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1. Vacation Entitlement

- **1.1.** Regular vacation will be earned on the following basis:
 - a. Two (2) weeks annual holidays in the first year of employment with the R.M. of Browning No. 34 if hired before June 1st of any year; and one (1) week annual holidays if hired after June 1st and before October 1st in any year; and that any unused holidays in the first year are not eligible for vacation pay-out if not used for salaried employees.
 - b. Three (3) weeks vacation in each year of employment up to ten (10) years or 3/52 vacation pay for hourly workers.
 - c. Four (4) weeks annual vacation on the tenth (10th) anniversary date of employment or 4/52 vacation pay for hourly workers.
 - d. Five (5) weeks annual vacation on the fifteenth (15th) anniversary date of employment or 5/52 vacation pay for hourly workers.
 - e. Six (6) weeks annual holiday on the twentieth (20th) anniversary date of employment or 6/52 vacation pay for hourly workers.
- **1.2.** All vacation must be taken within 12 months of the vacation entitlement date.
- **1.3.** Employees who have had breaks in service (other than for vacation or approved leaves of absences) will have their most recent hire date used to calculate vacation entitlement.

2. Vacation Requests

2.1. All vacation requests are subject to approval by the Administrator, therefore vacation plans should not be finalized by the employee until vacation approval is given.

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- **2.2.** Outside employees are required to get the signature of the Foreman on their vacation request before submitting them to the Administrator.
- **2.3.** Vacation days can be taken in half-day increments.
- **2.4.** Requests are processed on a first come first served basis, based on business needs to ensure appropriate coverage.
- **2.5.** Vacation requests must be in writing, a minimum of five (5) days prior to the requested vacation unless it is of an urgent or emergency nature. Please use the leave request form (located end of this policy).
- **2.6.** In a case where the Foreman or Administrator is unavailable, employees may make the request to the Assistant Foreman and Assistant Administrator.
- **2.7.** If time off is needed in the case of an emergency, permission may be granted verbally. Written notice should be still provided as soon as possible to the Foreman or Administrator upon the employee's return to work.

3. Vacation Accrual

- **3.1.** Employees may carry over three (3) days vacation into the next year if requested in writing.
- **3.2.** Special exceptions to carry over additional days may be requested, however, discretion is left to Council to approve or deny carry-over requests.
- **3.3.** If an employee is accruing too much vacation time and not taking it, management may request that the employee take their vacation time. If the R.M requests that the employee take their vacation, the R.M. will provide the employee at least four weeks written notice before the employee's vacation start date.
- **3.4.** To understand the dollar amount of your accrued vacation pay, please see the Administrator. Vacation pay is based on your earnings as defined by Saskatchewan Employment Standards.
- **3.5.** Vacation shall be paid out December 31st of each year for salaried employees for any unused holidays, except for carry-over days approved by Council.
- **3.6.** Vacation pay shall be accrued for hourly employees until such time as more than one (1) year of vacation pay is accrued.
- 3.7. All salaried and hourly employees that continue to accrue and not use vacation days will have their vacation reviewed by Council and either be encouraged or mandated to use their vacation days as per section 3.3

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4. Vacation Time and Overtime

4.1. There will be no additional costs incurred to prepare for or cover vacations; unless approved in writing by management.

5. Time off Without Pay

- **5.1.** Leaves without pay that do not fall within the statutory leaves of absence without pay (as dictated by Provincial legislation) will be considered under exceptional circumstances only once all vacation time accrual has been used. Leaves are not guaranteed and may be denied.
- **5.2.** For additional information regarding leaves of absence see Policy 300-7 Leaves of Absences With and Without Pay.

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R. M. of Browning No. 34 Request for Time Off

Date:			
Name:			
Date(s) Requested:			
Reason (Circle One):	Sick Day	Vacation	
Supervisor authorized:			
Administrator authorized:			