

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CRAIK NO. 222
Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday April 17th, 2025 in the Rural Municipality of Craik No. 222/Town of Craik Council Chambers in Craik, Saskatchewan

The regular meeting of the Council for the Rural Municipality of Craik No. 222 was called to order by Reeve Derek Dixon at 7:00 am.

Present:	Reeve Councillor	Division 1 Division 2 Division 3 Division 4 Division 5 Division 6	Derek Dixon Darrel Werdal Ron Gilmour Trewett Chaplin Wayne Sarich Ted Hassett Joel Dueck
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Also, Present: Interim Administrator Tim Fox

Regrets:

Delegates:	Brad Johnson Steve Rio Tinto Grant McLellan	– Foreman - Wood Gundy - Peter Dodson - GJ Cattle	8:00 am 8:30 am - Electronic 9:00 am 10:00 am (discretionary Permit Application Feed Lot)
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**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:
2025-069**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sarich: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council hereby adopts the agenda for the Regular Meeting held on April 17th, 2025 as presented, with the addition of:

- Dust Control committee

CARRIED

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
2025-070**

Moved by Councillor Joel Dueck: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council hereby adopts the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 19th, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

**FINANCIALS:
2025-071**

Moved by Councillor Ted Hassett: **THAT** the March 2025 financials presented to the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council—including RBC March Bank Statement, RBC March Savings Account Statement, March SARM HISA CIBC Account, and RBC March Visa—are approved by Council.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

2025-072

Moved by Councillor Darrel Werdal: **THAT** the following correspondence presented be received as information

- Canada Building Fund Ins #2 -\$8,296.00
- SAMA Revaluation assessed Value Trend
- Municipal Rev Sharing \$227,645.00
- Water Security Agency
- Sask Government Relations School Mill rates
- Sask Municipal Hail Annual report
- Municipal Potash Tax Sharing

CARRIED

Foreman's Report

Brad Johnson entered the Council Chambers at 7:30 am

Brad Johnson gave his report for Public Works.

Brad Johnson left the Council Chambers at 8:00 am and did not return

CRUSHING – USE OF 20" JAW – ADDITIONAL COST APPROVAL - G & D Crushing Ltd.

2025-073

Moved by Councillor Trewett Chaplin: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve an additional cost of \$1.00 per cubic yard to the accepted bid from G&D Crushing Ltd., which was set at \$4.50 per cubic yard in 2024, for crushing operations in 2025.

CARRIED

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS APPROVAL

2025-074

Moved by Councillor Joel Dueck: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve the inclusion of employee Robin Folk in the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Employee Benefits program, effective April 1, 2025.

CARRIED

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS:

2025-075

Moved by Councillor Ron Gilmour: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve the March 2025 Receipts and Payments as presented to Council.

CARRIED

R.M. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

2025-076

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sarich: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve the April 17th, 2025 Accounts Payables, including Cheques #11941–11970 totaling \$74,820.70, and Electronic Payments as presented to Council:

- SETS Horizon: \$127.12 and \$195.25
- Prairie South: \$7,220.80
- Rec Gen: \$10,807.69
- MEPP: \$5,924.50

CARRIED

R.M. PAYROLL:

2025-077

Moved by Councillor Joel Dueck: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve the March 2025 payroll in the amount of \$34,991.15 as presented to Council.

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PUNSHON, FLEMING ABDULLAH FINANCIAL – CIBC PRIVATE WEALTH WOOD GUNDY

At 8:30 am, representatives Steve Abdullah and Kevin Punshon from Punshon, Fleming Abdullah Financial – CIBC Private Wealth Wood Gundy, presented investment options exclusive to Saskatchewan Rural Municipalities to the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council Chambers via electronic means. The presentation concluded at 9:00 am.

RIO TINTO EXPLORATION CANADA INC.

Peter Dodson and Warren Riemer from RIO TINTO EXPLORATION CANADA INC. entered the R.M. of Craik Council Chambers at 9:00 am to give a presentation on behalf of Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc.

(RTX) has been advancing the Texas potash exploration project for over two years, conducting exploration drilling, seismic surveys, and a desktop Conceptual Study, while also completing archeological and socioeconomic studies and fostering positive engagement with Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. In 2025, RTX plans to pursue permitting for a small-scale solution mining test facility ("Texas Pilot Project"), with construction targeted for 2026, ensuring no surface storage of brine or salable potash and committing to full reclamation within 36 months of project completion. RTX will submit a Technical Proposal later in 2025 and engage with the community in spring to discuss the project and address concerns, followed by a call to initiate further engagement.

The presentation concluded at 10:00 am

OLD BUSINESS:

SALE OF MUNICIPAL RESERVES: ELOISE REDDEKOPP TO AMEND MOTION 2024-181 2025-78

Moved by Councillor Ted Hassett: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve the sale of part of Municipal Reserve 7, located at Blk MR7, Plan No. 102152595 on SE 23-24-28-W2M, to Eloise Reddekopp for \$2,000.00 per acre. All surveying, ICS, and administrative fees incurred during the sale process shall be included. Council authorizes the Administrator to prepare the required documentation pursuant to Section 199 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007.

CARRIED

JOINT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CRAIK AND THE RM OF CRAIK NO. 222

2025-079

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sarich: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council approve the updated Joint Administration Agreement with the Town of Craik, effective January 1st, 2025, under which the Town will pay \$80,000 per annum to be paid in equal installments over 12 months for administration services. This amount includes costs previously paid separately for utilities, office supplies, and maintenance, resulting in a net administration cost of approximately \$68,082, the Town will remain responsible for specific software and IT support costs as outlined in the agreement.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

DIVISION BOUNDARY DISCUSSION

Council engaged in a brief discussion regarding Policy 2024-05: Division Boundary Review Policy, however, no direction was provided on this matter.

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DEV PERMIT APPLICATION – FEEDLOT

Grant McLellan, Senior Strategy Advisor for Prairie Sky Strategy, along with a delegation representing the applicants, GJ Cattle and Crop, Jordan and Graeme Lynn, entered Council Chambers at 10:00 a.m. to present their application for a development permit:

- **Property Location:** NW and SW 19-21-27-W2
- **Proposed Development:** Expansion of existing cattle pens to accommodate a 12,000 animal unit beef cattle feedlot.
- **Proposed Dates:**
 - Commencement: June 2025
 - Completion: November 2026

Council acknowledged the application and indicated that the R.M. of Craik No. 222 would review it thoroughly, endeavoring to process the application promptly with a target decision date at the May or June 2025 Council meeting.

The delegation exited Council Chambers at 10:45 a.m. and did not return.

COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES POLICY

2025-080

Moved by Councillor Ted Hassett : **THAT** the RM of Craik No. 222 set the following Council Remuneration rates effective July 1, 2025:

Councillor

Council meetings, Convention rates, training and seminars, Inspection rates - \$250.00/day

Reeve

Council meetings, Convention rates, training and seminars, Inspection rates, Reeve Office, Reeve Supervision - \$300.00/day

And further:

Per Diem rates for the R.M. of Craik No.222 Council and Employees, effective April 1, 2025 be set as follows:

Breakfast: \$15.00, Lunch \$25.00, Supper \$35.00 and the mileage rates be set at \$0.60/km

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE R.M. OF CRAIK NO. 222 - 2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2025-081

Moved by Councillor Joel Dueck: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 approve the 2024 Financial Statements and Summary Financial Statements of the R.M. of Craik No. 222 as presented to Council and authorize the Reeve and Administrator to sign:

- acknowledgment of Management’s responsibility
- Management’s representation letter.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE R.M. OF CRAIK NO. 222 COMMERCIAL AUTO POLICY

2025-082

Moved by Councillor Wayne Sarich: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 approve the Commercial Auto Policy of the R.M. of Craik No. 222 as presented and with the following changes:

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| 1. 2020 Kenworth - | \$240,000 |
| 6. 2024 Midland Trailer - | \$ 91,500 |
| 8. Decap Trailer - | \$ 37,500 |

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CRAIK SCHOOL

2025-083

Moved by Councillor Ron Gilmour: That the R.M. of Craik No. 222 sponsor the following:

- Craik School Golf Tournament in the amount of \$200.00 for the year 2025
- Craik School Grade 12 Highest Academic award in the amount of \$100.00 for the Year 2025, as per request.

CARRIED

Reeve Dixon recessed the Council meeting for Lunch at 12:05

Reeve Dixon left the Council Chambers at 12:35 pm and did not return.

Deputy Reeve Werdal convened the Council meeting at 12:40 pm

ROAD SIDE SPRAYER PURCHASE

2025-084

Moved by Councillor Ron Gilmour: **THAT** the R.M. of Craik No. 222 Council hereby approves the purchase of a 12ft Roadside shielded sprayer from Ag Shield Ltd. Benito, MB Order No. 40062 for \$29,604.75 taxes and freight included.

Options included:

Honda Pump, 5ft right boom assy, 7ft center boom assy, 425 tank, lower end nozzle kit, fire nozzle kit, hose reel kit and universal eye wash assembly.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

2025-085

Moved by Councillor Joel Dueck to adjourn at 12:45 pm.

CARRIED

REEVE - DEREK DIXON

ADMINISTRATOR - TIM FOX