

Minutes from the Oct 23, 2025 meeting of the Council of the Village of Hawarden held at 7:00 p.m. in the Hawarden Municipal Office. The meeting was attended by Mayor Dale Blenkinsop, Councillors Ray Chrétien, Char Edwards, Lorrie Harrison, Stephen Dingham, and Administrator Kelly Dodd.

Mayor Dale Blenkinsop called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

203/2025 HARRISON: That we approve the agenda as presented. Carried

### **Sept 17 Public Hearing Minutes**

204/2025 EDWARDS: That the minutes of the Sept 17, 2025, public hearing be approved as presented. Carried

### **Sept 17 Regular Minutes**

205/2025 DINGMAN: That the minutes of the Sept 17, 2025, regular meeting be approved as presented. Carried

### **Sept 23 Special Meeting Minutes**

206/2025 HARRISON: That the minutes of the Sept 23, 2025, special meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Delegate: Michelle Dodds & Barb Wiwarchuk presented to council at 7:09 p.m. The delegates proposed to council that they take over the Hawarden Municipal Office as the new Canada Post. Municipal Operations would move to the Hall. Both delegates returned to the gallery at 7:16 p.m.

Delegate: Lorraine Stewart was unable to attend. She provided written correspondence for council to review via a third party. Council will review.

Delegate: Barb Wiwarchuk presented on behalf of the Recreation Board at 7:22 p.m. She will present the rec board plan for the 2025-2026 Sask Lotteries funding at the November regular meeting of council. She returned to the gallery at 7:24 p.m.

### **Rescind Motion #178-2025**

207/2025 EDWARDS: That we rescind motion #178-2025, third reading of bylaw 007-21 Zoning Bylaw. Carried

### **Rescind Motion #177-2025**

- 208/2025 EDWARDS: That we rescind motion #177-202, second reading of bylaw 007-21 Zoning Bylaw. Carried

### **Public Meeting**

- 209/2025 EDWARDS: That a public hearing be held Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. ahead of the regular meeting to hear any comments regarding Bylaw 007-2021 the Village of Hawarden Zoning Bylaw at the Hawarden Centennial Hall. Carried

### **Infrastructure Sharing Formal Resolution**

- 210/2025 EDWARDS: **WHEREAS** all municipalities across Canada receive the same percentage of funding for large capital infrastructure being 73.3% from the Federal and Provincial Governments and 26.7% from the municipality;

**WHEREAS** small municipalities with a population under 2500 people that reside within an hour of a large urban centre suffer from a limited business tax base because their residents enjoy the freedom of shopping in the city; thereby the revenue from the residents of small communities flows into the city to support its business tax base and in doing so, drains the small municipality of its business tax revenue;

**WHEREAS** in essence these small communities act as suburbs of the city, and suffer with a limited base tax to support large capital infrastructure projects;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The infrastructure funding formula for small municipalities under 2500 population and within an hour distance of a large urban centre be changed to 45% Federal Funding, 45% Provincial funding, and 10% Municipal Funding and THAT this resolution be distributed to small municipalities within Saskatchewan that share the aforementioned attributes.

Carried.

### **Bylaw No. 11-25 – Garbage & Recycling Fees Bylaw**

- 211/2025 EDWARDS: That we Read Bylaw No.11-25 for the first time, being a bylaw to establish fees to be charged for the use of Village Waste Disposal Facilities and Recycling Facilities. Carried.

### **SUBD-005330-2025**

- 212/2025 DINGMAN: That we advise the Ministry of Government Relations - Community Planning Branch that we have no concerns with proposed Subdivision file SUBD – 005330-202; SE 22-28-05-W3M. Carried

### **Bylaw No. 12-25 – Water Wolf Planning District Agreement**

- 213/2025 HARRISON: That we Read Bylaw No.12-25 for the first time, being a bylaw to adopt the WaterWolf Planning District Agreement. Carried.
- 214/2025 EDWARDS: That we Read Bylaw No.12-25 for the time, being a bylaw to adopt the WaterWolf Planning District Agreement. Carried.
- 215/2025 DINGMAN: That Bylaw No.12-25 be given three readings at this meeting. Carried Unanimously.
- 216/2025 BLENKINSOP: That we Read Bylaw No.12-25 for a third, and final time, hereby adopting a bylaw to adopt the WaterWolf Planning District Agreement. Carried.
- Councilor Chrétien joined the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

### **Water Records**

- 217/2025 HARRISON: That council accept the Sept 2025 Water Records as presented, and that Mayor Dale Blenkinsop be authorized to review and sign the records on council's behalf. Carried

### **Reports**

- 218/2025 HARRISON: That we accept the Administration & Water Reports as presented. Carried.

### **Accounts Payable**

- 219/2025 EDWARDS: That the Accounts Payables - Cheques 216-235 and online payments in the amount of \$57,805.30 be approved as attached, and forming part of these minutes. Carried

## **Hands Off Our Post – Stop the Cuts**

220/2025

HARRISON: **WHEREAS** the federal government has announced drastic cuts to our treasured post offices – eliminating good jobs, ending door-to-door delivery, removing the moratorium protection on post office closures, and changes to delivery standards for the mail.

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has done this without meaningful public consultation and has made this decision unilaterally prior to a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected;

**WHEREAS** thousands of postal jobs will be destroyed and four million households will lose door - to - door delivery, most within the next few years;

**WHEREAS** post office closures could degrade or completely remove service in many communities;

**WHEREAS** these cuts will hurt seniors and people with disabilities in particular;

**WHEREAS** it is crucial for the Government and mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintain Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the postal banking, greening Canada Post, adding EV charging stations, adding food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote, and indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities to help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self – sustaining;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** That the Village of Hawarden formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joel Lightbound, to:

Demand an immediate halt to the service cuts, and to look instead for ways to increase services and revenues in other areas, such as those as noted above,

Demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, and;

Demand that any review of Canada Post and the Canadian Postal Service Charter must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** That the Village of Hawarden will make a written submission and/or participate in hearings to provide input in the upcoming mandate review of Canada Post. Carried

### **Correspondence**

221/2025 EDWARDS: That the correspondence be accepted as presented. Carried.

### **In-Camera Session**

222/2025 EDWARDS: That we go in-camera at 8:59 p.m. to discuss matters, compliant with Section 16 of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act.

Mayor Dale Blenkinsop, Councillors Ray Chrétien, Char Edwards, Lorrie Harrison, Stephen Dingham, and Administrator Kelly Dodd all attended the in-camera session. Council returned to the regular session at 9:45 p.m. Carried.

### **CRA Obligations**

224/2025 EDWARDS: That in order to finalize an outstanding HR Matter we contact the CRA to confirm our obligations as per an existing order, and execute accordingly in advance of the settlement execution. Carried.

### **Outstanding HR Matter Settlement**

224/2025 EDWARDS: That we provide payment to Scott, Phelps and Mason in trust in the amount of \$5400.00 and \$6000.00, and that \$1600.00 per forwarded to the CRA, as per the terms of the agreement to settle an ongoing HR matter, and that the administrator be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of council. Carried.

### **Next Meeting**

225/2025 DINGMAN: That the next regular meeting of council be held Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office. Carried.

### **Adjournment**

226/2025 HARRISON: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:48 p.m. Carried.