

January 9, 2025

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BARRIER VALLEY NO. 397
HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE 100 MAIN STREET IN
ARCHERWILL ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025
COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM**

PRESENT: REEVE Wayne Black, **COUNCILLORS:** Lyle Bakken- Division 1, Marlene Carlson – Division 2, Kent Knudson – Division 3, Richard Bussell – Division 4, Doreen Seilstad – Division 5, Dwayne Sharpen – Division 6 and Don Reed – Division 7; **ADMINISTRATOR:** Glenda Smith.

DELEGATION:
10:30 AM Jack Wilson – Emergency Measures Plan

01/25

FIDELITY BOND

CARLSON: That record be made of the Administrator duly presenting to the Council the fidelity bond under the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities fidelity bond self-insurance plan.

CARRIED.

02/25

MINUTES

CARLSON: That the minutes of the regular meeting of council held in the municipal office in Archerwill on Thursday, December 12, 2024, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

03/25

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY And BANK RECONCILIATION

SHARPEN: That the Statement of Financial Activity and the Bank Reconciliations for the month of December 2024 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

04/25

ACCOUNTS:

KNUDSON: That the accounts, as listed and attached to, and forming part of these minutes, in amount of \$127,670.94, covered by cheque numbers 12647 - 12700 inclusive, and online release numbers 2024-0067 – 2024-0070, and auto withdrawals 2024-0091 – 2024-0103 inclusive, Payroll 499 – 504, and Seasonal Payroll 106-107, be approved for payment.

CARRIED.



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**Councilor Rick Bussell left meeting at 9:25 am for discussion on Weed Inspector
05/25**

2025 WEED INSPECTOR

SHARPEN: that the municipality registers and pays for Councilor Rick Bussell to take the Pesticide Applicator Course.

CARRIED.

Councilor Rick Bussell returned at 9:27 am

06/25

RESERVES

SEILSTAD: That the municipality adjusts our Reserve transfers to \$72.30 to Reserve – Lakeview Playground, and Transfer out of Reserves – Landfill of \$64,769.26 and Reserves – Lagoon of \$12,756.99

CARRIED.

07/25

BRIDGE

BLACK: that the municipality investigate the options for upgrades to the Bridge located at NW15/NE16 41 13 W2.

CARRIED.

08/25

ROAD ALLOWANCE ORA 1 41 13 W2

BLACK: that the council of the Rural Municipality of Barrier Valley No. 397 approves the following road abandonments: Land Description: ORA 1-41-13-W2. The proposed abandonments will not affect access for other property owners in the area and no public utilities above or below ground will be affected by transfer. The old road allowances will be transferred back to the adjacent land owners, who are in agreement to the transfer.

CARRIED.

09/25

WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

KNUDSON: that the municipality applies for the Wild Fire Smart Day grant to assist in Wild Fire awareness on July 12th, 2025 at Barrier Lake

CARRIED.

10/25

NORTH EAST AREA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

SHARPEN: that Reeve Wayne Black and Councillor Kent Knudson attend the NE Area Transportation Planning Committee Meeting on January 14th, 2025 at RM of Big Quill in Wynyard.

CARRIED.

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11/25

PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT

REED: that we acknowledge receipt of the Provincial Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$8500.00 to be used to purchase two speed signs.

CARRIED.

12/25

DONATION REQUEST TRAVIS BRAATEN MEMORIAL TOURNEY

CARLSON: that the municipality donates 10 yards of gravel to be hauled within our municipality for the Travis Braaten Memorial Tourney to be held February 14 & 15, 2025.

CARRIED.

13/25

HOLIDAYS

BUSSELL: that Glenda Smith be granted holidays February 18 to 21, 2025 inclusive.

CARRIED.

14/25

SIGNING AUTHORITY

KNUDSON: That the Administrator and the Reeve or Deputy Reeve be the signing authorities for the municipality for 2025.

CARRIED.

15/25

CUSTOM WORK RATES

BAKKEN: That the custom work rates for 2025 be set as follows:

One Hundred and Thirty-five Dollars (\$135.00) per hour for ratepayers and One Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) per hour for non-ratepayers and Two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for snow trapping for non-ratepayers and a minimum charge of thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) for any custom work that is fifteen minutes or less with the Grader. That the rate for the tractor and mower be One hundred and twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00) per hour. That the rate for laser transit is twenty-five an hour (\$25.00/hr) plus mileage of employee operating it. That any accounts remaining outstanding after December 31, 2025 will be added to the ratepayer's taxes.

CARRIED.

16/25

COUNCIL RENUMERATION

SHARPEN: That the remuneration for the councillors and reeve be set at One Hundred and Seventy-Five Dollars (\$175.00) per full day, one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per half day for meetings, supervisions or other entrusted or delegated municipal business as set out in the Municipalities Act, as well as reimbursement for meals at cost.

CARRIED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. D. Smith', located in the bottom right corner of the page.

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17/25

MILEAGE RATE

SHARPEN: That the meeting mileage for the Reeve and councilors be set at \$.55 per kilometer necessarily travelled for meetings, supervision or other entrusted or delegated municipal business as set out in Section 82 of the Municipalities Act.

CARRIED.

18/25

CROWN LAND ARREARS

BUSSELL: That we advise Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food of any crown lease lands within this municipality that are one year in arrears of taxes, and request cancellation of the lease and payment of all outstanding arrears.

CARRIED.

19/25

WORKER'S COMPENSATION BOARD

SEILSTAD: That we obtain the minimum coverage required under the Saskatchewan Worker's Compensation Board for all employees and elected officials for 2025.

CARRIED.

20/25

SARM ANNUAL CONVENTION

REED: That that the municipality registers Reeve Wayne Black, and Councillor Marlene Carlson, for the SARM Annual Convention to take place March 11, 12 & 13, 2025 in Saskatoon, and that Reeve Wayne Black and Councillor Marlene Carlson will be the voting delegates.

CARRIED.

21/25

ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL HAIL

REED: That the Administrator be authorized to sell Additional Municipal Hail Insurance from the municipal office in 2025.

CARRIED.

22/25

TAX COLLECTOR/ASSESSOR

SHARPEN: That the Administrator be appointed as the tax collector and assessor for this municipality for 2025.

CARRIED.

23/25

BORROWING POWER

SEILSTAD: That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to borrow a sum up to an amount Not exceeding the 2024 levy at an interest rate of not more than prime plus 1% per annum from the Cornerstone Credit Union for the purpose of meeting the current year's expenditures of the municipality.

CARRIED.

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24/25

BANKING FACILITY

CARLSON: That this municipality does their banking for 2025 with the Cornerstone Credit Union Limited.

CARRIED.

COUNCILOR MARLENE CARLSON LEFT THE MEETING AT 1:33 PM FOR US TO DISCUSS OFFER ON FILING CABINET

25/25

FILING CABINET

BUSSELL: that we accept the offer of three hundred and fifty dollars from Barrier Valley Agencies for a four drawer filing cabinet that we are not using.

CARRIED.

COUNCILOR CARLSON RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT 1:35 PM

26/25

CORRESPONDANCE

KNUDSON: That the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed

- SARM – Annual Convention Details
- SGI – letter announcing grant approval
- Ministry of Agriculture – Ministers' Order Designating Prohibited, Noxious and Nuisance Weeds (Weed Lists) under The Weed Control Act
- GWP Rodent Products – Newsletter and Price List
- Plant Health Newsletter

CARRIED.

27/25

ADJOURN

SEILSTAD: That this meeting adjourns at 2:29 P.M. That next council meeting will be February 13, 2025 **CARRIED.**

Presented to council this 13 day of ^{February}~~March~~, 2025.


REEVE


ADMINISTRATOR

