

Town of Coronach - Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes for the regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Coronach held at
212 1 St E, Coronach Town Office, Coronach, Saskatchewan on March 4, 2025 at 6:00pm

PRESENT: Mayor Cal Martin presided, with Councillor Nathan Guskjolen, Councillor Lyle Hancock, Councillor Ken Martin, Councillor Tim Hammel, Councillor Claire Manske, and Councillor Ron Mamer and Chief Administrative Officer Renea Paridaen.

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum present Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA:
57.2025 Guskjolen/Manske:
That the agenda be amended as follows:
New Business: 11. Sean Wallace email added
In Camera: Proposed Property Transfer added, SSR Proposed Projects added

Carried.

MINUTES:
58.2025 Mamer/K. Martin:
That the regular meeting minutes from the January 14, 2025 and February 11, 2025 Council Meetings be approved as circulated.

Carried.

ASSESSMENT ROLL CHANGE OF TIMEFRAME:
59.2025 Hancock/Manske:
That resolution #46.2025 be amended to read as follows: That Council open the assessment/tax roll from February 21, 2025 to April 29, 2025 for the 2025 fiscal year.

Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:
60.2025 Mamer/Hammel:
That the Town of Coronach acknowledge all consent agenda items listed and THAT they be read, filed, and accepted for information purposes.

Carried.

Councillor Mamer exited Council Chambers at 7:10p.m.

REPORTS:
61.2025 Hancock/Manske:
That all reports be accepted as presented.

Carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT & ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS:
62.2025 Guskjolen/Mamer:
That the Statements of Financial Activities and Account Reconciliations for the period ending February 28, 2025 be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

Councillor Mamer returned to Council Chambers at 7:14p.m.

LISTS OF ACCOUNTS:
63.2025 K. Martin/Hancock:

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That the accounts listed for approval, Cheques No. 9302 to 9312, direct withdrawal and online payments, totaling \$257,584.49 be approved for payment.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMA RESOLUTION:

64.2025

Hancock/Manske:

That Council amend resolution #10.2025 to state the following:

Re-establish Regional Economic Development Authorities (REDAs) and Support Economic Development Officers (EDOs) in Saskatchewan

Whereas municipalities in Saskatchewan play a crucial role in economic development, yet many face limited capacity, financial constraints, and workforce shortages, which hinder their ability to attract investment, support local businesses, and drive regional prosperity; and

Whereas the 2021 Fostering Trading Area Economies Report by the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance (SEDA) highlights the need for stronger regional collaboration, investment attraction strategies, and resource-sharing among municipalities to enhance economic resilience and growth; and

Whereas Saskatchewan's Growth Plan emphasizes a significant focus on "strong foundations for the next decade of growth" and highlights key goals such as "growing locally: growing small business and tourism" and "encouraging cooperation between municipalities on infrastructure investments", all of which require strong regional economic development strategies; and

Whereas the Ministry of Government Relations 2024-25 Business Plan states that "Government Relations works to support local governments with investments and tools to serve their residents, stimulate the local and provincial economy, and partner with neighbouring communities, which leads to a vibrant and healthy Saskatchewan for all", reinforcing the need for structured regional economic development initiatives; and

Whereas the globalization of markets, labour, and supply chains has significantly reduced economic stability for many municipalities, particularly smaller communities that are already stretched thin delivering core municipal services such as infrastructure, public safety, and recreation, leaving economic development as an afterthought; and

Whereas *Regional Economic Development Authorities* (REDAs) previously played a crucial role in supporting municipalities through investment attraction, business retention strategies, economic diversification efforts, and regional collaboration, but their effectiveness has been severely limited due to the loss of provincial funding; and

Whereas many small urban and remote municipalities lack funding to employ permanent Economic Development Officers (EDOs) or Community Development Officers (CDOs), limiting their ability to drive local investment, business expansion, workforce development, and economic planning; and

Whereas *Regional Economic Development Officers* (EDOs) and Community Development Officers (CDOs) are critical for enhancing regional collaboration, improving infrastructure, increasing tax revenue, attracting investment, and addressing socio-economic challenges that affect local economies;

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Therefore be it resolved that SUMA seek the support of SARM and SEDA to advocate the Government of Saskatchewan to:

- Re-establish and provide stable, long-term funding for Regional Economic Development Authorities (REDAs) to ensure municipalities have the necessary financial and technical resources to:
 - Develop and implement regional investment attraction strategies to promote business expansion and job creation;
 - Enhance regional collaboration between municipalities, First Nations, industry, and economic development organizations to build sustainable regional economies;
 - Support small urban and remote municipalities in hiring Economic Development Officers (EDOs) and Community Development Officers (CDOs) to lead local economic initiatives, improve business retention, and drive regional economic growth.

Be it further resolved that SUMA advocate that any re-established economic development authority (or region) be locally driven and operated, ensuring that communities have a direct voice in economic activity and priorities to reflect local needs and aspirations.

Background:

Saskatchewan experimented with voluntary self-organized smaller development corporations during the 1980s. These were followed, in 1992, by 28 formal Regional Economic Development Authorities (REDA's) funded by the Province of Saskatchewan. In 2008, funding for REDAs was re-allocated to thirteen economic regions. These geographic areas, called enterprise regions, were determined by the Province based on commuting patterns and labor distribution. In 2012, the enterprise region program was dissolved and provincial funding for regional economic development was terminated.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

THRIVE WEALTH CHANGE OF SIGNORS:

65.2025

Mamer/Guskjolen:

That Council update signing authority for the Thrive Wealth Strategies Town account, to the following individuals listed below and THAT all other individuals be removed effective immediately:

Mayor Calvin (Cal) Martin

Deputy Mayor Ronald (Ron) Mamer

Chief Administrative Officer Renea Paridaen

Assistant Administrator Tammy Mills

Carried.

HISTORY BOOK PROCESSING:

66.2025

Manske/Hancock:

That Council proceed with a re-print of "The Turning of the Sod" history book with the following stipulations:

-Individuals interested would provide 100 percent of the cost up front, which would be \$100.00 (this would include tax, credit card fees, and town staff admin processing time)

-Shipping and handling costs, if required, would be an additional cost

-Wider advertising through Town, R.M., and other locations be utilized to spread the news of a re-print.

Carried.

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BORDERLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL DONATION:

67.2025

C. Martin/Guskjolen:

That Council donate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Borderland Music Festival Association for 2025.

Carried.

Councillor Mamer exited Council Chambers at 8:28p.m.

Councillor Mamer returned to Council Chambers at 8:30p.m.

NINE RAILWAY AVENUE EAST LISTING:

68.2025

Manske/Hammel:

That Council list nine (9) Railway Avenue East, Lots 3-4, Block 2, Plan BV2817 with a realtor, effective immediately.

Carried.

MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA:

69.2025

Guskjolen/Manske:

That Council motion to move in camera at 8:38p.m. to discuss Budget 2025/CCBF Designate, Proposed Property Transfer, and SSR Proposed Projects, per Sections 16, 17, and 18 under Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried.

MOTION TO LEAVE IN CAMERA:

70.2025

Mamer/K. Martin:

That Council states that the time being 9:26pm, that the "In Camera" meeting is concluded and the Regular Meeting of Council be resumed.

Carried.

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN READY (SSR) RE-ALLOCATION:

71.2025

Guskjolen/Manske:

That Council approve the following re-allocation of South Saskatchewan Ready (SSR) funding, pending the re-allocations are eligible under the grant agreement, the contracts with recipients be amended for such expenses, and THAT the expenses are spent according to the agreements:

Prestige Leather- \$5,808.00

Rustic Tavern- \$8,200.00

Local Intel Inc. (Website/Profile)- \$1720.50

GoDaddy (SSL Certificate)- \$279.98

EDY- \$4,000.00

Big Muddy Auto- reduce grant from \$17,304.00 to \$9,104.00

Carried.

ADJOURN:

72.2025

C. Martin: That this meeting adjourns at 9:26 p.m.

Carried.



Calvin Martin
Mayor



Renea Paridaen
Chief Administrative Officer