

Rural Municipality of Laird No. 404
Council REGULAR Meeting Minutes
August 14 , 2025

The Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of the Council of Municipality of
Laird No. 404, held in the Council Chambers of the RM Office,
3025 Central Avenue, Waldheim, SK on Thursday, August 14, 2025

PRESENT:

Reeve:	Sheldon Willems
Division 1	Ron Boldt
Division 2	Phil Loewen
Division 3	Garry Bergen
Division 4	Ken Fehr
Division 5	Trent Ebach
Division 6	Luise Willems
Acting Administrator:	Jason Dagenais
Office Manager:	Pearl Bergen
Office Assistant:	Brooke Janzen
Foreman:	George Penner

DELEGATES:

Jared Stephenson, Northbound Planning & Consulting
Kirk & Amanda Bolan, Rate-payers
Ryan Geransky, Rate-payer

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

Kirk & Amanda Bolan enter the meeting at 9:04am

AGENDA

115.Aug.25 FEHR: That the agenda be accepted as presented.
CARRIED.

MINUTES

116.Aug.25 L. WILLEMS: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 10, 2025 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

FINANCIALS

117.Aug.25 EBACH: That the Statement of Financials and Bank Reconciliation be approved as presented for the month of July, 2025 and hereto attached to these minutes.
CARRIED.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

118.Aug.25 LOEWEN: That payment of accounts paid with cheque numbers 14516 to 14543 in the amount of \$167,328.30; on-line banking 2025-0119 to 2025-0139 in the amount of \$78,176.73 and Payroll in the amount of \$50,106.32 for a total of \$295,611.35 that has been accepted and is approved as presented.
CARRIED.

Foreman Penner: Discussion on current public works concerns.
Foreman Penner leaves the meeting at 9:30am

Kirk & Amanda Bolan: Discussion with Council about the next steps on how to address the installation of a culvert by the Ministry of Highways, that is larger than planned and engineered for, adjacent to the Silver Willows subdivision.

LETTER TO THE MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

119.Aug.25 EBACH: That RM administration will send an official letter of request to the Minister in Charge of Highways if no response is received by the municipal foreman’s call to the Department office, with concerns about the culvert adjacent to the Silver Willows subdivision on Provincial Highway #12.
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Kirk & Amanda Bolan leave the meeting at 9:40am

UPDATE LIGHTING IN THE OFFICE BUILDING

- 120.Aug.25 S.WILLEMS:** That the council approve the office renovation to update the lights in the boardroom area and also in the newly acquired portion of the municipal office building. The contractor chosen for the work will be at the discretion of administration and based on estimates received.
CARRIED.

Jared Stephenson enters the meeting (virtually) at 9:55am

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FEE BYLAW FIRST READING

- 121.Aug.25 BOLDT:** That the Council of the RM of Laird have the First Reading of the Planning and Development Fee Bylaw, to now be known as Bylaw 03-2025.
CARRIED.

Ryan Geransky enters the meeting at 10:30am
Discussion on subdivision options.

Jared Stephenson leaves the meeting at 11:36am

122.Aug.25 SARILIA COUNTRY ESTATES COMMUNITY PARK EXPANSION

FEHR: That the Council approve the expansion of the public use/community park area of Sarilia County Estates for the purpose of building a playground, as presented by the Sarilia Board of Directors. The RM's public works department will be in charge of making these alterations to the municipal reserve area that is designated for the expansion.
CARRIED.

BLUSHKE FARM ANNUAL LIQUOR PERMIT

- 123.Aug.25 FEHR:** That the Council approve an annual liquor permit for all events for the 2025 calendar year for the Blushke (Jarvis) Farm located at NW35-40-07-W3 in the RM of Laird.
CARRIED.

SECTION 293 TAX EXEMPTION

- 124.Aug.25 LOEWEN:** That the Council approve the following rate-payers for tax cancellation pursuant to Section 293(2)(e) of *The Municipalities Act*:
Willems, Salton \$4,120.77 (\$2,708 Municipal + \$1,412.17 School)
Berkhout, Loretta & Richard \$1,172.43 (\$770.64 Municipal + \$401.79 School)
CARRIED.

Break for lunch 11:45am
Meeting resumes 12:30pm

HOUSE MOVE ISAAK MARTENS

- 125.Aug.25 FEHR:** That the Council approve the house to be moved into the RM of Laird from the RM of Rosthern, as proposed by Isaak Martens, providing that all of the prior conditions and recommendations made by Wagner Inspection Services have been met.
CARRIED.

SIGN HONORING DAVE "HAMMER" SCHULTZ

- 126.Aug.25 LOEWEN:** That the Council approve the creation and installation of a sign honoring local hockey legend Dave Schultz, and that this sign be placed adjacent to highway #312 near Waldheim.
CARRIED.

Councillor Loewen leaves the meeting at 1:12pm

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127.Aug.25 GIFT CARD FOR WORK BONUS
FEHR: That the Council approve a \$250 bonus gift card to be given to Lyle Morin as a thank you for his hard work this season and extra time spent on weekends performing duties for the public works department.
CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE
128.Aug.25 FEHR: That the following correspondence has been addressed and now be filed:

- Correspondence SARM (FYI)**
 - a. None
 - Correspondence General (FYI)**
 - a. Twin Rivers CSO Program – RM404 Proposal
 - New Training Opportunities**
 - a. None
- CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT:
129.Aug.25 FEHR: That the Council meeting be adjourned at 1:44pm
CARRIED.

(SEAL)

Reeve/Deputy Reeve

Administrator

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