

**R. M. OF COLDWELL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**                      **AUGUST 8, 2025**

AGENDA – 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order –
2. Adopt Agenda
  - b) Review Action Items-
3. Delegations      9:00- Derek Johnson  
                             10:00-
4. Adopt minutes –June 6 , July 18
5. Council / Staff reports-
  - a)
6. Accounts Payable & Financials –
  - a)
7. Correspondence for Action
  - a) MB/Ontario Legion Ad
  - b) Request for Service
  - c) Crown Land Changes( Previous Mtg)
  - d)
  - e)
  - f
  - g
8. Correspondence Information Only-copies on request (\*copied in pkg, # in baskets/emailed previously)
  - a) # AMM newsletters- emailed & copied ,
  - b)# RCMP Policing report-
  - c) # WIPD –minutes –
  - d) FCM- News Letter – Emailed
  - e) #Climate & Green Initiatives – net zero road map-
  - f) MTI- Permit Information
  - g)
  - h)
9. By-Law/Policies-
  - a) Unsightly-
  - b) Animals at Large
  - c)
10. Unfinished Business
  - a) Columbarium – Rates & Pad
  - b) Cell 7 DU Narcisse RSN needed
  - c) Museum
  - d ) Elevations RD 27 and 111
  - e)
11. General Business
  - a) LUD- RSN's- Curbs
  - b) Don'n to Com. Cupboard\$250
  - c) FD Truck/Procurement
  - d) Draft Audit/Appoint Auditor
  - e) Road Concerns/Requests,  
Dust Control, Speed Sign, Barney's Rd.
  - f) Curbs/Gutter
  - g) Repairs to Tractor
  - h) Climate Action Plan \*BRING QUOTES from last mtg
  - i) Office Cleaner
  - j) Gravel Crushing Quote
  - k) Quote for Scale shed
  - l) Sewer
12. In camera
13. Adjourn –

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Coldwell held in the Council Chambers, Friday, August 8, 2025 at 9:00 am.

Present: Virgil Johnson, Reeve  
Bill Eyolfson, Deputy Reeve  
Gary Sherbeth, Councillor  
Grant Sigfusson , Councillor  
Absent: Celynne Miller, Councillor

***Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman

***Agenda***

Motion  
# 150/25

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson                      Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the agenda be adopted as prepared and circulated and amended.  

Carried

- b) Review of Action Items from April meeting:
- Gary and Celynne - Meet with Gerry Saunders at cemetery for Columbarium pads- done will work on soon
  - Grant - Speak with Assiniboine Credit Union about possibly renting ACCESS CU space- getting contact info( Brian spoke to someone so waiting) . Need to know when Access is closing, Virgil felt should talk with Darcy Jacobs as he was part of why they were here.
  - Celynne/Nicole - Speak to Larry about installing "see the six" signs.- pending
  - Celynne - Research bursaries/scholarships- pending
  - Everyone - Review audit and inform office if you have any questions by next Friday (July 25)- Meeting arranged for Aug 12.
  - Nicole to find survey of Hotel Property- pending
  - Grant to look into Eye Wash Station- in progress

***Minutes***  
Motion  
# 151/25

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of June 6 & July 18 be adopted as prepared and circulated.  

Carried

***Council reports***

- Bill Eyolfson
- Museum mtg on 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Council mtg today
- Grant Sigfusson
- Helping Jim , and getting roads cut
  - Cut airstrip 3 x with own mower
  - Have to get Water truck in for repair
- Gary Sherbeth
- Talked to Jerry about sidewalks and cemetery
  - Took some gravel out of the Lundar pit, called highways- their pile has been rejected so seeing if can purchase
  - Worked on mower and grader
  - Looked at the roads, went with Jim yesterday to look at gravel needed
  - Need to put a sharp curve & 30 km signs from both directions on Rd 115N and 28W
  - Need more signs at lake to pick up after dogs, get LBSPCA to make a reminder post
  - Do we want another mower for brush cutting- Grant said give rate (Gary has operator)
  - Need to have a dozer and rake to clean brush piles up

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- 2<sup>nd</sup>- talked to MB Hydro
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- NWIHA in St. Laurent
- 5<sup>th</sup>- AGM for LBSPCA
- 8<sup>th</sup>- LUD mtg
- 12<sup>th</sup>- letters of Acknowledgement, Music Festival
- 15<sup>th</sup>- RM drain out of town from Main Street, helped put Wade T. Gate back up
- 17<sup>th</sup>- site visits with Paleontologist and CBC news
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Council mtg
- Interview with Free Press and CBC Radio
- 20<sup>th</sup>- talked to Ag Minister about Drought
- 21<sup>st</sup>- dealing with skunks, sidewalk issues
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-Interview with CTV News, more pest control and sidewalks
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Interview with Global News, went to office for invoice review, and talk to Ag Minister
- 24<sup>th</sup>- attended virtual mtg with Nicole and Canoe- regarding procurement and use of the Canoe program
- Took the RM tractor to Nick Bennetts to have clutch redone
- 25<sup>th</sup>- hosted the Reeves mtg for drought and arranged meeting with Ag Minister
- 28<sup>th</sup>- worked on sample letter for Ag Minister, skunk issues again, installed sign for school parking drop off on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave
- 29<sup>th</sup>- LUD mtg( none in August)
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Vet Brd mtg
- Aug 1<sup>st</sup>- Ag Minister meeting in Ashern
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Represented RM at Library Luncheon
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Looked at Beaver Dam at Cook's Creek
- 5<sup>th</sup>- Museum mtg
- Phone calls; cemetery mowers were broke down and waiting for parts so made arrangements to use LUD ones on weekends

CAO

- Need clarification on which Springy Base Sign posts you wanted( the one that is \$190)
- Do you want to update the CFRY ad for the next few months- we have school starting, Goose Shoot
- Have Procurement to discuss but it is on agenda

***Delegations***

10:00 Derek Johnson

- Stopping in to talk to Council and see what is going on and what concerns are
- Grant indicated that still waiting to hear about the Ice Plant Level 1 or 2 training – was stated would be this month but still have not heard a thing
- Concern with the holes on shoulders all along PTH6- very dangerous,- suggest request for immediate action with all RM's involved, cc Derek on any requests made to the Gov't
- Need new pavement from St. Laurent to Lundar, embarrassed about the culvert install through highway at Wagon Creek( should never push through)
- Have discussed maintenance agreements with MTI but have not heard anything on them- Derek will look up past agreements for suggestions and ideas, but they will go off of traffic counts
- Asked if there is another Bank coming- No
- Asked if any Petty Crime in area- Council stated has been down and feel the RCMP curfew checks are helping
- Grant would like to put pressure on MTI to put the road through to Gimli- Derek shared that when he was with Transportation the price to go with RTeck( hardtop) was not much more than gravel and the life cycle was better



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- Grant expressed concern over fires up North- if there were gridlines so the community was accessible this would help, why are they flying people in and out- build roads!
- Virgil expressed concern about” Rock garden at the lake”- why not allow communities to deal with the rocks, at least drag them all in one cluster if not allowed to remove
- Derek will look into concerns and share any documentation that may assist RM in these concerns

*Sign Pole base*  
Motion  
#152/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that we purchase 1 Springy Base post system from Airmaster Signs in the amount of \$190.00.  
Carried

*Payroll*  
Motion  
#153/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the July 25 payroll in the amount of \$17,650.37 and the August 8 payroll in the amount of \$17,106.10 be accepted as paid.  
Carried

*Acc’s Payable*  
Motion  
#154/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the July 16- August 7 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$46,779.07 being cheque #6920-6956, and online Payments 2025-54 to 2025-59 in the amount of \$16,077.76 be approved as listed and paid.  
Carried

*Financials*

Reviewed- found few errors in representation, errors will be fixed

*Correspondence for Action*

*Legion Support*  
Motion  
#155/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Virgil Johnson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the RM support the Royal Canadian Legion by placing a 1/4 page ad in the Military Recognition Book in the amount of \$455.00, annually.  
Carried  
b) Request for Service- the road will be looked at and office advised, it will be addressed in sequence if needed.  
c) Crown Land Changes- tabled for further review

*Correspondence for Information Only* – copies available on request  
a) # AMM newsletters- emailed & copied ,  
b) # RCMP Policing report- not available  
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f) MTI- Permit Information- copies provided

\*\* All filed\*\*

*By-laws/ Policies*

- a) Unsightly concerns still coming in.  
Properties in town will be sent letters when required.
- b) Animals at large- Complaints received; letter/email will be sent to the owner of property as their tenants are their responsibility, and if costs incurred it is the property that will receive the charge. CAO to see if St. Laurent or West Interlake has this issue and what their rates are.

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*Unfinished Business*

*Columbarium Price*

Motion  
#156/25

Moved by: Virgil Johnson                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**WHEREAS** Notice to Rescind Resolution 144/25 in regards to Columbarium rates has been given due to unknown information;  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that RSN 144 be rescinded and the new rates for Columbarium Niches and name plates will be determined once we have all costs associated with purchase of a columbarium.  
Carried

Gary & Celynne showed Jerry where we want the pads for the columbarium and he will do them soon. Then we can have it delivered and discuss final costs and policy.

*PR 419Survey-DU*

Motion  
#157/25

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the RM of Coldwell approves of the Draft Survey of PR 419 East to correct the culvert elevations as part of the overall correction to deal with drainage into Stonelake and Burnt Lake Drain from PTH6 to PR419 West.  
Carried

A letter will be sent to MTI explaining our position.

- c) Museum Board and Council will have a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of the building
- d) Quotes for Elevations on RD 27 and 111N will be obtained.

*General Business*

- a) LUD resolutions- none, did agree that if moving forward with curbs LUD would pay 1/2

*Com Cupbrd Don'n*

Motion  
#158/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Virgil Johnson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the RM donate \$250.00 to the Community Cupboard from donated funds .  
Carried

c)FD truck procurement – unless wanting a truck from the approved suppliers for Canoe( who has done the procurement requirements) we will need to proceed with creating the RFQ for the truck ( need this to be done soon to meet requirements)

- d) Meeting with Auditor will be set up to review the Audit.

*Auditor appoint*

Motion  
#159/25

Moved by: Virgil Johnson                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Reid & Miller Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. be appointed as the Municipal Auditor for 2025.  
Carried

- e) Road concerns- request made for speed signs on rural road and indicators of sharp curve- signs will be ordered but speed not altered, Barney's Rd request to reinstall crossing/culverts to allow drainage( can not install culverts at this location due to permitting) , Floyd was only mowing on the West side of PTH6 so needed someone for the east- he is marking culverts so Larry can install culvert markers.; Dust control area was worked shortly after application and ratepayer does not want to pay for it- Council will review in a month see how it is working. ; Speed & Curve signs are needed; ditches need mowing like we did 2 yrs ago



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***Casual Laborer***

Motion  
#160/25

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Neil Thorkelson be hired to perform roadside cutting in the amount of \$25/hr.

Carried

***Main St Curbs***

Motion  
#161/25

Moved by: Virgil Johnson                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Quote from Eriksdale Redi-Mix Concrete to install 300 ft of concrete curb on both sides of Main Street at the new sidewalk in the amount of \$ 10,080.00 per side be approved by Council  
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the RM will pay for ½ out of Mitigation Funding and Gas Tax reserve, and the LUD will pay for ½ out of their General Reserve.

Carried

g)Tractor needs the clutch redone, Nick Bennet is doing this and estimates it will be around \$2500 for parts.

***Climate Action***

Motion  
#162/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Virgil Johnson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Narratives be hired as the Consultant to perform our Climate Adaptation/Action Plan as per the grant received, in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Carried

i)Office cleaner position is still empty from last time advertised- do have someone who is interested so will have them come in a few times to see if it works( this is part of office operations)

j) Gravel Crushing Quotes are still pending- waiting for them

k) Scale shed needs to be re-sided/ tinned and the skirting on the scale needs to be fixed- discussed options of closing this in, Grant had materials he was going to look at for this.

***Scale Shed***

Motion  
#163/25

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson                      Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that Jesse Desjarlais Contracting be hired to tin the Scale Shed walls and roof in the amount of \$3,363.53.

Carried

l)Sewer extension across Railway will be needed to service the east side of Railway. It is felt that 1st St. South would be best location as long as it is deep enough, otherwise will need to go to 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

For the North side of PR 419 development - Need to look into requirements to tie into the one on PR 419 at Fjeldsted's ( 5ft at this location , will need insulated line), does not make sense to go through Fair grounds with another line

***Adjourn***

Motion  
#164/25

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth                      Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that we adjourn. Time 2:22 pm.

Carried



Nicole Christensen, C.M.M.A.  
Chief Administrative Officer

  
Reeve Virgil Johnson