

R. M. OF COLDWELL
REGULAR MEETING **JANUARY 9, 2026**

AGENDA – 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order –
2. Adopt Agenda
 - b) Review Action Items-
3. Delegations 10:00-
 10:30- Dennis From MWF
 11:00
4. Adopt minutes –December 12
5. Council / Staff reports-
 - a) Update on Health
6. Accounts Payable & Financials –
 - a)
7. Correspondence for Action
 - a) Min of MNR- Deficit Approval
 - b) MMSM- 2026 Funding
 - c) Alert Ready
 - d) Learn EM-Presentation Jan14
 - e) RM of West St. Paul-Council Orientation planning
 - f) Clearly Insight- early Fire Detection
 - g) Membership Renewals
 - h) Express Weekly Interview Questions
 - i) Grettir request
 - j) Agriculture in the Classroom
 - k) Golden West Broadcasting- Marketing Seminar
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 Letters(2) – Emailed
 - e) Community Futures- Oct & Nov Minutes
 - f) # MWF Annual report
 - g) #WIWD news letter
 - h)
9. By-Law/Policies-
 - a) BL 01/26- Line of Credit
 - b) Code of conduct review - table
 - c)
10. Unfinished Business
 - a) Vincent Rd
 - b) Scholarship/Bursary
 - c) Columbarium Pricing
 - d)
 - e)
11. General Business
 - a) LUD- RSN's
 - b) Wage Reviews
 - c) AED for Office
 - d) Tax Sale
 - e) Road Concerns/Requests
 - f) Donations
 - g) Snow Blade
 - h)
 - i)
 - j)
 - k)
 - l)
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, January 9, 2025, at 9:00 am.

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chairman

Agenda

Motion
1/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as prepared and circulated and amended.

Carried

- b) Review of Action Items from the November meeting:
- Bill Spoke to Derek about transferring GPS coordinates for culverts—need to make a spreadsheet- Larry said a list is in office so will get that and create a spreadsheet
 - Gary to see if school bus can turn around at Lundar Beach- the concern is about the way it needs to backup across the road, as long as snow is cleared it is ok
 - Gary made snow guards all along Vincent Rd to help with drifting, need to look at extending the road the full width
 - Grant to provide costs of improving flooring and insulating curling rink- not done
 - Gary to submit all outstanding invoices by Wed- not done

Minutes

Motion
2/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of December 12 be adopted as prepared and circulated.

Carried

Council reports

Grant Sigfusson

- WIPD mtg
- Going over things with Gary and Jim with the grader & brush burning

Bill Eyolfson

- 16th-WIPD mtg
- Jan 8th- NWIHA- discussed housing for doctors and working with MB Housing who is happy to help if can- there are 5 available in Lundar(3 ready 2 with renos) and a 5 Bdr in Ashern; Discussed International Nurses Program-4 in Erikdale and 4 in Ashern
- Council mtg

Virgil Johnson

- 12th- RM mtg
- 13th- Santa parade- made hotchocolate and popcorn
- 13th & 14th- First Aid course with FD; talked about AED and Mental Health for Firefighters
- 21st- 50/50 draw for FD
- 23rd- Wage review mtg at Bill's
- Jan 8th- Health Advisory mtg- found out that MB Housing

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charges \$285/mo for a 1 BDR on Social Assit., phone# 1-800-661-4663(24/7) and is now run out of Selkirk ; Marion Ellis is impressed with new Dr Clininc

- 7th- talked to Snowmobile club about putting snow on shoulders of Hwy.
- 8th- talked with Hydro about EV charging station location

Celynne Miller

- 13th- Santa parade
- 23rd- Wage Review
- All other boards were on Christmas holidays

Gary Sherbeth

- 23rd- Wage Review
- Checked out plow on plow truck
- Drove down some of the roads and checked for snow, complaints about school bus not getting through
- Helped Jim in the shop
- Made an access to the lake thru personal yard – posted a sign that it is “ Private Property” as public thought it was an access

Delegations

10:30 - Manitoba Wildlife Federation- Dennis Schindler- Senior Land Conservation Specialist

- Personal background is years with Manitoba Agriculture and industry, have expertise with Ag land& soils
- Wanted to update council on the MWF advocacies like Night hunting, BillC21, Access for All(background 83% of land area in MB is Crownland)
- Most importantly- the 30x30 Initiative, which is to protect 30% of land and water resources in Canada by 2030
- It is a mandate of the Minister of Parks
- It can be argued that protection is already in place and no further protected areas are needed
- Indigenous Leaders take the lead on conservation areas and typically Non-Indigenous use ends up being prohibited(seems to be case in BC)
- In the past the Province says there is nothing in plans then short time later they announce a designated area and no consult
- Have seen where the Province hands over IPCA to the Federal Government who creates a National Park designation then hands that over to Indigenous groups who then prohibit non-indigenous use
- This is not promoting Access to All
- The Fisher River Protected Area is managed by Canadian Parks& Wilderness Association, Environmental NGO is funded by the Feds and Anti-Hunting groups; little info is provided by the Province
- The MWF supports conservation of land,natural spaces, fish & wildlife resources to all.
- So meeting with municipal councils to inform and consult on the 30x30 impacts to communities-economics, livelihoods, growth/decline
- The MWF has 4 part-time people that are advocating and using every media to help get the message across
- POI:
- Minister of Parks- Michael Moyes deals with the landback, IPCA & creation of parks
- Minister of Conservation Jamie Moses deals with Hunting and Blockades ect that has to do with conservation use
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Payroll
Motion
#3/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the December 24 payroll in the amount of \$8,561.21 and the January 9 payroll in the amount of \$8,064.68 be accepted as paid.

Carried

Acc's Payable
Motion
#4/26

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the December 12-31 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$67,889.45 being cheque #7214-7264, and online Payments 2025-001 to 2025-003 in the amount of \$515.85 be approved as listed and paid.

Carried

Jan Acc's Payable
Motion
#5/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that the January 1- 7 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$17,197.75 being cheque #7265- 7276; and online Payments 2026-001 to 2026-007 in the amount of \$24,986.57 be approved as listed and paid.

Carried

Statements
Motion
#6/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the Preliminary December Income Statement and Budgetary Controls be accepted as prepared.

Carried

Correspondence for Action

- a) Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations approved the 2024 Deficit request that will be collected in the 2026 budget.
- b) MMSM 2026 Funding letter – information passed to the CEWDG board and accounted for in budget
- c) Alert Ready – Provincial Emergency Alerting system that allows municipalities to be on board with emergency alerting for the community.- need to find out more.
- d) LearnEM presentation is being offered on January 14 as part of our membership with Napier Consulting Inc and MAMEC, anyone can attend.
- e) RM of West St. Paul invite to be part of Council Orientation planning – Council felt we should organize our own personal training
- f) Clearly Insight- early fire detection – this is a sensor platform that would be for larger centers /buildings , pass to CEWDG for their site.

Memberships
Motion
#7/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell renew annual memberships with MB Aviation Council, Northern Woods & Water Highway Assoc.; FCM; Hudson Bay Route; MB Good Roads Assoc; AMM; Interlake Tourism Assoc. and ATV MB.

Carried

Com. Don'ns
Motion
#8/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM donate \$500 to any community Hockey Tournament that requests & the Ice Fishing Tournament,; \$ 200.00 to the Louis Reil Day celebration and Provide the Carnival Breakfast.

Carried

h)Express Weekly asked question of Council – 2025 in Review- Council provided the answers to be sent back

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Grettir
Motion
#9/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell provide payroll administration for all of Grettir Staff and Grettir will reimburse the RM for the wages of said staff.

Carried

Ag in Classroom
Motion
#10/26

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell support Agriculture in the Classroom in the amount of \$ 500.00.

Carried

GW Broadcasting
Motion
#11/26

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that any member of Council or Staff be authorized to attend the free Golden West Broadcasting seminar on Marketing , in Portage La Prairie with all out of pocket expense covered.

Carried

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- g) #WIWD newsletter

** All filed**

By-laws/ Policies

BL 01/26 2nd rdg
Motion
#12/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 01/26 being a bylaw to allow for an operating line of credit in 2026 be given 2nd reading.

Carried

BL 01/26 3rd rdg
Motion
#13/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 01/26 being a bylaw to allow for an operating line of credit in 2026 be given 3rd reading.

For: Grant Sigfusson, Bill Eyolfson, Virgil Johnson, Celynne Miller, Gary Sherbeth

Carried

b)Code of Conduct review- tabled (still looking for comparable)

Unfinished Business

- a) Vincent Road- Gary reported on this earlier, need to look at in the spring to make wider
- b) Scholarship/Bursary- discussed this previously, obtained info from the school, now need to determine the amount and the parameters – it will be a bursary and for community involvement-Tabled to Jan 23rd planning mtg.

Columbarium Price
Motion
#14/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that a Columbarium Niche be sold for \$1200/niche with 2 internments allowed; the Memorial Plate must be 12"x12" on black granite from Larsen's Memorials and will be the owners' expense; Memorial Wall spot be purchased for \$250/spot and the name plate be purchased through the Municipality from Melson Granite at the owners cost.

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General Business

a)LUD resolutions- none.

2026 Wages

Motion
#15/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that all staff receive a \$0.50/hr raise for 2026.
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Jim Law receive \$370.00 for personal vehicle allowance and \$30/mo phone allowance.

Carried

AED

Motion
#16/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that an AED be purchased for the Municipal Office in the amount of \$ 1750.00 plus tax, plus a wall case.

Carried

Tax sale manager

Motion
#17/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
WHEREAS the Municipal Act requires the municipality to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;
AND WHEREAS council for the municipality deems it to be in the best interest of the municipality to hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Rural Municipality of Coldwell hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipalities' behalf for a term of 3(three) years.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CAO be authorized to sign the Taxervice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality.

Carried

Tax Sale Date

Motion
#18/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that 2025 be the designated year for taxsale of any properties with prior arrears owing ;
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Sale for these Properties be held on November 9, 2026 at the Municipal Office.

Carried

e)Road Concerns: none

f)Donations dealt with on 7(g)

g) Snow Blade for Skid Steer- currently using Grant's- discussed purchase of this.

Adjourn

Motion
#19/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Virgil Johnson
BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn. Time 2:00 pm.

Carried



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



Reeve Virgil Johnson