

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VISCOUNT No. 341

The January Regular Meeting of Council was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in the RM Council Chambers, located at 215 Bangor Avenue in Viscount, Saskatchewan, commencing at 9:00am.

Reeve: Gordon Gusikoski
Division 1 Councillor: Eric Langston Division 2 Councillor: Bruce Deneiko
Division 3 Councillor: Cameron Bentley Division 4 Councillor: Mickey Palfy
Division 5 Councillor: Myles Mann Division 6 Councillor: Keith Yaworski (via video conference)
Administrator: Joni Mack

A quorum being present, Reeve Gusikoski called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Minutes

- 2026-001 Deneiko: THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 9, 2025 be approved as read. **Carried**
- 2026-002 Langston: THAT the minutes of the special meeting held on December 16, 2025 be approved as read. **Carried**

Financial Statements

- 2026-003 Bentley: THAT the statement of Financial Activities for the month of December, 2025 be approved as presented. **Carried**

Correspondence

- 2026-004 Palfy: THAT council hereby acknowledges the following correspondence and authorizes the filing of same:
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| Evolution Training | Training Services Offered |
| Ministry of Government Relations | Un-allocation of Canada Community Building Fund |
| Plant Health Network | Winter 2025 Newsletter |
| REACT Waste Management District | November 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes |
| SaskLotteries | 2027-28 Community Grant Program |
| Watrous & Area Health & Wellness Group | January 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes |
- Carried**

SARM Property Insurance

- 2026-005 Mann: THAT we renew our property insurance policy under the SARM Property Self-Insurance Program for 2026, as presented. **Carried**

Weed Inspector

- 2026-006 Bentley: THAT the RM appoint Nancy Johns with Hope Floats Agronomy Services Inc. to be the Weed Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Viscount #341 for the year 2026. **Carried**

Pest Control Officer

- 2026-007 Yaworski: THAT the RM appoint Brian Poncelet as the Pest Control Officer for the RM of Viscount #341 for 2026. **Carried**

Board of Revision

- 2026-008 Langston: THAT the RM of Viscount No. 341 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Board of Revision process for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as members of the board: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner, and Rick Leigh.” **Carried**
- 2026-009 Deneiko: THAT the RM of Viscount No. 341 appoints Nicolle Hoskins with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule; if the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions, the secretary may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing. **Carried**

Development Appeals Board

2026-010 Bentley: THAT the RM of Viscount No. 341 appoints Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. to manage the Development Appeals Board process for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule, with the following to serve as members of the board: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, Stu Hayward, Pam Malach, Barry Clark, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovens, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner, and Rick Leigh. **Carried**

2026-011 Palfy: THAT the RM of Viscount No. 341 appoints Claudette McGuire with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Development Appeals Board for the term of January 1, 2026, through to December 31, 2026; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule; if the secretary is unable to perform secretarial functions, Wester Municipal Consulting Ltd may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing. **Carried**

Building Inspector Appointments

2026-012 Mann: THAT we appoint the following building officials to enforce the *Construction Codes Act* in the RM of Viscount #341: Ryan Shepherd, Chris Gates, Karly Heatcoat, Rashed Gervais, Ryan Paquette, Raymond Humeney, Ben McLeod, Janelle Cox, Jerry Wintonyk, Virginia Shepley, Dan Knutson, Dale Wagner, and Dwayne Williams. **Carried**

Volunteer Firemen and Safety Responders

2026-013 Yaworski: THAT the Volunteer Firemen and First Responders of the Viscount & District Fire Association be appointed as Firemen and First Responders of the RM of Viscount for 2026. **Carried**

SaskLotteries Community Grant Program

2026-014 Langston: THAT we allocate our population for the 2027 Sask Lotteries Community Grant Program as follows:
 60% for the Village of Viscount and 40% for the Special Services Area of Plunkett. **Carried**

Custom Work Rates

2026-015 Deneiko: THAT the following custom work rated be set for 2026:

Cat 140 Graders	Ratepayers \$200/hr	Non-ratepayers \$300/hr
Cat 430E Backhoe Loader		\$150/hr
TS-14's		\$300/hr
Grading & Snow Plowing Lanes		\$100/trip
Tractor & Sprayer/Mower		\$150/hr

MINIMUM CHARGE OF 1 HOUR

Carried

Construction Fencing and Crop Damage

2026-016 Bentley: THAT unless otherwise negotiated in an easement agreement prior to construction, we set the following rates during municipal road construction:

3-wire, treated post, 1 rod apart *	\$600 per ½ mile – down
	\$1,300 per ½ mile – up
Electric fence *	\$200 per ½ mile – down
	\$200 per ½ mile – up
Crop Damage	Crop Insurance Rates

*land owner must supply the fencing materials **Carried**

Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan Membership

2026-017 Yaworski: THAT the RM of Viscount join Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan for 2026. **Carried**

2026 Annual Convention Resolution

2026-018 Mann: THAT we submit the following resolution for delegates consideration at the 2026 SARM Annual Convention in Regina March 10-12, 2026:
 WHEREAS criminal record checks are becoming more and more necessary for common volunteer positions, including boards and school activities; and
 WHEREAS criminal record checks and typically only be performed at your local detachment; and
 WHEREAS rural RCMP detachments are becoming fewer and farther between, often with reduced administrative hours;
 BE IT RESOLVED that the SARM lobby the RCMP to allow for criminal record checks to be performed at any detachment throughout Canada. **Carried**

Signing Authority

- 2026-019 Bentley: THAT Charlotte Busse be added as a signatory to the Conexus Bank account. **Carried**
- 2026-020 Palfy: THAT Charlotte Busse replace Joni Mack as the representative appointed to have signing authority with Canada Revenue Agency. **Carried**

Penalty on Roll #1914

- 2026-021 Bentley: THAT we abate/cancel the amount of penalty applied since April 1, 2022 on Roll #1914, if all arrears have been paid by June 30, 2026; furthermore, that we request the school division to do the same. **Carried**

Moe Kirzinger, municipal foreman, entered the council chambers at 12:12pm and discussed training opportunities, gravel crushing after the year's gravel haul is complete, and gravel hauling.

Gravel Tender

- 2026-022 Mann: THAT we contract Melron Service Ltd. to haul the gravel throughout the RM in 2026 at the following rates:
\$0.35 cents per cubic yard/mile; \$0.90 per cubic yard for loading; and a minimum haul of 5 miles (no fuel clause). **Carried**

Amend Resolution

- 2026-023 Palfy: THAT we amend resolution #2025-182 by replacing \$500 with \$1,144.40. **Carried**

Targeted Sector Support Initiative

- 2026-024 Deneiko: THAT we join the Targeted Sector Support Initiative, as led by S4-6, for the purpose of preparing an Emergency Management Plan, with an approximate cost of \$2,000. **Carried**

Closed Session

- 2026-025 Bentley: THAT the council go into closed session at 1:31pm to discuss legal matters regarding the road allowance on SW-27-33-25-2. **Carried**

Reeve Gusikoski moved that the meeting resume regular session at 2:00pm.

Road Reconstruction

- 2026-026 Langston: THAT we inform Clinton Clavelle that the RM will be rebuilding the road on the correct RM road allowance on SW-27-33-25-2 in the 2026 construction season. **Carried**

SARM Convention Resolution

- 2026-027 Yaworski: THAT we agree to co-sponsor the following resolution, to be submitted by the RM of Prairie Rose, at the 2026 SARM Annual Convention in Regina March 10-12, 2026:
WHEREAS Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Kansas City railways are huge contributors to right of way fire that not only cause damage to said right of ways but also property damage and crop loss claims adjacent to the rail lines; and
WHEREAS grass and weed management has become nonexistent in most areas along the rail system. Garbage, old rail ties, and wire litter the right of ways, which adds to fueling fires but is also hazardous to fire fighters and the equipment that is used to extinguish fires; and
BE IT RESOLVED that the SARM Board of Directors lobby the Federal Government to ensure that all rail carriers are adhering to policy and obligations in maintaining the right of ways from garbage and foliage to help prevent fires. **Carried**

Plunkett Community Club Insurance Costs

- 2026-028 Bentley: THAT we respond to the Plunkett Community Club that the RM supplies the insurance on the building, but the cost of the insurance is not covered by the RM, as this is the way that the previous Plunkett Recreation Board operated with the former Village of Plunkett. **Carried**

Plunkett Sewer Emergency Plan

- 2026-029 Mann: THAT we adopt the Plunkett Sewer Emergency Plan as prepared. **Carried**

Winter Operator Hours

- 2026-030 Mann: THAT we pay 1.5 times the hourly wage from December 1 to March 31 for hours worked above 40 hours per week. **Carried**

Council Procedures Bylaw

- 2026-031 Yaworski: THAT a bylaw to regulate the proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committees be introduced and given first reading. **Carried**

Fire Fighting Fees Bylaw

- 2026-032 Deneiko: THAT a bylaw to authorize fire fighting services and setting a fee be introduced and given first reading. **Carried**
- 2026-033 Bentley: THAT a bylaw to authorize fire fighting services and setting a fee be read a second time. **Carried**
- 2026-034 Palfy: THAT a bylaw to authorize fire fighting services and setting a fee be given all three readings at this meeting. **Carried Unanimously**
- 2026-035 Yaworski: THAT Bylaw #2026-01, being a bylaw to authorize fire fighting services and setting a fee be read a third time, adopted, signed and sealed by the Reeve and the Administrator. **Carried**

Approval of Accounts for Payment

- 2026-036 Yaworski: THAT the accounts presented for:
cheques numbered 14309 to 14344 totaling \$194,472.97; and automatic withdrawals and fund transfers numbered 2025346 to 2025373 totaling \$81,510.82;
as annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes, be approved for payment. **Carried**

Adjournment (3:09pm)

- 2026-037 Bentley: THAT we do now adjourn. **Carried**