
RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BROWNING NO. 34

Minutes - January 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Browning No. 34 was held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, R.M. Office, 102 Minard Road., Lampman, Saskatchewan.

2026-1-1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Loustel called the meeting to order. The time being 8:02 a.m. The attendance being as follows:

Division # 1 - Richard Brokop
2 - Blake Fornwald
3 - Todd Fichter
4 - Murray Wheeler
5 - Brian Fornwald
6 - Calvin Christensen
Reeve - Pius Loustel
Administrative Consultant - Greg Wallin
Administrator - Jadon Carnduff
Administrative Intern - Brenden Palmer



2026-1-2 MEETING RECESS

This meeting of Council will recess at 12:00 p.m. for a lunch break if the meeting is still in progress.

2026-1-3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this meeting.

2026-1-4 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda at this meeting.

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2026-1-5 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Brian Fornwald - That the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented and attached to forming part of these minutes.

Carried

2026-1-6 MINUTES

- Calvin Christensen - That the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting of Council be approved as read.

Carried

2026-1-7 BANK RECONCILIATION

- Murray Wheeler - That the November, 2025 bank reconciliation be hereby approved as presented.

Carried

2026-1-8 CASH STATEMENT

- Todd Fichter - That the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the month of December, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Carried

2026-1-9 CORRESPONDENCE

- Brian Fornwald - That the correspondence presented to this meeting now be filed for future reference of Council and Administration.

Carried

2026-1-10 COMMITTEE MEETINGS/INFORMATION/REPORTS/CONCERNS

- Richard Brokop - That the committee meeting minutes, information, reports and concerns presented to this meeting now be filed for future reference of Council and Administration.

Carried

2026-6-11 COUNCIL INDEMNITIES

- Calvin Christensen - That the Council Indemnities for the month of December, 2025 presented to this meeting be accepted for payment.

Carried

2026-1-12 ACCOUNTS

- Calvin Christensen - That the accounts covered by cheque no.'s 8009 to 8064, 8081, 8082, and 8089 in the amount of \$1,425,931.48, the electronic funds transfers no.'s 829 to 850 in the amount of \$141,886.53, and direct payroll payments no's 3269 to 3294 for the amount of \$76,918.82 be approved for payment.

Carried

- Calvin Christensen - That the accounts covered by cheque no.'s 8065 to 8080, 8083 to 8088, 8090, and 8091 for Range Road 2045 Reconstruction in the amount of \$89,015.00 be approved for payment.

Carried

2026-1-13 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations presented at this meeting.

2026-1-14 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14.1) Lampman Fire and Rescue - Renovation

- Brian Fornwald - That the Council of the R.M. of Browning No. 34 acknowledge that the renovation of the Lampman Fire Hall located on Parcel G Plan 101903723 does not meet Post-Disaster Design Standards as outlined in the National Building Code of Canada.

Carried

14.2) Lampman Fire and Rescue - Rapid Response Truck

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 revise its modified arrangement for the Lampman Fire and Rescue Service Agreement with the Town of Lampman from having the Town responsible for ten percent (10%) of net remaining costs for capital purchases to having the Town responsible for ten percent (10%) of remaining costs for capital purchases after donations received.

Carried



14.4) Range Road 2060 - Phase II

14.4.1) Phase II Engineering

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 accept the quote from MPE, a division of Englobe to provide for the engineering of the Range Road 2060 Phase II Upgrades E of 13, 24, 25, 36-5-6 W2M and E of 1, 12-6-6 W2M for in the amount of thirty-three thousand, six hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$33,658.00) plus taxes.

Carried

14.4.2) Phase II Construction Tender

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 tender for the construction of the Range Road 2060 Phase II Upgrades E of 13, 24, 25, 36-5-6 W2M and E of 1, 12-6-6 W2M as soon as the engineer work is completed.

Carried

2026-1-15 NEW BUSINESS

15.1) Employee Bond

- Murray Wheeler - That Council acknowledge the Fidelity Bond for 2026 for the R.M. of Browning No. 34.

Carried

15.2) SARM Notice of Planned Procurement

- Richard Brokop - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 post a Notice of Planned Procurement on sasktenders.ca advising that the R.M. of Browning No. 34 will participate in the SARM Planned Procurement program.

Carried

15.4) 2026 Road Construction

- Murray Wheeler - That the following roads be a priority for the public works department to repair:
Range Road 2044 E of 17, 20-5-4 W2M;
Range Road 2050 E of 13, 24-4-5 W2M;
Range Road 2053 E of 15-5-5 W2M;
Range Road 2065 E of 18, 19-5-6 W2M; and
Township Road 63 N of 20-6-4 W2M.

Carried

15.5) Road Maintenance Agreements

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 sign Road Maintenance Agreements with the R.M. of Enniskillen No. 3 and the R.M. of Brock No. 64 for 2026 to haul gravel through the aforementioned municipalities.

Carried

15.6) Hamlet of Browning - Road Closure Hearing

Reeve Loustel recessed the meeting for a public hearing on closing the roads located in Plan A1352 at 10:04 a.m.

Reeve Loustel resumed the meeting at 10:07 a.m.



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- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 proceed with closing the roads located in Plan A1352.

Carried

15.7) SARM Resolution - Establish a Commission to Remedy Derelict Rural Properties

- Calvin Christensen - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 sponsor the following resolution at the 2026 SARM Annual Convention:

WHEREAS on October 23, 2025, the Government of Saskatchewan announced amendments to *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* enacting authority to the provincial government to register interests against derelict property on land titles starting November 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the population of Saskatchewan Rural Municipalities has collapsed approximately 75% from 651,274 in 1936 to 176,501 in 2021, and this large population collapse in Rural Municipalities over many decades has resulted in countless derelict properties across Rural Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS the burden to remedy these derelict rural properties to a manner acceptable with current legislation is not feasible for Rural Saskatchewan due to a variety of factors;

BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, Ministry of Environment, and Ministry of Government Relations for a joint Commission with SARM to investigate the issue of rural derelict properties, and to investigate financially responsible and feasible solutions to this remedy the situation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SARM lobby for a moratorium on orders issued against derelict properties in Rural Municipalities pursuant to *The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act* until the aforementioned Commission has been completed.

Carried

15.8) Choose Life Ministries

- Brian Fornwald - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 continue to donate one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) annually to Choose Life Ministry.

Carried

15.9) Minor Hockey Day - January 24, 2026

- Richard Brokop - That the R.M. of Browning No. 34 donate two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to Lampman Minor Sports for Minor Hockey Day on Saturday, January 24, 2026

Carried

2026-1-16 FOREMAN ITEMS TO DISCUSS

16.1) Class 1A Licences

- Calvin Christensen - That David Dyer be granted a raise of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour to increase his wage to twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) per hour effective January 1, 2026; and that Kole Johnson be granted a raise of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per hour to increase his wage to twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$27.50) per hour effective January 1, 2026.

Carried



16.2) Gravel

- Brian Fornwald - That Administration have the gravel stockpiles of the municipality surveyed to determine the gravel quantities of the municipality.

Carried

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16.3) Doepker Trailer

- Calvin Christensen - That the Foreman be authorized to replace the tarp on the 2010 Doepker Triaxle End Dump Trailer.

Carried

2026-1-17 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Carried

2026-1-18 ADJOURN

- Pius Loustel - That this meeting now be adjourned. The time being 11:27 a.m.

Carried



JB Cornduff
Administrator

[Signature]
Reeve