

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the council of the R.M. of Arm River No. 252 held in Council Chambers at the R.M. Office in Davidson, SK on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 commencing at 8:36 a.m.

Present: Reeve: Wayne Obrigewitsch
Councillors: Blaine Smith, Kris Williams, Brian Schmidt,
Brian Vibert and Allan McNabb
Administrator: Michelle Riecken
Regrets: David Gregor

57/26 Call to Order: Wayne Obrigewitsch: That as a quorum is present the meeting is called to order.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

58/26 Agenda: Blaine Smith: That the agenda be adopted as amended and add the following:
Under 11. Reeve and Councillor Forum 2) Health Foundation Meeting Report
3) SARM Convention Report
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No Conflicts of Interest were declared at this time regarding agenda items.

59/26 Minutes: Brian Schmidt: That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 10, 2026 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Amanda Miller representing DMM Energy attended the meeting at 8:45 a.m. and presented information on their fuel program.
Ms. Miller left the meeting at 9:07 a.m.**

Taylor Muirhead attended the meeting at 9:11 a.m. and presented Public Works Report

60/26 CMI: Brian Vibert: That council authorizes Councillor Smith to discuss required repairs with Western Sales for the John Deere 6150M Tractor.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

61/26 Cold Mix: Blaine Smith: That council authorizes purchasing a pallet of cold mix at the most economical price.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council created a Task List for outside employees.

Taylor Muirhead left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

62/26 Report: Brian Schmidt: That council accepts public works report as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

63/26 Correspond: Allan McNabb: That correspondence be acknowledged as received and accepted as presented and be filed:
B. Kropf – reply to letter sent by RM
SARM Letter – Division 5 Director, Blair Cummins
Crime Stoppers – Thank you
Axion Group – Heritage Service information
Davidson Library – Meeting Minutes
Davidson Childcare – RM donation information
SARM News Release – Port of Churchill
CATPC - Oct 25 Minutes & January 2026 Reports
SEPA – Membership information
T Shaw letter - cattle traceability
DFD – Feb 4/26 Meeting Minutes & 2025 AGM minutes
Agriculture in the Classroom – Info on Program and membership/sponsorship
North SK River Basin Council – 2026 Weed inspector resources
DFD – Fire call-out fee info & List of Fire Chief Duties from other Fire Depts.
CATPC – Invitation to 2026 AGM
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Blaine Smith presented the Fire Board Meeting Report

- 64/26 DVFD:** **Kris Williams:** That council supports the purchase of a Rescue Truck and retrofitting the existing Rescue Truck to a Wildland Truck. That Council agrees to allocate their 16% of the deficit required to complete the project, provided, the DVFD is able to provide 'letters of intent' or 'confirmation of donations', and with the understanding that all the funds in the reserve are to be used, so the deficit amount is established beforehand. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 65/26 Report:** **Allan McNabb:** That council accepts above report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 66/26 Fin. Reports:** **Brian Schmidt:** That Accounts Paid, Statement of Financial Activities, and Employee Payroll Summary for February 2026 be hereby approved as presented and are attached to and form a part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 67/26 Bank Recs:** **Allan McNabb:** That council approves the February 2026 Bank Reconciliation as presented by Administrator. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 68/26 A/P:** **Kris Williams:** That the Accounts Payable and Employee Bi-weekly Pay for the month of March 2026 be approved for payment and are attached to and form part of these minutes. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 69/26 Equipment:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes proceeding with valve set maintenance for the JD 770GP Grader for an estimated \$3,454.13 through Brandt Tractor Ltd. Further, Taylor Muirhead is to investigate a CMI on JD graders through Western Sales and will inform council of repairs required and estimate. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 70/26 IIP:** **Blaine Smith:** That council acknowledges receipt of approval for IIP 2526-007598 Gravel Pit Haul Road. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 71/26 Resume:** **Kris Williams:** That council did review resume for outside employment. Resume to be kept on file. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 72/26 Personnel:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes hiring D. Cote as a seasonal equipment operator employee effective Monday, April 27, 2026 for \$33.00 per hour. Further this employment will consist of a three (3) month probation period. All conditional on a "Clear for Work" confirmation from Doctor. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council reviewed Health Foundation Board Meeting report presented by representative N. Obrigewitsch

- 73/26 Report:** **Brian Vibert:** That council accepts above report as presented. Further, council suggests that funding be applied to Palliative Care Hospital Rooms. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Kris Williams presented SARM Annual Convention Report

- 74/26 Report:** **Brian Schmidt:** That council accepts SARM Annual Convention report as presented. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 75/26 T of D:** **Wayne Obrigewitsch:** That council directs administration to request a more detailed report from the Town of Davidson regarding previous year's recreational financial statements and budgets prior to committing to a donation in 2026. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- 76/26 Donation:** **Blaine Smith:** That council authorizes a \$250 donation for 2026 to Ronald McDonald House. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council did review Fuel Supply Bids for 2026

- 77/26 Fuel:** **Blaine Smith:** That council reviewed Fuel Supply Bids for 2026. Further, Council awards fuel bid to Riverbend Co-operative Ltd based on fuel pricing on March 13 of \$1.414 per litre for clear diesel. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Council did review 2026 gravel load, haul and spread bids.

78/26 Gravel: **Blaine Smith:** That council awards the 2026 Gravel Load, Haul and Spread bid to Jeff Sagen Transport for \$0.50 per yard mile (10-mile minimum hauling charge) and \$1.00 per yard loading charge, spread to be completed by August 1, 2026.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

79/26 2026 Budget: **Brian Vibert:** That council defer discussion on 2026 Budget until April Council Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

80/26 In Camera: **Brian Veibert:** That council enters into an in-camera session at 1:27 p.m. to discuss long-term planning and budget analysis as allowed under LAFOIP Section 16 and *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 and Section 12 of the Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council’s Committees.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In-camera session entered at 1:27 p.m. with Wayne Obrigewitsch, Brian Schmidt, Brian Vibert, Allan McNabb, Blaine Smith, Kris Williams, and Michelle Riecken in attendance.

81/26 Exit Camera: **Brian Vibert:** That council exit In-camera session at 1:47 pm and regular meeting resumes.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

82/26 Personnel: **Brian Vibert:** That Council requests that the RM of Willner No. 253, or it’s representatives, attend the April 7, 2026 council meeting to discuss potential future office employment.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

83/26 Adjourn: **Kris Williams:** That the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m. and the next regular meeting of council be scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026 in the RM Office in Davidson, SK.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reeve

Administrator