



**Rural Municipality of Grahamdale**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting April 25, 2024 - 09:00 AM**

The 8th Regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale was held at the Municipal Office in Moosehorn, Manitoba on April 25, 2024.

Present:

- Reeve Craig Howse
- Councillor Charlotte Lindell
- Councillor Glen Metner
- Councillor Greg Jabusch
- Councillor Jason Bittner
- Councillor Dollard Gould
- CAO Shelly Schwitek

Absent:

- Councillor Kevin Nickel

Reeve Howse called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.  
Council broke for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- 2024-184    **1**        **Adoption of Minutes**  
                         Councillor Gould  
                         Councillor Jabusch  
  
                         BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as circulated:  
                         1. April 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes;  
                         2. April 18, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes – Koch Conditional Use – CUG-01-24;  
                         3. April 18, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes – RM 2024 Financial Plan.  
  
                         **CARRIED**
  
- 2024-185    **2**        **Additions to Agenda**  
                         Councillor Lindell  
                         Councillor Gould  
  
                         BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the agenda as circulated with additions.  
  
                         **CARRIED**
  
- 3**        **Finances**
  
- 2024-186    **3.1**       **General Accounts**  
                         Councillor Bittner  
                         Councillor Gould  
  
                         WHEREAS the List of Accounts (attached to the minutes hereto) for the period ending **April 24, 2024** have been examined by Council and found to be in order;  
                         THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Accounts Payable Cheques numbered **10779** to **10796** in the amount of **\$ 42,933.42** be approved for payment.  
  
                         **CARRIED**
  
- 2024-187    **4**        **Committee Reports**  
                         Councillor Jabusch  
                         Councillor Bittner  
  
                         BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the reports of the Committees as presented.  
  
                         **CARRIED**

**4.1 9:30 a.m. - Danny Granberg - Public Works Manager**

Graders

- G&T Construction is working in Ward 3 and Ward 1
- Monitoring roads in all Wards is ongoing.

Roads and Drainage

- Marking roads, flagging spots of concern, flagging dropped culverts and frost boil areas – Ongoing.

Beavers

- Beaver dams to be removed – one at Charlie Moar Rd. and one at Ford Rd.

Wayside Park

- Ron Larson is working on the completion of Phase 1 (the washroom and shower installation).
- Keith Bednarek has dropped off a load of gravel for the concrete pad.
- Rob Gowland had a site visit on Friday and Saturday and will confirm start dates with Ventrax and Broadvalley.
- Fire pits have been picked up.

North Interlake ATV Club

- The ATV Club has agreed to cover expenses on upgrades made to the trail. Most upgrades are culvert improvements.

Green Team Summer Students

- 4 confirmed to start this year.

**4.2 Moosehorn Fire Department Report**

- Regular meeting was held on Mar 11/24;
- SCBA compressor breathing air sample was taken and sent in for analysis; results were received: sample met all necessary purity requirements;
- One member attended the NFPA Living with Wildfire webinar on Apr 4/24;
- Fire Chief & Deputy Chief attended a meeting with the Wildfire Service, Ashern & Gyp Conservation and RM reps regarding burn permits and wildfires on Apr 12/24;
- 2 members attended the CISM Basic course held in Fraserwood on Apr 13-14/24;
- 3 members attended the Electric Vehicle course held in Ashern on Apr 21/24;
- SCBA tanks were filled for Ashern Fire Dept;
- Running orders are being reviewed and updated where necessary; updated version will be sent to 911 Dispatch by our Mutual Aid District Coordinator;
- New Fire Apparatus (Pumper) Committee held a meeting on Apr 19/24; Reeve Howse attended;
- 2 members will be attending the Ground Search & Rescue (GSAR) Basic course in Eriksdale on May 3-5/24;
- Fire Chief checked on a hot spot in the Hamlet of Hilbre as requested by the Wildfire Service

Incident Calls

Apr 4/24	EMS & RCMP Assist; Vehicle ex	PTH#6 at Hilbre
Apr 11/24	MVC; Vehicle fire	PTH#6, 2 miles N of PR#239 Jct
Apr 13/24	Wildfire; Conservation request	Boundary Line E (152N), 9-26-6W
Apr 14/24	Wildfire; Conservation request	Miller Rd (153N), 24-26-6W
Apr 16/24	Vehicle fire	PTH#6 at 48W, Hilbre
Apr 23/24	Wildfire; Conservation request	North of Hilbre
Apr 23/24	Bale fires	Cook Rd (176N); SW 18-30-9W

**4.3 Assistant CAO McCoubrey**

Interlake Tourism Association

- The Board has signed another one-year contract with Melissa Van Soelen to manage the Association.
- The AGM is next month in Gimli and Assistant CAO McCoubrey will be lettering her name stand as President of the Association.

**4.4 Councillor Gould**

Gypsumville Fire Department

- One call for service - a bale fire.

**4.5 Reeve Howse**

The Boundary Line Drain Subcommittee is meeting on April 29th. Representatives from the Province of Manitoba will be in attendance.

**5 Correspondence**

- Bulletin 2024-07 "Passing of Former Prime Minister's/Display of Flags";
- Bulletin 2024-08 "Winnipeg Pipeline Repair Event";
- "Bulletin 2024-10 "Pipeline Property Assessment";
- Letter dated April 22, 2024 from Minister Bushie re: "Building a Manitoba for All People";

**6 By-Laws**

**6.1 RM 2024 Financial Plan By-Law 1082-2024**

2024-188 **6.1.1 By-Law 1082-2024 - Second Reading**

Councillor Gould  
Councillor Jabusch

WHEREAS By-Law No. 1082-2024 being a by-law of the R.M. of Grahamdale to approve the financial plan, mil rates and 5 year Capital Expenditure for the year 2024 was given first reading;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT BY-LAW No. 1082-2024 is hereby given its second reading.

**CARRIED**

2024-189 **6.1.2 By-Law 1082-2024 - Third Reading**

Councillor Lindell  
Councillor Bittner

WHEREAS Section 162 (1) of the Municipal Act provides that each municipality make a financial plan of all amounts required for the lawful purposes of the municipality and to adopt the financial plan by resolution;

AND WHEREAS Council has prepared said estimates in the manner and in the form prescribed by the Minister;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Plan of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale as set out in the prescribed form for the year 2024 be now read a third time, signed and sealed by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer and be adopted. The said estimates to be incorporated into the 2024 Tax Levy By-Law No. 1082-2024.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Jason Bittner	✓			
Dollard Gould	✓			
Craig Howse	✓			
Greg Jabusch	✓			
Charlotte Lindell	✓			
Glen Metner				✓
Kevin Nickel				✓

**CARRIED**

	<b>7</b>	<b>Unfinished Business</b>	
	<b>7.1</b>	<b>Lake MB Outlet Channel and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel</b>	
	<b>7.1.1</b>	<b>Draft - Environmental Assessment &amp; Potential Conditions Review</b> Item to be removed until an update can be provided.	
	<b>7.1.2</b>	<b>Environmental Advisory Committee – Update</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.1.3</b>	<b>IAAC LMOC &amp; LSMOC Project Request for Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report Draft Potential Conditions</b> Reeve Howse, Councillor Bittner, Steve Topping and Mark Lowdon to meet with IAAC on Thursday, May 2, 2024 re: Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project - Request for Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and Draft Potential Conditions - Due May 8.	
	<b>7.2</b>	<b>BELLMts - Municipal Right of Way M014358 N 9-28-8W</b> Item to be removed until an update can be provided.	
	<b>7.3</b>	<b>A. Bernier - Subdivision 01-2023</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.3.1</b>	<b>Development Agreement</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.3.2</b>	<b>Drainage Plan</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.4</b>	<b>Lake St. Martin FN - Drainage</b> RM sent a letter to Lake St. Martin First Nations Chief and Council, Indigenous Service Canada and Manitoba Uske on April 18, 2024.	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.5</b>	<b>Gyp Fire Department - Rescue Van</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.6</b>	<b>RM EDO and MEC Position</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.7</b>	<b>B. Fenning - NW 19-26-8W - Road Construction</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>7.8</b>	<b>D. Gall - Birch Lake Road - Update</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
	<b>8</b>	<b>New Business</b>	
	<b>8.1</b>	<b>Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulation Changes</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
2024-192	<b>8.2</b>	<b>Interlake Tourism Association - AGM</b> Councillor Gould Councillor Metner  BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Assistant CAO Devan McCoubrey at the Interlake Tourism Association 2024 Annual General Meeting being held in Gimli on May 23, 2024 as a municipal expense.	<b>CARRIED</b>

- 8.3

**Ashern Rodeo Inc. - RCMP Musical Ride Event**

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**8.4 Interlake Municipal Recreation Association - Inaugural Meeting**  
 Councillor Gould  
 Councillor Bittner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Charlotte Lindell at the inaugural meeting of the Interlake Municipal Recreation Association being held at Stonewall Quarry Park Heritage Center on April 30, 2024, as a municipal expense.

CARRIED
  
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**8.5 Public Works Request - N 16-29-8W - Culvert Replacement**  
 Councillor Metner  
 Councillor Lindell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal Public Works Manager is authorized to arrange for replacement of damaged culvert at the following location: Birch Bay Road - N 16-29-8W 30ft x 18 inch steel. Estimated cost of project is \$3,000.00.

CARRIED
  
- 8.5.1

**Public Works Request N 16-29-8 - Ditch Cleanout**

Request has been added to the Municipal Drainage Program.
  
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**RM Land Lease to G&T Construction**

G & T Construction to be contacted with several private land options.
  
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**RM Parade Float Budget**

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**Steep Rock Cottage Development**

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**In Camera**
  
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**9.1 In Camera - Preliminary Matter**  
 Councillor Jabusch  
 Councillor Bittner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into an In Camera session pursuant to Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss a matter under:

152(3)(b) (iii) a matter that is in its preliminary stages and respecting which discussion in public could prejudice a municipality’s ability to carry out its activities or negotiations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any items discussed while in camera must be kept confidential until the matter is discussed at a meeting of Council in public.

CARRIED
  
- 2024-191

**9.2 Out of Camera**  
 Councillor Jabusch  
 Councillor Bittner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now move out of camera and resume the regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED
  
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**Delegations and Public Hearings**
  
- 10.1

**11:00 a.m. Lakeshore Handivan - Keith Lundale**

Mr. Lundale has rescheduled his delegation for May 9, 2024.

**10.2 11:30 a.m. Sgt Munro Lundar/Ashern RCMP**

Sergeant Munro met with Council to review the 2024-2025 Annual Performance Plan for the Ashern/Lundar Detachment.

**10.3 1:00 p.m. MB Transportation & Infrastructure LMOC and LSMOC Meeting**

Council met with representatives from Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. Topics discussed included:

- 1, Environmental update
- 2, Cattle Runoff update – Meisner and Weigelt
- 3, MTI properties - 2024 Grass Cutting Tenders
4. Follow ups

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**Adjournment**

Councillor Bittner  
Councillor Gould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council shall now adjourn to meet again at the next regular meeting of Council on May 9, 2024.

Adjournment time: 3:51 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Chief Administrative Officer Shelly Schwitek

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Reeve Craig Howse