

COUNTY OF PAINTEARTH NO. 18
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY JANUARY 7, 2025

The Regular meeting minutes of the Council of the County of Paintearth No. 18 held in Council Chambers in the municipal office on January 7, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Reeve:	Stan Schulmeister
Councillors:	Terry Vockeroth, Sandy Shipton, Diane Elliott, George Glazier, Dale Norton, Maurice Wiat
Chief Administrative Officer:	Michael Simpson
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer:	Lana Roth
Director of Public Works:	Bryce Cooke
Director of Community Services:	Todd Pawsey
Director of Environmental Services:	Jeff Cosens
Director of Protective Services:	Colm Fitz-Gerald
Legislative Clerk:	Courtney Algot

CALL TO ORDER:

Reeve Schulmeister called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

01.07.25.001 Regular Council Meeting Agenda - January 7, 2025 — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda of January 7, 2025, as approved.
Carried

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

01.07.25.002 Regular County Council Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024 — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiat that the Previous Regular County Council Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2024, be approved as amended.
Carried

PUBLIC HEARING:

None.

DELEGATIONS:

None.



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BUSINESS:

- 01.07.25.003 BRAED 4th Annual Agriculture Industry Forum Sponsorship — MOVED by Councillor Elliott that the County approve the request for sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the BRAED 4th Annual Agriculture Industry Forum.
Carried
- 01.07.25.004 RFD - Halkirk FCSS — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that the County is willing and able to take over the FCSS program in Halkirk. The municipal contribution of \$1,081.58 has been included in the County of Paintearth 2025 operating budget that was approved on December 10, 2024.
Carried
- 01.07.25.005 RFD - Tax Sales Reserve Bid and Terms of Sale for Roll #34160000 — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that Council set the date for the tax sale to March 25, 2025, at 9:00am for roll #3416000 and that the reserve bid be set at \$870.00. Bids are to be received by sealed bid no later than 9:00am on March 25, 2025. The following conditions of the sale should be set as follows:
a) Sale is subject to reserve bid and conditions in existing title
b) Land for sale is sold on an “as is, where is” basis
c) No bid will be accepted where the purchaser attempts to attach conditions precedent
d) The County of Paintearth may after public tax sale, elect to take ownership of the parcel if it is not sold at auction
e) Cash, certified cheque, or bank draft are the forms of payment. GST will apply to sale
f) Redemption may be effected by payment of all arrears of taxes and costs at any time prior to the sale.
Carried
- 01.07.25.006 Winterfest 2025 In-Kind Support Request — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the County approves the in-kind sponsorship of firewood, fire pits, and picnic tables supplied by Public Works for use at Winterfest 2025 in Castor.
Carried

BYLAWS:

- 01.07.25.007 Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing — MOVED by Councillor Norton that Bylaw 728-25, being the Corporation Borrowing Bylaw, be given First Reading.
Carried
- 01.07.25.008 Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing Second Reading — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing be given Second Reading.
Carried
- 01.07.25.009 Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing Unanimous Consent to Proceed to Third and Final Reading — MOVED by Councillor Glazier that Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing be given Unanimous Consent to move to Third and Final Reading.
Unanimously Carried

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- 01.07.25.010 Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing Bylaw Third and Final Reading — MOVED by Councillor Elliott that Bylaw 728-25 Corporation Borrowing Bylaw be given Third and Final Reading.

Carried

COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- 01.07.25.011 Councillor Reports — MOVED by Councillor Norton to adopt the verbal Councillor Reports as information.

Carried

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

- 01.07.25.012 Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report — MOVED by Councillor Norton to approve the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer's Report as presented.

Carried

- 01.07.25.013 Director of Public Works Report — MOVED by Councillor Glazier to approve the Director of Public Work's Report as presented.

Carried

FINANCIAL:

- 01.07.25.014 December 31, 2024, Unaudited Financial Year-End Summary Budget Report — MOVED by Deputy Reeve Wiart that the December 31, 2024, unaudited year-end financial summary budget report be approved as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 01.07.25.015 Clearview Public Schools re: Road Maintenance and Winter Conditions — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the correspondence from Clearview Public Schools regarding road maintenance and winter conditions be received and filed as information.

Carried

- 01.07.25.016 Village of Halkirk Council Meeting Minutes December 12, 2024 — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that the Previous Regular Halkirk Council Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2024, be approved as presented.

Carried

- 01.07.25.017 Letter from Honorable Dan Vandal re: Canada's Coal Transition Initiative- Infrastructure Fund — MOVED by Councillor Shipton that the letter sent by Honorable Dan Vandal regarding Canada's Coal Transition Initiative- Infrastructure Fund be received and filed as information.

Carried

Recess: The meeting recessed at 9:56 a.m.

Reconvene: The meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.



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CLOSED SESSION:

01.07.25.018 Closed Session — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County move to closed session at 10:11 a.m. to discuss items under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter F-25: Part 1, Div 2, Sec 16(1)(a)(i), 24(1)(a), (b)(i), (c), (d).
Carried

01.07.25.019 Closed Session — MOVED by Councillor Norton that the County return to an open meeting at 10:29 a.m.
Carried

Recess: the meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. to allow return of the public.

Reconvene: the meeting reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with no public present.


01.07.25.020 Halkirk Water and Sewer Project — MOVED by Councillor Vockeroth that Council approve the replacement of the water and sewer lines along railway avenue in Halkirk at the cost of \$763,000.00.
Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Reeve Schulmeister adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

These minutes approved this 4 day of February, 2025.


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer