



**Rural Municipality of East St. Paul
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2025 - Council Meeting - 09:00 AM**

PRESENT:

Mayor Carla Devlin
Deputy Mayor Brian Imhoff
Councillor Orest Horechko
Councillor Brian Duval
Councillor Charles Posthumus

IN ATTENDANCE:

Suzanne Ward, Chief Administrative Officer
Kerry Floren, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT:

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-089

2.1 RESOLUTION: Adoption of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 ~ March 25, 2025 Planning Meeting

2025-090

4.2 RESOLUTION: Confirmation of the March 25, 2025 Minutes

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting Minutes of the March 25, 2025
Planning meeting, be approved.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

**5.1 ~ Jennifer Ferguson, Executive Director, Red River Planning District RE:
2024 Metrics / RRPD 2025 Work Plan**

6. BY-LAWS

6.1 ~ Building By-law 2025-05 (1st Reading)

2025-091

6.1.1 RESOLUTION: Building By-law 2025-05 (1st Reading)

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2025-05, being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul to establish administrative requirements and procedures for the enforcement of the Buildings Act of Manitoba also known as the "Building Code", be given 1st reading.

Carried

7. POLICIES

8. FINANCES

8.1 ~ Schedule of Accounts

2025-092

8.1.1 RESOLUTION: Schedule of Accounts

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule of accounts dated April 8, 2025 amounting to \$1,000.00 be confirmed as paid.

Carried

8.2 ~ Schedule of Accounts (paid since March 11/25)

2025-093

8.2.1 RESOLUTION: Schedule of Accounts (Paid Since March 11, 2025)

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule of accounts paid since the March 11, 2025 meeting of Council amounting to \$1,400,072.05 be confirmed as paid.

Carried

8.3 ~ Payroll

2025-094

8.3.1 RESOLUTION: Payroll

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the net payroll and Council indemnities for the RM of East St. Paul for March 14, 2025 to April 8, 2025 amounting to \$167,488.36 be approved.

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 OPERATIONS

9.1.1 ~ Noxious Weed Inspector Appointment 2025

2025-095

9.1.1.1 RESOLUTION: Noxious Weeds Inspector Appointment 2025

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Meagan Shaw, Community Services Manager, be appointed as the 2025 Municipal Noxious Weeds Inspector and Matthew Markowski, Community Safety Officer, appointed as the alternate.

Carried

9.1.2 ~ Raleigh Underpass Mural

2025-096

9.1.2.1 RESOLUTION: Raleigh Underpass Mural

Councillor Posthumus
Councillor Horechko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council defer the artwork project until more research and funds are available.

Carried

9.2 GENERAL BUSINESS

9.2.1 ~ Royal Canadian Legion #215 Canada Day Funding Request

2025-097

9.2.1.1 RESOLUTION: Royal Canadian Legion #215 Canada Day Funding Request

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Royal Canadian Legion 2025 Canada Day celebration.

Carried

9.2.2 ~ Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators Conference 2025

2025-098

9.2.2.1 RESOLUTION: Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators 2025

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all members of Council be authorized to attend the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators Conference on June 17, 2025 at Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg.

Carried

9.2.3 ~ Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund - Grant Application Letter of Support

2025-099

9.2.3.1 RESOLUTION: Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund - Grant Application Letter of Support

Councillor Duval
Councillor Horechko

WHEREAS the RM of East St. Paul and Brokenhead Ojibway Nation have an established and collaborative relationship, with the mutual goal of ensuring sustainable development in the community.

AND WHEREAS the RM of East St. Paul has had a moratorium on development since 2020, and there is an urgent need for a new water and wastewater treatment plant to support future development within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund offers funding opportunities for critical infrastructure projects, including the potential to secure up to 100% funding for the construction of water and wastewater treatment plants, as opposed to the 50% funding available through an East St. Paul-led application;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that the most effective approach for advancing the project is a BON-led application, with a partnership model between Brokenhead Ojibway Nation and the RM of East St. Paul. This partnership may take the form of a cooperative agreement or a similar collaborative framework, with the specific terms and conditions to be finalized in a formal agreement prior to the authorization of the first payment by the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of East St. Paul fully supports the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation's application to the Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund for the new water and wastewater treatment plant project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RM of East St. Paul commits to providing a formal letter of support for the project, as well as to supplying any relevant capacity assessments and studies that may assist in the approval process;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RM of East St. Paul will work collaboratively with Brokenhead Ojibway Nation and other relevant stakeholders to finalize the partnership agreement and ensure the success of this important infrastructure initiative.

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

12.1 Mayor - Carla Devlin

Mayor's Report

March 12 – April 8, 2025

- March 12 – Participated in a budget meeting, continuing our work on financial planning and priorities for the municipality.
- March 19 – Attended the annual Fish Dinner hosted by the Red River Basin, and participated in a John Q Public Inc. meeting via Zoom.
- March 20 – Represented East St. Paul at the CPR/WMR Board meeting, contributing to regional planning and collaboration efforts.
- March 23 – Attended the King's Coronation Medal Ceremony at the Legion, where several outstanding individuals were honoured for their service. A special congratulations to Paul Darnell, a respected member of our community, who received a King's Medal. Congratulations to all those awarded a medal—your dedication and contributions are deeply appreciated.
- March 25 – Chaired the Planning Meeting, guiding discussions on ongoing and future land use, zoning, and development matters.
- March 31 – Took part in the Red River Basin Board meeting, supporting continued cooperation on watershed and environmental issues.
- April 8 – Chaired the Regular Meeting of Council, marking our first morning meeting for the regular council session.

Throughout this period, I've also continued to field calls and emails from residents, ensuring concerns are addressed and feedback is heard. I've met

regularly with our CAO and staff on RM business, staying connected with the day-to-day operations of our municipality. As Mayor, I believe it's essential to foster a positive and productive workplace. I'm committed to supporting our staff team, celebrating their hard work, and promoting an environment of collaboration and respect. A healthy office culture reflects directly in the service we provide to the community—and I'm proud of the dedication and professionalism shown by our team each day.

12.2 Ward 1 - Brian Imhoff

12-Mar-25 Budget Meeting
18-Mar-25 CSO Program Meeting
18-Mar-25 EMO Committee Meeting
18-Mar-25 Council Briefing
25-Mar-25 Planning/Council Meeting
31-Mar-25 RRBC North Chapter Meeting
3-April-25 ARM Meeting
8-April-25 Council Meeting

12.3 Ward 2 - Orest Horechko

11-Mar-25 - Council Meeting
12-Mar-25 - Budget Meeting
13-Mar-25 - ARM Meeting (Stonewall)
18-Mar-25 - Council Briefing (Budget)
19-Mar-25 - Provincial Curling Championship (East St. Paul Curling)
31-Mar-25 - Red River Basin AGM
2-Apr-25 - MARR Board Meeting
3-Apr-25 - ARM Meeting (West St. Paul)
8-Apr-25 - Council Meeting

12.4 Ward 3 - Brian Duval

- Two Budget 2025 meetings
- Two Council meetings
- ARM meeting (Stonewall)
- Meeting with potential major developer
- Briefing on CSO program plans
- Red River Planning District Board meeting
- ARM meeting (West St. Paul)

12.5 Ward 4 - Charles Posthumus

11-Mar-25 - Council Meeting
12-Mar-25 - Budget Meeting
13-Mar-25 - ARM Meeting (Stonewall)
18-Mar-25 - Council briefing (CSO)
18-Mar-25 - Budget Meeting
19-Mar-25 - Red River Basin event
25-Mar-25 - Council Meeting: Planning
26-Mar-25 - Red River Planning Meeting
3-Apr-25 - ARM meeting (West St. Paul)
8-Apr-25 - Council Meeting

13. IN CAMERA

13.1 ~ Legal Matter

13.2 CAO sent RFD via email 4/4/25

13.3 RESOLUTION: In Camera

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now move In Camera as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss legal matters.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed while In Camera are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

Carried

2025-101

13.4 RESOLUTION: Out of Camera

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now moves Out of Camera and resumes the Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

2025-102

14.1 RESOLUTION: Adjournment

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Posthumus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned, the time being 11:32 am.

Carried



Carla Devlin
Mayor



Suzanne Ward
Chief Administrative Officer