

**VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**March 25, 2024**

Call to Order Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette, Councillor Roy Krahulec, CAO Bernice Macyk in attendance at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Agenda Councillor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Agenda  
 Res.49-2024 Carried.

Regular Meeting Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Minutes of the February 15,  
 Res.50-2024 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

2023 Financial Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the 2023 audited Financial  
 Statements Statements as prepared by Seniuk & Company.  
 Res.51-2024 Carried.

Clayton Didier Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau  
 Brand Place Strategy accepts the project estimate to a maximum of \$35,000.00 for the Brand  
 Res.53-2024 Place Strategy, Identity and Website proposal from “The Group” with the  
 primary contact to be Clayton Didier; with the cost to include “The Group”  
 completing future proposed project applications for grants on behalf of the  
 Village of Waskatenau; and to provide the Village of Waskatenau the cost  
 estimate to maintain the new website on a monthly or annual basis.  
 Carried.

Wildfire Rapid Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau Council  
 Response Program agree to establish a Wildfire Rapid Response program, fully funded by  
 Res.52-2024 Smoky Lake County for the Smoky Lake Region, in response to the  
 anticipated drought forecast and current drought conditions being  
 experienced throughout Alberta in Year 2024, and stipulate the program  
 to include the following points:  
 ▪ commencing April 15, 2024, for approximately six weeks, subject to  
 change, depending on snow melt and precipitation,  
 ▪ involving up to a maximum of four members per day, and with  
 ▪ firefighters being provided a standby cost in the amount of \$100.00  
 per day or a day-rate in the amount of \$300.00 per member; and  
 ▪ if necessary, with an out-of-region firefighter’s rate in the amount of  
 \$300.00 per day, plus meals and mileage.  
 Carried.

Capital Region Mayor Richard Warren moves that be it resolved that in keeping with  
 Assessment Review with Bylaw #626/2010, Council of the Village of Waskatenau  
 Board Members hereby appoint those individuals listed in Schedule A for a term  
 Res.54-2024 ending December 31, 2024, as members of the Assessment Review  
 Board that may from time to time be required to hear assessment  
 related complaints as permitted in the Municipal Government Act,  
 RSA. 2000, C. M-26.

Schedule A:

1. Chartrand, Darlene
2. Exley, Sheryl
2. Groszko, Tina
3. Henning, Stewart
4. Knowles, Richard
5. Meier, Denis
6. Ralph, Raymond

Carried.

Capital Region ARB Appoint Chairperson Res.55-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that in keeping with the Municipal Government Act, RSA. 2000 C M-26, the Village of Waskatenau appoints Raymond Ralph as Chairperson for the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) for the Village of Waskatenau. Carried.
Capital Region ARB Appoint Clerk Res.56-2024	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that in keeping with the Municipal Government Act, RSA. 2000 C M-26, the Village of Waskatenau appoints Gerryl Amarin as the Clerk for the Local Assessment Review Board (LARB) and the Composite Assessment Review Board (CARB) for the Village of Waskatenau. Carried.
Tax Recovery Arrears List Res.57-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to register the March 31 Tax Recovery Arrears List for the following properties: Tax Roll #1500 - Block G, Pt.SW-16-59-19-W4th Tax Roll #2300 - Block D, Pt. SW16-59-19-W4th. Carried.
Physicians & Health Care Committee Emergency Room Services Res.58-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Village of Waskatenau sends a letter to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Government of Alberta Health Minister to promote removing red tape hindering the attraction and retention of physicians and healthcare professionals affecting the George McDougall Health Care Centre's Emergency Room Services and Medical Clinics in the Smoky Lake Region. Carried.
Putting Patients First Campaign Res.59-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau promotes the Patient First Letter Writing marketing campaign as requested by the Smoky Lake Region Physicians and Health Care Professional Committee to residents and stakeholders through the following marketing channels: letter mailouts to residents; municipal website and social media; posters, newsletters. Carried.
Alberta Municipalities Res.60-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the email received from Alberta Municipalities on February 22, 2024 regarding Join the Call to Keep Political Parties out of Local Elections for information purposes. Carried.
Alberta Transportation TRAVIS-MJ Res.61-2024	Mayor Richard Warren moves to execute the Memorandum of Agreement for the Transportation Routing and Vehicle Information System Multi Jurisdiction (TRAVIS-MJ) to address industry's need for an electronic commercial vehicle permitting system with Alberta Transportation. Carried.
Next Generation 9-1-1 Agreement Res.62-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau executes the Next Generation 9-1-1 Local Government Service Agreement with Telus. Carried.
Letter of Support Go East Res.63-2024	Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves that Village of Waskatenau provides a letter of Support to Go East Regional Tourism for their application to the Travel Alberta Cooperative Investment Fund for grant funding. Carried.
Correspondence	Volunteer Alberta – grant awarded. Alberta Health – water sample results. Alberta Health – Smoky Lake emergency department closures (dates). K. Spencer – engine retarded brakes. ATCO – annual franchise report. LGFF grant – training session. Alberta Municipalities – spring caucus. Municipal Affairs – provincial budget 2024. National Police Federation – advocate to increase Alberta RCMP resources. Alberta Emergency Management – annual review visit.
Correspondence Res.64-2024	Councillor Roy Krahulec moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information. Carried.

Financial Statement  
Res.65-2024

Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves the February 28, 2024 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Smoky Lake  
Foundation

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Smoky Lake Foundation meetings on February 16, 2024 and March 22, 2024.

- CAO report.
- Floor polishing equipment was purchased.
- Working on transportation options for residents.
- Board completed a tour of the Lodge.
- Looking at replacing the maintenance truck in Vilna.
- Looking at options to repair or replace the dishwasher.
- ASHA Conference attended by Board members and CAO.
- Project report update.

Smoky Lake Fire  
& Rescue

Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended the Smoky Lake Region Fire & Rescue meeting on February 26, 2024.

- Reviewed Action item list.
- Firefighter incentive program.
- Firefighter on-call program for wildfire response.
- Volunteer firefighter retirement program. – Policy already in place.
- Smoky Lake County offering 1001 training course for volunteer firefighters.
- Used ladder truck for high rise buildings.

Alberta Emergency  
Management

Bernice Macyk attended the Alberta Emergency Management annual review visit on February 28, 2024.

- Bylaw review.
- Emergency Plan
- Annual review report will be sent to the regional municipalities.

Joint Smoky Lake  
County/Village  
Annexation

Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette, Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended the Joint Smoky Lake County/Village meeting on February 28, 2024.

- Reviewed taxes and assessments of lots within proposed annexation area.
- Waskatenau assessment information.
- Gas utility services – Apex Utilities and Smoky Lake County.
- Smoky Lake County will prepare cost estimate for Apex to purchase gas lines from the County.
- Village Franchise agreement for gas services with Apex Utilities.
- No other cost-shared opportunities discussed between Village and County.
- Village currently has no opportunities for growth.

Highway 28/63 Water

Councillor Roy Krahulec attended the Highway 28/63 Water meeting on February 29, 2024.

- Water shortage plan – no municipalities have a Bylaw or Plan.
- A cost estimate was received for the Warspite generator replacement.
- Muni-Corr wants to increase their fee to the Commission.
- Financial Report.

Lakeland Catholic  
School Division

Mayor Richard Warren, Councillor Roy Krahulec and Bernice Macyk attended a meeting with Lakeland Catholic School Division Superintendent Sheldon Germain and Holy Family School Principal Farrah Ollikka on March 20, 2024.

- Reviewed new School Design, Library Building, Ball Diamond.
- Proposed construction timeline.

Evergreen Waste

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on March 21, 2024.

- The Fire Inspector confirmed approval to use tire recycle aggregate for gravel replacement at the site.

- The Manager attended a conference on Drone technology.
- Looking at a potential revenue stream for recycling plastics.
- Beaver River consideration for a 1 year contract to haul to the regional site. The tipping fees are being finalized with Beaver River.
- There is a large stockpile of mattresses and site be renting a mattress shredder to the reduce volume.

Res.66-2024 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

**Executive Session**  
No Executive Session

Accounts Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period February 15, 2024 to March 21, 2024.

Res.67-2024 Deputy Mayor Tyson Berlinguette moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$62,841.55. Carried.

Meeting Date Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will  
Res.68-2024 be on April 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.  
Res.69-2024 Carried.

**VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAYOR**

Per: \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**