

Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304, held at the R.M. of Buchanan office at 200 George Wilson Dr., Buchanan, SK Friday, May 8, 2026.

Present were Reeve-Don Skoretz, Acting Administrator-Nicole Morrison and the following Councilors: Division 1 - Terry Zavislak, Division 2 - Myron Kopec, Division 3 – Eugene Prychak, Division 5 – Brian Brodziak, Division 6 - Brent Pelechaty.

Regrets: Division 4 – Chris Walker

The Reeve, Don Skoretz, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

059/2026 **MINUTES**

ZAVISLAK That the minutes of the April 10, 2026 Council Meeting be adopted as presented with a change being made to motion 050/2026 to state list of land in arrears 2025 rather than 2024.

Carried

060/2026 **FINANCIAL**

KOPEC That the Statement of Financial Activities, Bank Reconciliation and Mastercard Statement for April, 2026 be accepted as presented.

Carried

ORGANIZED HAMLETS

Financial Statements for the month of April 2026 for both the Organized Hamlet of Amsterdam and Organized Hamlet of Tadmore were presented to Council for information purposes.

Aaron Serhan met with Council from 9:00 a.m. to 9:36 a.m. to discuss shop matters.

061/2026 **LIST OF ACCOUNTS**

PRYCHAK That the list of accounts as attached to and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment as presented by cheques numbered #19503 to #19525 inclusive and other payments totaling \$72,797.19.

Carried

REPORTS

Reeve and Division reports were verbally presented.

Nestor Dutchak, Ray Smorodin and Don Hrywkiw as representative for the Buchanan C&D Area Authority met with Council from 10:15 a.m. to 11:32 a.m. to discuss matters relating to the Tiny Grid washout.

062/2026 **2026 BUDGET**

BRODZIAK That the 2026 Budget be approved as presented with revenues of \$1,967,660.74 and expenses of \$1,906,189.38.

Carried

063/2026 **2026 MILLRATE**

PELECHATY That the Mill Rate for 2026 be set at 6.5 mills for all property classes except residential which as per Bylaw 2025-04 will also have a mill rate factor of 1.9.

Carried

064/2026 **BYLAW 2026-02 – CULVERT INSTALLATION BYLAW**

SKORETZ That Bylaw 2026-02 Culvert Installation Bylaw be introduced and given first reading.

Carried

065/2026 **BYLAW 2026-02 – CULVERT INSTALLATION BYLAW**

ZAVISLAK That Bylaw 2026-02 Culvert Installation Bylaw be read a second time.

DS

Carried

066/2026 **BYLAW 2026-02 – CULVERT INSTALLATION BYLAW**

KOPEC That Bylaw 2026-02 Culvert Installation Bylaw be given three readings at this meeting.

Carried Unanimously

067/2026 **BYLAW 2026-02 – CULVERT INSTALLATION BYLAW**

PRYCHAK That Bylaw 2026-02 Culvert Installation Bylaw be read a third time and enacted.

Carried

068/2026 **BYLAW 2026-03 – ADDITIONAL APPROACHES TO PROPERTY BYLAW**

BRODZIAK That Bylaw 2026-03 Additional Approaches to Property Bylaw be tabled to a future regular council meeting for further discussion.

Carried

069/2026 **ASSINIBOINE WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION WELL DECOMMISSIONING**

PELECHATY That the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 will participate in the 2026 well decommissioning campaign administered by the Assiniboine Watershed Stewardship Association (AWSA) in accordance with the following:

- The RM shall be responsible for paying the contractor invoice (\$3,125.00 plus tax)
- The RM will invoice the landowner for \$400 per decommissioned well
- AWSA will be the program contact and shall submit the rebate application, with the RM as the applicant on behalf of the landowner, to the Ministry of Agriculture's Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP) to obtain the RM 90% reimbursement
- The AWSA will provide the RM with \$100 reimbursement per well.

Carried

070/2026 **APPLICATIONS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF LAND FROM SMHI INSURANCE PROGRAM**

ZAVISLAK That the Applications for Withdrawal of the SE 03-32-04 W2 and NE 36-31-04 W2 from Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Program be approved.

Carried

071/2026 **DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

SKORETZ Whereas the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 is encountering severe flooding and road washouts that requires prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of persons located within the boundaries, of the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 and to prevent damage to property within those boundaries.

Now therefore, be it resolved that, in accordance with Section 20 of *The Emergency Planning Act*, Chapter E-8.1 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 declares that a local emergency exists, from this 8th day of May 2026 to the 14th day of May, 2026.

Seconded by: ZAVISLAK

Carried

072/2026 **PROVINCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

KOPEC That the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 apply to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by flooding on the 1st day of May, 2026.

Carried

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073/2026 **RM ROAD ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

PRYCHAK That the RM of Buchanan No. 304 make an offer to Kent, Rob and Darren Zuravloff in the amount of \$2,000.00 to purchase 0.4 acres of the NE 11-32-06 W2.

Carried

074/2026 **JUSTIN DEVRIES DRAINAGE PROJECT E5-105795**

BRODZIAK That the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 has reviewed drainage overview plan E5-105795 and the R.M. approves the conveyance of water across the R.M. road allowance as shown on E5-105795 – Overview Plan.

Carried

CULVERT INSTALLATION SOUTH CORNERS SW 13-32-06 W2 AND SE 14-32-06 W2

The matter of culverts being installed at the south corners of SW 13-32-06 W2 and SE 14-32-06 W2 will be further reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

BYLAW COMPLAINT

A Bylaw complaint that has been received was discussed by council.

EAST CENTRAL MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

Correspondence respecting the East Central Municipal Alliance was reviewed and discussions were held about what the RM of Buchanan would feel beneficial to the Alliance moving forward.

075/2026 **MEETING ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH**

KOPEC That the meeting be adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

Carried

The meeting reconvened at 1:11 p.m.

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

Further discussions were held about the new government regulations around Emergency Measures Organizations.

FUNDING FOR PEOPLE MOWING GRASS AT CHURCHES THAT ARE NO LONGER OPERATING

Discussions were held about whether the RM is responsible to pay members of the public to mow grass at churches within the RM that are no longer in operation and the RM of Buchanan will not fund any private grass mowing.

REPAIRS TO TINY GRID

Discussions were held about what will be required to repair the Tiny Grid and solutions are being investigated.

NEED FOR ANOTHER SHOP EMPLOYEE

Discussions were held about whether there is a need to hire an additional shop employee to deal with flooding issues and it was decided that there is no need at this time.

076/2026 **LIBRARY DONATION**

PRYCHAK That the RM of Buchanan make a one-time donation of \$1,500.00 to the Buchanan Library.

Carried

OFFICE EXTERIOR UPGRADE

That David Wood be asked to further break down his quote and provide the cost of painting the brick and existing X90 siding and provide the cost for building a wheel chair ramp.

077/2026 **XPLORE TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY PROPOSAL**

BRODZIAK That Cypress Land Services be advised that the Rural Municipality of Buchanan No. 304 is in concurrence with the proposed construction of the telecommunication tower to be located on the NW 13-32-04 W2 Ext. 12 and that the Administrator issue the requested Development Permit.

Carried

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NM

078/2026 **CULVERT ORDER FOR TINY GRID REPAIR**

PELECHATY That the quote received from Prairie Steel Culverts in the amount of \$57,384.78 for two culverts necessary to repair the Tiny Grid washout be accepted as presented and the order for the culverts placed.

Carried

079/2026 **COUNCIL INDEMNITY AND HOURLY RATE**

ZAVISLAK That Policy 2024-07 be amended to increase the Council Meeting Indemnity to \$450.00 and the supervision rate to \$40.00 per hour effective May 1, 2026.

Carried

080/2026 **CORRESPONDENCE**

KOPEC That the correspondence as listed be acknowledged and filed:

- a) SARM Email
- b) Canora RCMP Action Plan
- c) 2026 Education Property Tax Mill Rates
- d) Rick Prestie gravel offer

Carried

NEXT MEETING

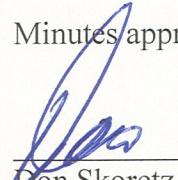
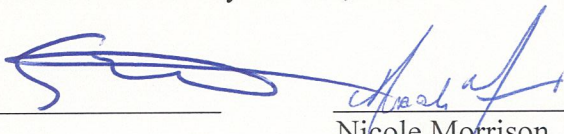
The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

081/2026 **ADJOURNMENT**

SKORETZ That the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Carried

Minutes approved this 12th day of June, 2026.

 _____ Don Skoretz Reeve	 _____ Nicole Morrison Administrator
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