

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PLEASANTDALE NO. 398

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Council Chambers in the Municipal Office Naicam

Council Members present:

	Reeve	Morgan Leigh	
	Division 1	Ernest Pederson	
	Division 2	Mark Govan	
	Division 3	Jennifer Bushby	Absent
	Division 4	Mike Patterson	
	Division 5	Helen Meekins	
	Division 6	Robert Hutchison	
Staff Present:	Administrator	Michael Hotsko	

Reeve Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Relief Administrator**

070/24 Leigh/Meekins: That Council contract Michael Hotsko of Michael Hotsko Coaching as relief Administrator for 2-3 days per week.  
Carried

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

No conflicts declared.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Adopt Agenda**

071/24 Patterson/Govan: That Council add the following items to the agenda  
11. Unfinished Business  
    c) Privacy Training  
13. New Business  
    i) Tisdale & Dist. Fire Prot. re: Sale of Fire Truck  
and that the agenda be adopted as amended.  
Carried

**MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

072/24 Hutchison/Meekins: That the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be amended as follows:  
a) Delete from resolution 060/24 "Meekins/Govan" and add "Bushby/Patterson"  
b) Delete from resolution 067/24 "Bushby/Govan" and add "Bushby/Patterson"  
And, That the minutes be approved as amended.  
Carried

**FINANCIALS**

**Accounts Payable**

073/24 Meekins/Patterson: That Council authorize cheques 4323-4353 General Payables totaling \$34,008.10 and Payroll and Council Indemnity totaling \$21,173.24 for payment;  
And Further, That Council ratify Electronic Payments 2024-0055 to 2024-0082 totaling \$33,540.92 and Mastercard payments 2024-2039 to 2024-2048 totaling \$2,291.63.  
Carried



**Financial Statement**

074/24 Patterson/Meekins: That Council approves the Statement of Financial Activities ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Carried

**Bank Reconciliation**

075/24 Meekins/Pederson: That Council approves the Bank Reconciliation for the ending date of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Carried

**REPORTS**

**Division 1:** *Ratepayer Issues:* Mile 162 wants gravel on road. Mile 116, 142-143 needs gravel on road.

**Division 2:** *Infrastructure Issues:* Roads look to be in good shape so far. Councilor Concerns: Graders look to be starting out strong.

**Division 3:** *Ratepayer Issues:* Lac Vert resident address issue needs to be done & handled. See her email for details.

*Councilor Concerns:* Secondary roads need some gravel & fill. Want to see backroads (green) done before seeding.

*Other:* The Hotsee should have been checked over & ready when we needed it. Not after the fact. Proactive not reactive.

**Division 4:** *Councilor Concerns:* 427, 404, 405, 412, 413 needs grading. Lots of wash board. Secondary roads gravel. Mile 203 – ruts in the ditch.

**Division 5:** *Councilor Concerns:* Mile 501 – 502 needs a grader soon. Heavy ruts. Will send photos.

*Other:* Happy to see the graders out.

**Division 6:** *Ratepayer Praise:* Everyone happy about early spring and roads drying up.

*Infrastructure Issues:* Had a call about soft spot Mile 507 and put up signs. (Item has been completed)

Report of a washout on corner of Mile 609 & 635. (Item has been completed).

*Ratepayer Issues:* Mile 620 – request for a culvert on ditch to prevent water running down the road.

*Other:* Request to trap on road east of Mile 118.

**Reeve:** Need to undertake gravel exploration at the Community Pasture – Vall pit.

There will be a new Manager at the Community Pasture.

Received a request to lease unused road allowance at Mile 155.

**Reports**

076/24 Meekins/Patterson: That Council accept the following reports as presented: Council Division Reports for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Reeve Report, Work Orders Report, Lac Vert Water Report and RCMP Report.

Carried

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Clearing the Path**

077/24 Meekins/Hutchison: That Council acknowledge the Clearing the Path Corridor Incremental Maintenance Funding for 2024-25 in the amount of \$4,880.00.

Carried

**DELEGATION**

**Kirsch Construction**

Neil Scheller from Kirsch Construction attended the meeting and discussed with Council the future needs of the RM for gravel crushing and hauling. An email will be sent to the RM with quotes for future work.

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**Lac Vert Water Operator**

Gloria Sibley, Lac Vert Water Operator attended the meeting and provided council with information on the Lac Vert Water Treatment Plant operations and answered questions regarding the monthly report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Weed Management Plan**

078/24 Meekins/Patterson: That Council amend the 2024 Weed Management Plan by adding “and Grid 777” at the end of the first sentence to the 4<sup>th</sup> bullet under “Control of High Priority Weeds” and that the amended plan be approved as presented.

Carried

**Town of Naicam Fire/Rescue/Ambulance Agreement Increase**

079/24 Leigh/Pederson: That Council acknowledges the Town of Naicam’s 4% increase to Fire/Rescue/Ambulance Services agreement.

Carried

**Education Property Tax Mill Rates**

080/24 Meekins/Govan: That Council acknowledges the Education Property Tax Mill rates set for 2024 as follows:

Agricultural Property	1.42 mills
Residential Property	4.54 mills
Commercial and Industrial Property	6.86 mills
Resource Property	9.88 mills

Carried

**CMI Annual Meeting of Shareholders - Proxy**

081/24 Meekins/Patterson: That Council complete the DMI Class “A” Shareholder Proxy form by adding Mark Govan as the nominee and proxy for the RM of Pleasantdale No. 398 and for Mark Govan to act on behalf of the RM of Pleasantdale No. 398 at the CMI AGM to be held April 18, 2024.

Carried

**Permissive Land Use Agreement**

082/24 Patterson/Govan: That Council approve the Permissive Land Use Agreement for use of the SW 29-42-16-W2 for the stated purpose of grazing only.

Carried

**Gravel Haul Tender**

083/24 Meekins/Patterson: That Council post a gravel tender to load, haul and spread on 76 miles of heavy haul road from the Vall pit of approximately 9500 yards at 125 yards per mile to be completed by May 31, 2024 with a tender closing date of April 19, 2024.

Carried

**Tisdale & District Fire Protection Board – Sale of Fire Truck**

084/24 Leigh/Govan: That Council advise the Tisdale & District Fire Protection Board that we have no objection to the sale of the 1996 GMC Topkick Fire Truck to the RM of Barrier Valley.

Carried

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**Development Approach Application SE 2-42-16-W2 (#1)**

085/24 Patterson/Leigh: That Council approve the Development Approach Application for the SE 2-42-16-W2 (#1) with work to be completed at the RM cost.

Carried

**Development Approach Application SE 2-42-16-W2 (#2)**

086/24 Meekins/Pederson: That Council approve the Development Approach Application for the SE 2-42-16-W2 (#2) with work to be completed at the cost of the ratepayer.

Carried

**Development Approach Application SE 15-40-17-W2**

087/24 Hutchison/Patterson: That Council approve the Development Approach Application for the SE 15-40-17-W2 with work to be completed at the cost of the ratepayer.

Carried

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

088/24 Hutchison/Patterson: That Council goes into camera at 12:05 p.m. to discuss human resource issues.

Carried

089/24 Hutchison/Govan: That Council reconvenes in regular session at 12:15 p.m.

Carried

**Working Foreman Position**

090/24 Meekins/Patterson: That we offer the Working Foreman position to Peter Huculak at the rate of \$37.00 per hour with a 6 month probation and with a review within 3 months.

Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE**

091/24 Govan/Pederson: That Council accept and file the correspondence as presented.

Carried

**Adjournment**

092/24 Patterson/Meekins: That this meeting be adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Carried



*Morgan*  
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Reeve  
*[Signature]*  
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Administrator (Acting)  
*May 9<sup>th</sup> / 2024*  
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Date