



MINUTES – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Meeting of Valley Waters Council was held on July 8, 2025, 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Those present were Mayor Randy McKnight, Deputy Mayor Carey Beth Gillis, Councillors Harold Keith, Charity McDonald, Stephen Muir, Lindsey Ganong and Mary Francis Keirstead. Staff: Angela McLean, Jeff Landry and Jackie Clement.

Motion: To approve the meeting agenda, with following amendments: remove Stephen Stone (Dillon Consulting) presentation.

Moved by: Councillor Ganong

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

No recordings of Conflicts of Interest.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

CAO's REPORT: Councillor Ganong inquired about the change that DTI now expects Municipalities to manage jobs that are not specifically for road surfaces. She also asked if the Norton Works Department is expected to look after all of Valley Waters. Angela explained they do not expect us to do the work, but we will be responsible to tender the job and then be reimbursed by DTI. Other councillors shared their concerns regarding this issue and Councillor McDonald asked if this is an issue that should be raised with UMN. Council agreed. Councillor Ganong asked for update on lights on-the trail, however the committee had not met yet to discuss recommendations. She also asked if we are still recruiting for the third position that was budgeted for. This recruitment was put on hold following Angela's retirement notice. The new CAO, Jeff Landry, will decide on requirements for the position. Councillor Muir inquired why the Ice Cream stand had gone to PRAC after council already approved it. Angela stated that the Building Inspector and Planner determined that a PRAC decision was required. Deputy Mayor Gillis inquired about what happens with the Canada Day funds that were earmarked for Norton fireworks (cancelled due to weather). Angela will investigate. There was discussion on authority of the RSC Trustee to approve the KRSC Budget.

Introduction and Readings of By-Laws and Policies:

Motion: to proceed to 1st and 2nd Reading (by title), An Amendment to the Valley Waters Subdivision By-Law 24-12-02

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Gillis did the reading twice.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. KRSC Building Permit Report, June 2025 was not available at time of meeting

B. Memo from Dept. Local Government re: RSC Trusteeship. Mayor McKnight reported that he was the first to meet with the new Trustee as he is starting the process of getting to know the board issues and determine next steps.

C. Response from Dept. Local Government re: Decision of Local Governance Commission

NEW BUSINESS & CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS:

Motion: to write to Dept. Natural Resources Minister John Herron in support of counting land that is already being conserved for other purposes, toward the Provincial conservation targets.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

Councillor Muir voted Nay.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: to approve CAO Jeff Landry as a signing authority for Valley Waters as of July 8, 2025. Replacing Angela McLean.

Moved by: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Councillor Muir

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: to direct the CAO to apply for a demolition permit for the structures at 441 Route 124 and seek bids for demolition and clean-up of the property and apply for cost recovery from the property owner.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Keith

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: to bring forward the following issues for consideration as UMNB Zone 3 resolutions:

- Governance support from the province for new municipalities
- DTI and new downloads of tendering
- Advocacy for home improvement grants with government support

Moved by: Councillor Ganong

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: to send a congratulatory certificate to Chris Cummings on his induction into the NB Country Music Hall of Fame in October.

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Gillis

Seconded by: Councillor Ganong

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion: to seek quotes for site prep, foundation and installation for gabled roof option. Apply for funding through RDC Rural Community Fund, and Sussex and Area Community Foundation prior to deadlines.

Moved by: Councillor Keith

Seconded by: Councillor McDonald

MOTION CARRIED.

Angela McLean asked for Council assistance in helping raise funds through the Community and obtain sponsorship for the difference.


COMMITTEE REPORTS, MAYOR'S AND COUNCILLORS' REMARKS:

A. RSC Committees: All meetings remain on hold

B. UMNZ Zone Reps. Next meeting is July 24 and if Council has any resolutions they must be submitted at this meeting.

C. Way of Life Advisory Committee. Advisory Committees on hold for the summer.

Motion to Adjourn: at 7:52 pm by Councillor Muir


MAYOR


CLERK/TREASURER

