



Rural Municipality of East St. Paul
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting - 05:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Carla Devlin
Deputy Mayor Brian Imhoff
Councillor Orest Horechko
Councillor Brian Duval

IN ATTENDANCE: Suzanne Ward, Chief Administrative Officer
Kerry Floren, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

ABSENT: Councillor Charles Posthumus

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2025-001

2.1 RESOLUTION: Adoption of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Horechko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 ~ Regular Council Meeting - December 17, 2024

2025-002

4.1.1 RESOLUTION: Dec.17, 2024 Planning Meeting Minutes

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Planning meeting, be approved.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

6. BY-LAWS

6.1 ~ Fire Prevention By-law No. 2025-01 (1st Reading)

2025-003

6.1.1 RESOLUTION: Fire Prevention By-law No. 2025-01 (1st Reading)

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2025-01, being a By-law of the RM of East St. Paul to provide for fire fighting, fire prevention, rescue services, the related

regulation of fire and other hazards, the adoption of the Fire Prevention and Emergency Response Act, and for establishing, continuing, and operating an emergency service for the Municipality to be known as the "Fire Prevention and Emergency Response By-Law", be given 1st reading.

Carried

6.2 ~ Noise Nuisance By-law 2025-02 (1st Reading)

2025-004

6.2.1 RESOLUTION: Noise Nuisance By-law 2025-02 (1st Reading)

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 2025-02, being a By-law of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul to regulate noise nuisances be given 1st reading.

Carried

7. POLICIES

7.1 ~ Workplace Dress Code Policy

2025-005

7.1.1 RESOLUTION: Workplace Dress Code Policy

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Workplace Dress Code Policy PER-156 be approved as presented.

Carried

8. FINANCES

8.1 ~ Schedule of Accounts

2025-006

8.1.1 RESOLUTION: Schedule of Accounts

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the schedule of accounts dated January 14, 2025 amounting to \$750.00 be confirmed as paid.

Carried

8.2 ~ Schedule of Accounts (Paid Since Dec.17, 2024)

2025-007

8.2.1 RESOLUTION: Schedule of Accounts (Paid since December 17, 2024)

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Horechko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Schedule of Accounts paid since the December 17, 2024 meeting of Council amounting to \$1,318,561.02 be confirmed as paid.

Carried

8.3 ~ Payroll

2025-008

8.3.1 RESOLUTION: Payroll

Councillor Duval
Councillor Horechko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the net payroll and Council indemnities for the RM of

East St. Paul for December 16, 2024 to January 14, 2025 amounting to \$225,961.33 be approved.

Carried

8.4 ~ Statement of Revenues & Expenditures (December 31, 2024)

2025-009

8.4.1 RESOLUTION: Statement of Revenues & Expenditures (December 31, 2024)

Deputy Mayor Imhoff
Councillor Horechko

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

Carried

8.5 ~ 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements

2025-010

8.5.1 RESOLUTION: 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements

Councillor Duval
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented.

Tabled

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 ADMINISTRATION

9.1.1 ~ 2025 First Call for Capital Projects

2025-011

9.1.1.1 RESOLUTION: First Call for Projects 2025

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the second section of the 2025 First Call for Projects as proposed at the January 8, 2025 Preliminary Budget Meeting.

Carried

9.1.2 ~ Tax Sale Process

2025-012

9.1.2.1 RESOLUTION: Tax Sale Process 2025

Councillor Horechko
Deputy Mayor Imhoff

WHEREAS Section 365(2) of The Municipal Act provides that Council may in any year designate the immediately preceding year, or any earlier year, as the year for which properties, the taxes in respect of which are in arrears for the year, must be offered for sale by auction to recover the tax arrears and costs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction, be 2024 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2023 or prior); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RM of East St. Paul engage the services of TAXervice to facilitate the tax sale process.

Carried

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

12. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

12.1 Mayor - Carla Devlin

Mayor's Report: December 21, 2024 – January 14, 2025

Reflecting on the Holidays

The holiday season was a wonderful time for reflection and connection. Spending time with family brought moments of joy and gratitude as we looked back on 2024. It was a year filled with challenges and triumphs, and as we turn the page to 2025, I am filled with positive thoughts and renewed energy to continue serving our community.

Highlights of Recent Activities

Budget Meeting: January 8, 2025

The budget meeting held on January 8 marked an important step in planning for the year ahead. Together with the council and administration, we worked diligently to ensure that the 2025 budget reflects our community's priorities, balancing fiscal responsibility with strategic investments that will benefit East St. Paul.

ARM Dinner: January 9, 2025

The ARM Dinner was a fantastic opportunity to connect with colleagues and stakeholders. The guest speaker, Lorne Pelletier from the Metis Federation, provided an inspiring overview of the progressive steps the Metis have achieved and their ongoing work towards 2025. It was a valuable discussion that highlighted the importance of collaboration and shared goals.

Imperial Oil Meeting with the CAO: January 16, 2025

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we embark on this new year, I remain committed to building on the momentum of 2024. Together, we will continue to focus on community engagement, sustainable development, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Let's make 2025 a year of growth, unity, and success.

12.2 Ward 1 - Brian Imhoff

Jan.3: Waste Water Treatment Plant Briefing
Jan.8: Budget Meeting
Jan.9: ARM Meeting
Jan.14: Council Meeting

12.3 Ward 2 - Orest Horechko

Dec.17: Council Briefing
Dec.17: Council Meeting
Dec.18: Red River Planning District Special Meeting

Jan.8: Budget Meeting
Jan.9: Association of Rural Municipalities Meeting in Selkirk
Jan.14: Council Meeting

12.4 Ward 3 - Brian Duval

- Meeting with resident regarding Waste Water Treatment Plant moratorium status
- Represented RM at Legion 215 New Year's Levee
- Budget Meeting: Second Call for Capital Expenditures
- Association of Rural Municipalities meeting in Selkirk
- Regular Council Meeting

12.5 Ward 4 - Charles Posthumus

Dec.18 Red River Planning District Special Meeting
Dec.20 Council briefing with a Resident
Jan.3 Waste Water Treatment Plant Briefing
Jan.8 Budget Meeting
Jan.9 ARM Selkirk
Jan.14 – 16: Land & Water Summit in Grand Forks

13. IN CAMERA

14. ADJOURNMENT


2025-013

14.1 RESOLUTION: Adjournment

Councillor Horechko
Councillor Duval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned, the time being 5:47 pm.

Carried



Carla Devlin
Mayor



Suzanne Ward
Chief Administrative Officer