

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of North Battleford No. 437 as held on Wednesday April 8, 2026

PRESENT

Dan Bartko – Reeve

Robert Hujdic – Division 1

Todd Illingworth – Division 2

Todd Winterhalt – Division 3

David Acaster – Division 4

Leon Lozowchuk – Division 5

Gilles Fransoo – Division 6

Nicole Collins – Administrator

CALLED TO ORDER

Reeve Bartko called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MINUTES

68/26 – Fransoo: That the minutes of the March 5, 2026 regular meeting of this municipality be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

69/36 – Lozowchuk: That the minutes of the March 25, 2026 special meeting of this municipality be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

70/26 - Illingworth: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2026 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

BANK RECONCILIATION

71/26 – Winterhalt: That the bank reconciliation for the month of March 2026 is accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

GENERAL LEDGER JOURNAL ENTRIES

72/26 – Illingworth: That the month end adjusting general ledger entries as attached to these minutes have been reviewed and are acknowledged by the RM of North Battleford No. 437 Council. **CARRIED.**

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ACCOUNTS

73/26 - Lozowchuk: That the following listing of accounts and bills forming part of these minutes are approved:

Cheque #9479 - #9507 = \$49,523.63

Online Payments = \$25,610.74

Payroll/Council Indemnity = \$28,900.92

Western Newspaper Corp. = \$297.68. **CARRIED.**

9:30 a.m. Foreman Rob Jenner joined the meeting.

AWARD GRAVEL TENDER

74/26 – Fransoo: That the gravel tender be awarded to Cockburn Construction for both the hauling contract and the price of gravel as follows:

\$0.50 /yd/mile hauling \$1.00/yd loading \$15.00 1”gravel

Fuel surcharge: \$0.01/yd mile for fuel price over \$1.60/L. **CARRIED.**

10:07 a.m. Foreman Rob Jenner left the meeting.

BATTLEFORDS WILDLIFE FEDERATION - DONATION

75/26 – Hujdic: That a donation of \$200.00 is donated to the Battlefords Wildlife Federation annual smoker for 2026. **CARRIED.**

ACKNOWLEDGE LETTER – WILLOW HEIGHTS ROAD

76/26 – Illingworth: That letter regarding the condition of Willow Heights Road between Forest Hall & Highway 40 from J.R. is acknowledged and the Division Councillor will follow up to discuss. **CARRIED.**

NOTICE NATURE - DONATION

77/26 – Winterhalt: That \$687.00 is donated to the Notice Nature project for 2026. **CARRIED.**

HUMANE SOCIETY – SHELTER TAX EXEMPTION

78/26 – Winterhalt: That the shelter building located on Lot 7 Block B Plan 102433799 will be given the three year tax exemption as per policy 08-2009 and further that after the first year of the exemption the RM will donate \$3,000.00 to the humane society. **CARRIED.**

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10:38 a.m. Councillor Leon Lozowchuk declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

SASK LOTTERIES GRANT

79/26 – Hujdic: That the \$5,462 Sask Lotteries Grant is distributed as follows:

\$1,500 to Living Faith for Skate Church

\$1,981 to Kinsmen Rodeo

\$1,981 to Battlefords Volleyball Club.

CARRIED.

10:42 a.m. Councillor Leon Lozowchuk returned to the meeting.

WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN

80/26 – Hujdic: That the 2026 weed management plan is approved as submitted from weed inspector Alana Gunsch.

CARRIED.

LIST FOR SALE – PARCEL C PLAN J4853 EXT.1

81/26 – Acaster: That Parcel C Plan J4853 Ext.1 which is owned by the RM of North Battleford and located in the City of North Battleford be listed for sale through Dream Realty Agency.

CARRIED.

PANIC BUTTON INSTALL

82/26 – Fransoo: That a panic button be installed in the office for the quoted price of \$100.00 from Phoenix Security.

CARRIED.

ROYAL OAK ESTATES

83/26 – Winterhalt: That a letter be sent to the owners of Royal Oak Estates stating they are in default of the servicing agreement and that a new agreement must be signed and all roads, approaches, etc be brought to standards prior to the RM considering any development permits for this subdivision.

CARRIED.

LETTER OF COMMITMENT – NAMS

84/26 – Winterhalt: That the Administrator has the authority to sign the letter of commitment with NAMS for asset management assistance through the Prairie Support Project.

CARRIED.

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MAY MEETING

85/26 – Winterhalt: That the regular May council meeting be moved to May 6, 2026 with an 8:00 a.m. start time to accommodate RMAA Convention. **CARRIED.**

HIRE GRADER OPERATOR

86/26 – Hujdic: That Dexter Gopher be hired as a full time year round grader operator with a starting wage of \$30.00/hour with benefits, pension to be included. **CARRIED.**

11:36 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Fire Chief Aaron McNabb attended the meeting.

UPDATE FIRE RATE BYLAW

87/26 – Lozowchuk: That the Administrator draft a bylaw to update the rates to be charged for fire calls as follows:

- \$5,000 maximum for residential & agricultural assessments;
- \$15,000 maximum for commercial & industrial assessments;
- Actual cost for controlled burns without a permit;
- And actual cost for foam.

CARRIED.

12:30 p.m. Reeve Bartko recessed the meeting for lunch.

1:02 p.m. Reeve Bartko reconvened the meeting.

REPLY LETTER - NEW EVENT CENTRE/ARENA LOCATION

88/26 – Fransoo: That the letter received from R.H. regarding the site location of Carlton Trail for the new arena/event centre is acknowledged and further that a reply will be sent regarding the RM having stated the preferred site is Carlton Trail. **CARRIED.**

IN CAMERA SESSSION

89/26 – Ilingworth: That the regular meeting recess to move to an in-camera session pursuant to Part III Section 13 of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 1:36 p.m. **CARRIED.**

OUT OF CAMERA

90/26 – Hujdic: That the in camera session is closed and the regular meeting resumes at 1:54 p.m. **CARRIED.**

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDATIONS

91/26 – Illingworth: That the RM agrees with the legal representatives opinion on the appropriate procedure as recommended. **CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE

92/26 – Winterhalt: That the following list of correspondence, having been read, be filed:

- a) Emergency Use of Strychnine
- b) January CSO Report
- c) Minister of Environment – Resolution Response
- d) SARM Div 6 Update – Randy Aumack
- e) CIBC – Commercial Banking Info
- f) SMHI Annual Report.

CARRIED.

INVESTMENT - RBC

93/26 – Hujdic: That an investment of \$643,000 be made with RBC Dominion Securities for a two year term, ending in May 2028 to generate interest on the committed donation maximum amount for the new arena/event centre. **CARRIED.**

LATE ACCOUNT

94/26 – Illingworth: That the following late account be paid:

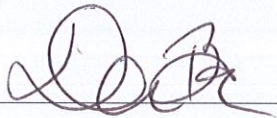
Kam's Courier – Invoice #618 = \$120.75.

CARRIED.

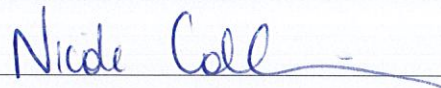
ADJOURN

95/26 - Acaster: That this meeting now adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

CARRIED.



Reeve



Administrator