
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2025

Held in the Council Chambers of the RM of Mervin No. 499 at 211 Main Street, Turtleford, SK.

PRESENT: Reeve Gerry Ritz
 Division 1 Councillor Jim Range
 Division 2 Councillor Gordon Spencer
 Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais
 Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott
 Division 5 Councillor Lane Nedelec
 Division 6 Councillor Victor Hamm
 Chief Administrative Officer Shiloh Bronken

DELEGATIONS: 9:15 a.m. Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman
 Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor
 10:30 a.m. Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner

CALL TO ORDER: Reeve Gerry Ritz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

AGENDA

0451 – 25 NEDELEC That the July 8, 2025 agenda be accepted for reference with the following additions:

- 6)(d) Bellanger Bridge;
- 6)(e) Sandy Point – Beach Access; and
- 7)(n) Open House for Turtle Lake Lakeshore and Watershed Management Study.

CARRIED

MINUTES

0452 – 25 RANGE That the June 24, 2025 meeting minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Taylor Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

BELLANGER BRIDGE – SEVANA PRELIMINARY DESIGN REPORT

0453 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Preliminary Design Report for the bridge over Turtle Lake River as received on June 23, 2025. Furthermore, that in order to comply with the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth and Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding requirements:

- Bridge design shall not be for a temporary structure, comply with Class A highway requirements, and have a minimum design life of 75 years;
- Bridge design shall be a minimum of 28 feet wide and have a minimum design speed of 90 kilometers per hour;
- Clarification on the piles, with a detailed foundation design; and
- Bridge rail system is required to be a crash tested system that meets the minimum requirements of a TL-2 rail.

CARRIED

Initial:  Reeve
Initial:  Administrator

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PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

0454 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Public Works Report as presented by Municipal Foreman Kerry Robertson and Maintenance Supervisor Taylar Roberts as discussed.

CARRIED

Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman and Taylar Roberts, Maintenance Supervisor left the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Municipal Planner, Paige Hundt joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

MUNICIPAL PLANNER SUMMARY AND UPDATE REPORT

0455 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Summary and Update report and discussion of Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner Summary as circulated.

CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING

0456 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the July 8, 2025 regular meeting at 10:30 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

0457 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the July 8, 2025 Council Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY RV AS PRINCIPAL USE

0458 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for #250024-057 Lot 15, Block 4, Plan No. 101962379 SAND, with the condition that potential buyers are aware and understand the details for the discretionary use permit.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT FOR TEMPORARY RV AS PRINCIPAL USE

0459 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for the following:

- #250031-012 Lot 9, Block 4, Plan No. 101921655 SAND;
- #250031-013 Lot 16, Block 4, Plan No. 101962379 SAND;
- #250031-049 Lot 15, Block 3, Plan No. 61B06441 SSVB;
- #250031-054 Lot 3, Block 3, Plan No. 80B09908 DMWL;
- #250032-019 Lot 18, Block 3, Plan 61B06441 SSVB, and
- #250036-005 Lot 4, Block 1, Plan No. 102359426.

CARRIED

JUNE 2025 DEVELOPMENT REPORT

0460 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the June 2025 Development Report submitted by Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

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BUILDING REPORT 2025 QUARTER 2

0461 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the 2025 Quarter 2 Building Report submitted by Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

AQUATIC HABITAT PROTECTION PERMIT – 28914 EVERGREEN ROAD

0462 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests the Municipal Planner to review and provide recommendation with respect to the removal of three (3) trees on municipal reserve adjacent to the property at 28914 Evergreen Road.

CARRIED

MINOR VARIANCE REQUEST – LOT 6, BLOCK 3, PLAN NO. 102395246 CBSS

0463 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves a 10% minor variance with respect to the setbacks to the property line as it pertains to the garage for Lot 6, Block 3, Plan No. 102395246 CBSS, subject to the following conditions:
- That all encroaching structures are removed from laneways.

CARRIED

RIGHT OF WAY TRIMMING ON TWP 552

0464 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the request to complete vegetation removal on TWP 552 between Range Roads 3214 and 3220. Furthermore, that Administration send correspondence that this request does not meet our current policies.

CARRIED

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

RECESS

0465 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the July 8, 2025 meeting at 12:10 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE MEETING

0466 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the July 8, 2025 meeting at 12:40 p.m.

CARRIED

CENOVUS OPEN HOUSE – RUSH LAKE FACILITY 2

0467 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the Reeve, Division 4 Councillor, and Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Cenovus Open House at the RM of Paynton Office on July 10, 2025.

CARRIED

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LIQUID DOMESTIC WASTE APPLICATION

- 0468 – 25 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the application from N. Erhardt, of the Hamlet of Crystal Bay Sunset, to dispose of liquid domestic waste generated from within the RM of Mervin to the municipal lagoon on the NE 32-52-19-W3. Furthermore, that approval be granted with the following conditions:
- Complete application to Water Security Agency (WSA 505);
 - Agree to land spread and not dump into the lagoon when requested by Council; and
 - Annual monthly report to be provided to the municipality for the amount of effluent hauled.

CARRIED

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMPENSATION REQUEST

- 0469 – 25 RITZ** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Ratepayer request dated June 5, 2025, with respect to garbage service, and that compensation for hauling and disposing of household garbage will not be considered for acreage owners within the municipality.

CARRIED

JUNE 2025 WATER TREATMENT PLANT DAILY LOGS

- 0470 – 25 RANGE** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the June 2025 Daily Water Logs, as submitted by the Operators, for the following hamlets:
- Evergreen Acres;
 - Livelong; and
 - Spruce Lake.

CARRIED

2025 MUNICIPAL LAGOON LOGS

- 0471 – 25 NEDELEC** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the following 2025 Municipal Lagoon Logs, as presented by R. Matthews – Certified Wastewater Operator:
- Brightsand: SK05EG0302;
 - Evergreen Acres: SK05EG0300;
 - Livelong: SK05EG0073; and
 - Spruce Lake: SK05EG0060.

UNORGANIZED HAMLET OF ASPEN COVE, TURTLE LAKE – REVISED BUDGET

- 0472 – 25 HERGOTT** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the revised budget of the Unorganized Hamlet of Aspen Cove.

CARRIED

HAMLET BOARD 2024-2025 ACTIVITY REPORT

- 0473 – 25 BLAIS** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges receipt of the Hamlet Activities Report provided by the Hamlet Boards as follows:

UNORGANIZED

- Sandy Point, Brightsand Lake.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE OF JULY 8, 2025

- 0474 – 25 SPENCER** That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the July 8, 2025 regular meeting.

CARRIED

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF JULY 8, 2025

0475 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #27185 to cheque #27256 (\$576,912.60), manual cheque #1369-Man to #1389-Man (\$180,371.03), and payroll (\$110,759.53), totaling \$868,043.16 for payment.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS OF MAY 31, 2025

0476 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 receives and acknowledges the Statement of Financial Activities as of May 31, 2025 as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

INTEREST FROM TERM DEPOSITS

0477 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 requests Administration to transfer term deposit interest in the amount of \$330,000.00 into the Reserve – Capital account.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0478 – 25 BLAIS That the July 8, 2025 meeting be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


REEVE