devin Stochmanski to consolidate Block A Plan 101510558 Ext 25 with the SW 14-49-05 W3.
- CARRIED.

22. PERMIT EXTENSION 24011 STENE – That we acknowledge the Permit Extension Application of Derrick Fusick.
CARRIED.
23. DEV/BLDG PERMIT 2025-25024 PETHICK/BUTTON MULLER – That we acknowledge the Development and Building Permit Applications of Saretta and Mark Pethick/Button to construct a deck, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.2 of the Municipal Bylaw 2003-7.
CARRIED.
24. BLDG PERMIT 2025-25001 DARATHA LOCKHART – That we acknowledge the Development and Building Permit Applications of Wayne Daratha to construct a cabin, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.2 of the Municipal Bylaw 2003-7.
CARRIED.
25. CONSOLIDATE LOTS MULLER – That we approve the request of Caroline and Chris Messett to consolidate Lot 5 Block 1 Plan 101955102 Ext 0 with Lot 6 Block 1 Plan 101955102 Ext 0.
CARRIED.
26. TAX LOSS COMPENSATION SHORTFALLS WITHIN THE TLE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT STENE – That in the matter of Treaty Land Entitlement we authorize the following resolution be submitted to SARM for the 2025 Midterm Convention:

WHEREAS the Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) Framework Agreement was established to address outstanding land obligations under historical treaties, and to provide a process for First Nations to acquire land to fulfil these entitlements; and

WHEREAS the conversion of taxable land to reserve status under the TLE process results in a loss of property tax revenue to affected rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS the current tax loss compensation mechanisms under the TLE Framework Agreement did not index compensation to account for increases in property values during the payment period and are insufficient to fully offset the ongoing fiscal impacts and operational challenges faced by rural municipalities as a result of these land conversions; and

WHEREAS this funding shortfall affects the ability of rural municipalities to provide essential services, maintain infrastructure, and ensure sustainable development for all residents; and

WHEREAS Provincial and federal partners have responsibility and authority to address unintended fiscal impacts arising from intergovernmental agreements and their implementation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to conduct a comprehensive review of the tax loss compensation formulas within the TLE Framework Agreement, in consultation with affected rural municipalities and First Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SARM petition signatories of the original TLE Framework Agreement to establish an indexed, inflation-adjusted mechanism to ensure that rural municipalities receive full, timely, and ongoing compensation for all current and future losses in property tax revenue resulting from the addition of TLE selections to reserve lands while also considering increasing road maintenance and infrastructure expenses.
CARRIED.
27. FILE CORR MULLER – That we now file the correspondence.
CARRIED.
28. ADJOURN LOCKHART – That we now adjourn at 12:12 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held October 21, 2025, at the Municipal Council Chambers in the Municipal Building located at 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask.
CARRIED.