

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PENSE NO. 160
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MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PENSE NO. 160
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT 325 ELDER STREET, PENSE, SASKATCHEWAN
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

Present: Garry McRae, Reeve
Robert Lax, Councillor Division 2
Blair Findlay, Councillor Division 6
Kerry Ogilvie, Councillor Division 1 (via zoom)
Doug Szeles, Councillor Division 4
Cathy Ripplinger, Administrator

Reeve Garry McRae called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

Conflict of Interest: Conflict-of-interest declaration – no conflicts identified.

01/25 **Findlay:** That the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 10, 2025 be
Minutes: approved. Carried.

02/25 **Szeles:** That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for
Stat. of the month of December, 2024 be accepted as presented. Carried.
Fin. Act.:

03/25 **Findlay:** That the accounts totalling \$313,320.52 be approved for payment as per
Accounts the list attached to and forming a part of the minutes. Carried.
Payable:

04/25 **Findlay:** That Administration be authorized to cancel the service agreement with ConX
X-It Device: Wireless for the Location Plotting and Notification Device. Carried.

05/25 **Ogilvie:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 enroll all permanent Public Works employees
Group in SARM's Group Life Insurance Plan. That the coverage amount be \$100,000 at a cost
SARM Life of \$343.20 per employee paid by the R.M. Carried.
Insurance:

06/25 **Ogilvie:** That Council acknowledge the following building permit, approved, with
Building conditions, approved by our building official, Clayton Meier, MuniCode Services Ltd.:
Permit:
Mosaic Issued to: Mosaic Canada ULC
To: Foundation, Cluster 44
On: SE 32-17-23 W2
Permit #: B2024-107
Date: December 23, 2024 Carried.

07/25 **Szeles:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 tender for a new motor grader. Carried.
Grader
Tender:

08/25 **McRae:** That the "Statement of Municipal Records for Disposal" for the period of
Records January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017 (as per Bylaw No. 09-2005) be approved.
Disposal: That authorization from the Provincial Archivist, Saskatchewan Archives Board, be
obtained prior to the record disposal. Carried.

09/25 **Ogilvie:** That the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the Annual Clearing
CTP the Path declaration. Carried.
Declaration:

10/25 **Findlay:** That the Administrator be authorized to transfer 2024 Credit Interest to a Reserve
Transfer Account:
Credit - \$257,406.75 to Equipment Purchase, and
Interest: - \$532.79 to Keystown Water Users.

Carried.

11/25 **Szeles:** That we apply for Workers' Compensation coverage for each selected
Workers' official at the minimum amount for the year 2025.
Comp.:

Carried.

12/25 **Szeles:** That for the purposes of the 2026 Community Grant Program for Sport, Culture
Community and Recreation, we designate population of 441 to the Town of Pense.
Grant:

Carried.

Councillor Lax joined the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

13/25 **Lax:** That the following be appointed as volunteer Firefighters for the Rural
Volunteer Municipality of Pense No. 160 and be covered under any applicable insurance plans:
Firefighters:

David Smith, Fire Chief	Shannon Schouten, Deputy Fire Chief
Ken Lovell, Deputy Fire Chief	Jennifer Lendvay, Secretary/Treasurer
Connor Bates	Jim Pratt
Luke Dombowsky	Jason Prokopetz
Adam Federspiel	Dustin Reine
Colin Frey	Scott Robinson
Michael Gray	Jess Sabo
Eric Healey	Ken Sabo
Andrew Hoffman	Josh Sinkewicz
Stephen Joa	Nicole Smith
Joseph Kingdon	Chris Wild
Jessy Mytopher	Donald Yee
Bruce Nuttall	Craig Young

Carried.

14/25 **Lax:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 support the ATRN committee's resolution to
ATRN Request an increase to \$8000/km from the Ministry of Highways and; That the R.M. of
Resolution Redburn No. 130 and R.M. of Pense No. 160 proposal to the Ministry of Highways to form a
Support partnership to upgrade Highway 339 to primary weight standards. If neither of the requests
 are agreed upon by the Ministry of Highways, all partners of the ATRN agree to give two
 months written notice that the ATRN is cancelling the agreement.

Carried.

15/25 **Lax:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 accept Marksmen Inc.'s 2025 Weed Management
Weed Proposal.
Proposal:

Carried.

16/25 **Ogilvie:** That the R.M. of Pense No. 160 purchase a membership to the
LDHH Lumsden & District Heritage Home in the amount of \$25.00.
Membership:

Carried.

17/25 **Szeles:** That R.M. of Pense No. 160 continue our membership with the Federation
FCM: of Canadian Municipalities and pay the membership fee of \$251.79.

Carried.

18/25 **McRae:** That the R.M. of Pense decline membership in SCTPC.
SCTPC:

Carried.

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19/25 **Lax:** That R.M. of Pense No. 160 continue our membership with WUQWATR
WUQWATR and pay the membership fee of \$300.00.
Membership:

Carried.

20/25 **Lax:** That R.M. of Pense No. 160 continue our membership with the Moose Jaw River
Moose Jaw Watershed Stewards and pay the membership fee of \$250.00.
River Watershed
Membership:

Carried.

21/25 **McRae:** That Policy #2020-04 be amended by adding the following words at the end of 4(b)
Policy 2020-04 “[grave digging for animals – excavate and restore only – no placement of animal
Amendment into graves]”.

Carried.

Devon Lendvay, Public Works Foreman, met with Council commencing at 11:30 a.m.
Devon left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

22/25 **Findlay:** That 2025 Council indemnity for Reeve be \$350.00 and Councillors be
Council Mtg \$300.00 per day for attendance at municipal meetings, committees, conferences, seminars,
Indemnity: etc.

Carried.

23/25 **Ogilvie:** That Council members, municipal employees and other appointed
Mileage: representatives be reimbursed for all necessary municipal travel at a rate of \$0.70 per
kilometre for the first 5000 km, \$.64 for each additional kilometre.

Carried.

24/25 **Ogilvie:** That the following appointments be approved:

- Council
Appointments:
- That Cathy Ripplinger be appointed assessor for the year 2025.
 - That all Councillors be appointed Fire Rangers for their respective divisions for 2025.
 - That Grant Peeling be appointed as municipal Pest Control Officer for the year 2025.
 - That Cathy Ripplinger be appointed the Development Officer for the municipality for 2025.
 - That Marksmen Inc./Kevin Pierce be appointed as municipal Weed Inspector and herbicide applicator for the year 2025.
 - That David Smith, Fire Chief, Pense District Volunteer Fire Department be appointed Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner under “*The Fire Prevention Act, 1992*”.
 - That Cathy Ripplinger be appointed returning officer for the year 2025.

Carried.

25/25 **Findlay:** That the following Committees be approved:

- Council
Committees:
- That Reeve McRae and Councillors Waller and Szeles be the Road Committee for 2025.
 - Pursuant to Bylaw 05-2014, Exhibit A, that we appoint Reeve McRae, Councillor Ogilvie and Councillor Lax as members of the PVFD Fire Protection Committee for the year 2025.
 - That the 2025 members of the Employee Relations Committee be Reeve McRae and Councillors Findlay, Ogilvie and Lax.
 - That the 2025 members of the Policy Committee be Reeve McRae and Councillors Simpson and Findlay.
 - That the 2025 member of the Equipment Committee be Reeve McRae, Councillors Ogilvie, Lax and Szeles.

Carried.

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- 26/25 **Findlay:** That the following representative be appointed:
Council
Representatives:
- That Councillor Lax be the R.M. representative on the Pense Recreation Board for 2025.
 - That Councillor Waller be the R.M. representative for the Moose Jaw River Watershed Stewards Inc. for 2025.
 - That Councillor Simpson be appointed as the R.M.'s representative to the Palliser Regional Library Board for 2025.
 - That Reeve McRae and Councillor Findlay be appointed as the R.M.'s representative on the Moose Jaw Regina Economic Corridor Committee for 2025.
 - That Reeve McRae be appointed as the R.M.'s representative on the ATRN Committee.
 - That Reeve McRae and Councillor Lax be the 2025 OH&S Committee members.
- Carried.
- 27/25 **Findlay:** That we continue to purchase our fuel requirements from the SARM Fuel Supply Program.
Fuel
Requirements:
- Carried.
- 28/25 **Lax:** That the Administrator be authorized to order approximately \$20,000.00 worth of poison from GWP Rodent Products.
Poison
Purchase:
- Carried.
- 29/25 **Szeles:** That the custom machinery rates for 2025 be:
Custom Mach. Grader - \$200.00/hour for ratepayers & municipalities
Rates: Backhoe - \$150.00/hour (grave digging only)
Tractor/Attachment - \$150.00/hour for ratepayers
with a minimum charge of one hour.
- Carried.
- 30/25 **Lax:** That the 2025 polling place for Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Reeve be the R.M. Office, 325 Elder St., Pense, SK.
Polling Place,
Returning
Officer:
- Carried.
- 31/25 **Lax:** That the 2025 compensation for water testing/sampling be \$1500.00/year and \$400.00 in lieu of mileage for and Wynette Neighbours, Keystown, and \$1500.00/year for Jada Guest and Kyle Molema, Stony Beach.
S.B./Keystown
Water Testing:
- Carried.
- 32/25 **Findlay:** That the following correspondence having been read now be filed:
Corresp.:
- SARM – Plant Health Network – Winter 2025 newsletter.
 - Pense Recreation Board – Meeting log – Dec 3, 2024 and Jan 7, 2025
 - White Butte Meeting Minutes – next meeting Feb 20, 2025
 - Moose Jaw RCMP – New Commander & Violation Stats
- Advertising:
- Advanced Weed Control – Moose Jaw, SK.
- Carried.
- 33/25 **Szeles:** That the next regular Council meeting be held at the date, time and place listed below:
Next Regular
Meeting:
- Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: R.M. of Pense No. 160 Office
325 Elder Street, Pense.
- Carried.

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34/25 **Szeles:** That the March regular Council meeting be held at the date, time and place listed
Next Regular below:
Meeting: Date: Tuesday, March 18, 2025
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Place: R.M. of Pense No. 160 Office
 325 Elder Street, Pense.

Carried.

35/25 **Findlay:** That this meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.
Adjourn:

Carried.

REEVE

ADMINISTRATOR