
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 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 – Virtual
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: 9:10 a.m. Philip Bueckert, Community Safety Officer
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 9:00 a.m.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais declared to Agenda Item 7(c) – Discretionary Use Permit 250060-057.

AGENDA

0696 – 25 SPENCER That the October 28, 2025 agenda be accepted with the following additions:
- 6)(i) Kivimaa-Moonlight Bay Old Landfill; and
- 12)(a) Fire Burn Permits.

CARRIED

MINUTES

0697 – 25 RANGE That the October 14, 2025 meeting minutes be approved with the following revision:
- Resolution 0663-25: that the asking price for the Gravel Box be reduced to \$5,000.00.

CARRIED

Philip Bueckert, Community Safety Officer joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

ENFORCEMENT ORDER – LOT 10, BLOCK 1, PLAN NO 89B01335 TURTLE COVE

0698 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 substitutes the following decision for the Enforcement Order, dated September 17, 2025, for Lot 10, Block 1, Plan No. 89B01335 in the Unorganized Hamlet of Turtle Cove:
- That on advice and collaboration with Northwest Community Safety Services Inc., the RM Council recognizes the current healthy natural growth on the property. Furthermore, that future monitoring to be completed to ensure that combustible deadfall and debris is removed as per FireSmart Initiatives.

CARRIED

Community Safety Officer Philip Bueckert left the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Kerry Robertson and Taylor Roberts joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

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EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 27, 2025

0699 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the October 27, 2025 minutes from the Equipment Committee as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

2022 872GP JOHN DEERE GRADER

0700 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports discussions for consideration of the sale of the 2022 872GP John Deere Grader.

CARRIED

ROAD COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 27, 2025

0701 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the October 27, 2025 minutes from the Road Committee as circulated and discussed. Furthermore, that the 2026 Project Map be revised to include Range Road 3190 from Township 524 in a northerly direction for approximately two (2) miles for milling.

CARRIED

ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – RM499-2025-03 MITCHELL BROS. EXCAVATING

0702 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves RM499-2025-03 Road Maintenance Agreement with Mitchell Bros. Excavating for hauling, of approximately 8,000-9,000 tonnes of aggregate, from a gravel pit located on SE 19-52-19-W3 on Range Road 3195, west on Township Road 530 (grid 796), north on Range Road 3214, then east on Township Road 534 to 02-27-53-21 W3, between October 22 and 31, 2025.

CARRIED

SASKPOWER SINGLE PHASE INSTALLATION FILE NO. 20592064 – SW 19-54-18 W3

0703 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the SaskPower Service Request – 20592064, for the installation of single-phase power to SW 19-54-18 W3.

CARRIED

SASKPOWER 2026 RURAL POWER LINE REBUILDS

0704 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the 2026 SaskPower Rural Power Line Rebuilds to update aging rural power infrastructure within the municipality as proposed with the replacement of underground lines.

CARRIED

TIME OFF REQUEST – MUNICIPAL FOREMAN

0705 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the time off request of Kerry Robertson, Municipal Foreman from November 17 to 28, 2025 inclusive.

CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

0706 – 25 NEDELEC 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 10:25 a.m.
Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner joined the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais declared a conflict of interest with Item 7)(c) Public Hearing – Discretionary Use – 250060-057 and left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING

0707 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the October 28, 2025 regular meeting at 11:00 a.m. to move into a Public Hearing.

CARRIED

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

0708 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 resumes the open session of the October 28, 2025 Council Meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CARRIED

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT – AGRICULTURE RELATED COMMERCIAL BUSINESS

0709 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit #250060-057 to conduct Agriculture Related Commercial business in an existing shop.

CARRIED

Division 3 Councillor Rob Blais rejoined the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

DISCRETIONARY USE PERMIT FOR A TEMPORARY RV AS PRINCIPAL USE

0710 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Discretionary Use Permit for a temporary RV as a Principal Use for #250033-027 Lot 11, Block 2, Plan No. 81B10084 SSVB. Furthermore, the improvement base tax of \$175.00 be abated.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL PLANNER SUMMARY AND UPDATE REPORT

0711 – 25 RITZ That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 accepts the Summary and Update report and discussion of Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

Paige Hundt, Municipal Planner left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

NOVEMBER 11, 2025 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – RESCHEDULE

0712 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reschedules the November 11, 2025 regular council meeting to Monday, November 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in observance of Remembrance Day.

CARRIED

TAX CANCELLATION – LOTS 4 & 5, BLOCK 1, PLAN NO. AF4248 – HAMLET OF LIVELONG

0713 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 cancels all the taxes on Lots 4 & 5, Block 1, Plan No. AF4248 in the Hamlet of Livelong, as the property was legally transferred to the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 to forego any tax enforcement proceedings.

CARRIED

DISTRICT #38 RAT CONTROL COMMITTEE – APRIL 14, 2025

0714 – 25 BLAIS That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the April 14, 2025 District #38 Rat Control Committee minutes as circulated and discussed. Furthermore, the R.M. supports the recommendation of the Committee for Financial Peer Reviews rather than an Engagement Audit due to costs.

CARRIED

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LIQUID DOMESTIC WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT APPLICATION

0715 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the application submitted by Garry Kaplar for Kaplar Construction to dispose of liquid domestic waste generated from within the R.M. of Mervin to the municipal lagoon on the NE 32-52-19 W3. Furthermore, that approval be granted on the conditions that they agree to land spread and not dump into the lagoon when requested by Council and that an annual monthly report be provided to the municipality for the amount of effluent hauled.

CARRIED

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES INC. – SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

0716 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the September 18, 2025 minutes, including municipal stats, of Northwest Community Safety Services Inc. as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

SASKATCHEWAN MULTICULTURAL WEEK – NOVEMBER 15-23, 2025

0717 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges that November 15-23, 2025 is Saskatchewan Multicultural Week, that aims to foster deeper understanding, appreciation, and connection across cultures that contribute to Saskatchewan's diversity.

CARRIED

ST. WALBURG AND DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION INC. – SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

0718 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the September 16, 2025 minutes of St. Walburg and District Fire and Rescue Association Inc. as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

TOWN OF TURTLEFORD AND RM OF MERVIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

0719 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports the R.M. representatives on the Town of Turtleford and RM of Mervin Fire Department Advisory Committee to engage in discussions, for future growth and opportunities for collaboration, of the Department.

CARRIED

AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND SAFETY NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE – DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE

0720 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 supports and votes for Division 4 Councillor Ken Hergott as the Division 6 representative on the Agriculture Health and Safety Network Steering Committee for a two (2) year term.

CARRIED

HAMLET SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2025

0721 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the October 22, 2025 minutes of the Hamlet Semi-Annual Meeting as circulated and discussed.

CARRIED

ORGANIZED HAMLET OF EVERGREEN BEACH, BRIGHTSAND LAKE – AGREEMENTS & CAPITAL PLAN

0722 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the Reeve and CAO to endorse the following Agreements as recommended by the Organized Hamlet of Evergreen Beach:

- Agreement with the Organized Hamlet;
- 5-Year Capital Plan;
- Maintenance Services – R&P Holdings; and
- Grass Cutting and Maintenance Services – J. Andrews.

CARRIED

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WATERWORKS COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT – ORGANIZED HAMLET OF LIVELONG

0723 – 25 NEDELEC That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the 2025 Waterworks Compliance Inspection Report for the Organized Hamlet of Livelong, dated October 22, 2025 as reviewed by Rick Matthews, Certified Operator and submitted by Kris Dushire, Water Security Agency Environment Protection Officer.

CARRIED

LAGOON COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT – ORGANIZED HAMLET OF LIVELONG

0724 – 25 RANGE That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and accepts the 2025 Lagoon Compliance Inspection Report for the Organized Hamlet of Livelong, dated October 22, 2025 as reviewed by Rick Matthews, Certified Operator and submitted by Kris Dushire, Water Security Agency Environment Protection Officer.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE OF OCTOBER 28, 2025

0725 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges and files the list of correspondence as presented by Administration at the October 28, 2025 regular meeting.

CARRIED

RECESS

0726 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 recess the October 28, 2025 meeting at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE MEETING

0727 – 25 SPENCER That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 reconvenes the October 28, 2025 meeting at 12:35 p.m.

CARRIED

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AS OF OCTOBER 28, 2025

0728 – 25 HERGOTT That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 approves the List of Accounts for Approval being cheque #27542 to cheque #27569 (\$798,679.64), manual cheque #1497-Man to #1507-Man (\$20,373.97), and payroll (\$44,144.02), totaling \$863,197.63 for payment.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

0729 – 25 HAMM That the Rural Municipality of Mervin No. 499 acknowledges the Statement of Financial Activities as of September 30, 2025 as circulated and discussed.

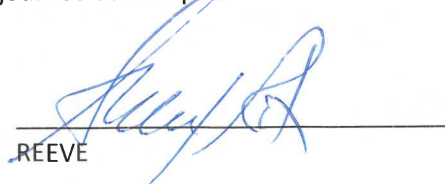
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

0730 – 25 RANGE That the October 28, 2025 meeting be adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

CARRIED


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER


REEVE