

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF
LOON LAKE NO. 561 HELD AT 100 – FIRST STREET SOUTH AT LOON LAKE, SK ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025, AT 8:00 A.M.

Present:

Reeve Greg Cardinal - Absent

Councilors:

Division 1: Grant Preece

Division 2: Maurice Jeannotte

Division 3: O'Neil Lavoie

Division 4: Grant Huber

Division 5: Rodney Schneider

Division 6: Larry Lantz

Administrator: Erin Simpson

Deputy Reeve, O'Neil Lavoie called the meeting to order at 7:58 a.m.

Foreman Nick Honish was present at the meeting when it was called to order.

No conflict of interest was noted.

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Agenda

PREECE

That the agenda for the May 7, 2025, Council meeting be used as a guideline for the meeting with the following additions;

- range road 3213 south of highway 304
- requested second residence on the NW 17-57-20-W3.

Carried

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Minutes

JEANNOTTE

That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the R.M. of Loon Lake No. 561 held on April 9, 2025, be approved as presented.

Carried

Foreman Nick Honish provided a public works operation update at 8:01 a.m.

98/25

Bridge Repair

HUBER

That the Rural Municipality of Loon Lake acknowledges the engineering assessment of the fire-damaged bridge located on Range Road 3212, south of Barthel. The assessment has confirmed that the most severely charred pile remains structurally sound. The RM hereby authorizes Maurice Jeannotte to proceed with the necessary bridge repairs. It is further noted that Mr. Jeannotte has agreed to complete the repairs without compensation from the RM for either his time or materials.

Carried

99/25

SGI – Traffic Grant

HUBER

That the RM of Loon Lake submit an application to the SGI Traffic Safety Grant Program for funding toward the purchase of two Angel Auto Flaggers. The RM further commits to covering ten percent of the total cost not funded by the grant.

Carried

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Dust Control

PREECE

That the RM of Loon Lake authorize the foreman to proceed with ordering calcium chloride from Tiger Calcium for the rural residents who wish to receive dust suppressant at cost.

The dust suppressant will be applied to the requested roads once the 2025 gravel program is complete.

Carried

101/25

Entrance to Firesong

PREECE

That the Administrator sends a letter to the developers of Firesong letting them know that the RM is not responsible for any potential damage caused to the archway at the entrance to the Firesong subdivision by RM employees or contractors completing required road maintenance. The RM operates large trucks and equipment to complete the road maintenance, and the posts of the arch are within the road right-of-way and can be difficult to maneuver through with large equipment.

Carried

Foreman Nick Honish left the Council meeting at 8:52 a.m.

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Correspondence

SCHNEIDER

That the following correspondence having been read can now be filed.

Response regarding elk with tuberculosis

Canadian Paving Service

Payment of Community Building Fund

2025-26 Agriculture Water Management Fund

Parks Summer update and Projects 2025

Village of Makwa Non-Compliance

Proposed Changes to Implementing Fire Ban Restrictions

Carried

103/25

List of Accounts for Approval

SCHNEIDER

That the list of payments including cheque # 25789 to cheque # 25818 excluding cheque #25804 totaling \$184,770.26 be approved for payment. The Lists of Accounts for Approval are attached and form part of these minutes.

Carried

104/25

Payroll

JEANNOTTE

That the following amounts for payroll be approved as presented, a copy of each is attached and form part of these minutes:

Payroll March 30, 2025, to April 12, 2025, = \$13,351.54

Payroll April 13, 2025, to April 26, 2025, = \$14,470.74

Carried

105/25

Council Indemnity

PREECE

That the April Council Indemnity cheque # 1229 to cheque # 1235 totaling \$3,228.03 be approved for payment.

Carried

106/25

Bank Reconciliation

SCHNEIDER

That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of April 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried

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Statement of Financial Activity

JEANNOTTE

That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of April 2025 be accepted as presented.

Carried

108/25

Gravel Crusher

PREECE

That the RM Foreman be directed to inform Von-Rose, the RM's gravel crushing contractor, that no further payment advances will be made until a quantity of finished crushed gravel is produced and on the ground.

Carried

109/25

Fire Ban

HUBER

That the RM of Loon Lake move to a complete level 2 fire ban.

Carried

110/25

Window Replacement

PREECE

That the RM of Loon Lake proceed with replacing the windows in the RM office at the quoted price of \$7,125.00 from Ultimate Glass Ltd. in Meadow Lake.

Carried

111/25

Donation of Reject Sand

PREECE

That the RM of Loon Lake approve the donation of four tandem loads of reject sand to Loon Lake Minor Ball for use on the infield of the ball diamond located at Ernie Studer School. Loon Lake Minor Ball will cover the cost of the trucking.

Carried

112/25

Homecoming Parking

HUBER

That the RM of Loon Lake will allow campers to park on the RM land east of shop during August long weekend for homecoming. The RM will not be responsible for any damage to vehicles or campers while being parked on the municipal land.

Carried

113/25

Legal Advice

LAVOIE

That the Administrator be directed to forward the letter received from Kirkham Law Office, on behalf of David Clements, concerning the proposed development on NE 14-58-24 W3 and his claim regarding uncompensated construction of one mile of Range Road 3241, to the SARM Legal team. Further, that the RM request a review of the matter, an action plan, and a formal response to the concerns raised in the letter.

Carried

Sargent Earl Keewatin joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m. to discuss the detachment annual action plan and go over any concerns or requests the RM has. It was noted that the break-ins being reported have decreased. It was also requested that there be an increased police presence within the residential subdivisions throughout the summer.

Sargent Earl Keewatin left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

114/25

AHPP (Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit)

LANTZ

That the RM of Loon Lake has no objections to the proposed alterations and additions to the municipal reserve adjacent to lot 4, block 2, plan BQ4721, intended to create access to the lake.

FURTHER The proposed shoreline restoration and development of the municipal reserve must receive approval from the Water Security Agency, and all applicable

regulations, requirements and legislation under the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit must be met or exceeded.

Carried

115/25

Parcel Tie Removal NW 20-58-19-W3

SCHNEIDER

That the RM of Loon Lake acknowledges that NW 20-58-19-W3 is divided by Highway 304, and that the landowner has submitted a subdivision application requesting the removal of the existing parcel ties.

The RM confirms both resulting parcels have existing legal and physical access.

The RM of Loon Lake has no objections to the proposed parcel tie removal, and that neither a servicing agreement nor a municipal reserve dedication is required for this application.

Carried.

Council Reports

Councilor Larry Lantz provided an update from the Northwest Regional Waste Management Authority. They have purchased a new packer to replace the one that burnt but it has not been delivered yet.

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Second Residence NW 17-57-20-W3

LANTZ

That the RM of Loon Lake has no concerns regarding the proposed second residence on NW 17-57-20-W3 subject to the following conditions.

- The second residence may not be on a permanent foundation and must be removed if the family member is no longer residing in the residence.
- The residence must be inspected if it is being moved in from outside of the municipality.
- By the Council allowing a second residence at this location in no way insinuates that a future subdivision will be allowed or approved.
- A development and building permit will be required prior to the mobile home arriving onsite to ensure proper location of the residence and foundation.

Carried

Councillor Maurice Jeannotte left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and did not return.

Assistant Administrator Jessica Dyck joined the meeting at 11:05 a.m. to discuss taxation options and review different taxation scenarios.

Jessica Dyck left the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Ken and Pat Prosser joined the meeting at 1:03 p.m. to discuss the work that took place on the MR property at Branch Lake. Other options were discussed to allow winter access to the lake.

Ken and Pat Prosser left the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

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Adjournment

HUBER

That the meeting be adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Carried



Reeve



Administrator