

Minutes from the November 28, 2024 regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Hawarden held at 7:00 p.m. in the Hawarden Community Centre. The meeting was attended by Mayor Dale Blenkinsop, Councillors Ray Chrétien, Steve Dingham, Char Edwards, Lorrie Harrison, and Administrator Kelly Dodd.

Administrator Kelly Dodd called the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

All members of the new council completed their oath of offices and were sworn in as members of council. Everyone completed their public disclosure forms. Mayor Dale Blenkinsop assumed chair at 7:08 p.m. He welcomed everyone to council.

Approval of Agenda

135/2024 EDWARDS: That we approve the agenda as presented. Carried

October 17th Minutes

136/2024 BLINKINSOP: That we table the minutes of the October 17th, 2024, regular meeting until the December regular meeting. Carried

Delegate: Heather Collier spoke to council at 7:11 p.m. Heather was a former contracted Water Tester for the Village of Hawarden. She left personal items upon her exit from the role. She will provide a list of dates and times tomorrow, November 29, that work for her in the next 2-3 weeks, to collect her items to administration, and a time will be scheduled. She rejoined the gallery at 7:13 p.m.

Returning Officer's Declaration Of Results.

137/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That council acknowledges receipt of the Returning Officer's Declaration of results from the General Election held November 13, 2024. Carried.

Deputy Mayor

138/2024 DINGMAN: That Lorrie Harrison be appointed Deputy Mayor. Carried.

Signing Authority

139/2024 EDWARDS: That we change signing authority and the Prairie Centre Credit Union, effective November 29, 2024, to include Mayor Dale Blenkinsop, Deputy Mayor Lorrie Harrison, and Administrator Kelly Dodd, and that the Administrator and Mayor shall sign all cheques on behalf on the Municipality, or in the absence of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor. Carried

Water Records

140/2024 DINGHAM: That council accept the Oct 2024 and Nov 2024 Water Records to date as presented, and that Councilor Char Edwards be authorized to review and sign the records each month on councils behalf. Carried

Reports

141/2024 EDWARDS: That we accept the Administration & Water Reports as presented. Carried

In-Camera Session

142/2024 HARRISON: That this meeting go in-camera at 7:28 p.m. to discuss matters, compliant with Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act*.
Carried.

Mayor Dale Blenkinsop, Councillors Ray CHRÉTIEN, Steven Dingman, Char Edwards, Lorrie Harrison, and Administrator Kelly Dodd all attended the in-camera session.

Water Tester Tony Suarez Remained until 7:53 p.m. and then left the session.

Return from in-camera

143/2024 HARRISON: That council return from the in-camera session at 9:55 p.m.
Carried

Office Hours

144/2024 HARRISON: That office hours be suspended until 2025, pending further council discussions, and that StarLink internet be implemented as a pilot project immediately.
Carried

Cemetery Committee

145/2024 BLENKINSOP: That cemetery funds be amalgamated into one account separate from the general municipal account, and that municipal signing authorities remain effect for this account.
Carried

Regular Meeting

146/2024 EDWARDS: That the next regular meeting of council be held Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Hall.
Carried

Adjournment

147/2024 CHRÉTIEN: That this meeting be adjourned at 10:02 p.m.
Carried.
