

**VILLAGE OF PARADISE HILL**

February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting

TIME: 6:30 P.M. February 9, 2026

PLACE: Village Office, Paradise Hill

PRESENT: Mayor Bernard Ecker, Councilors Curtis McGowan, Brad Form, Karen Kroon, Audrey Greves, Administrator Cynthia Villeneuve

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Reeve Tom Hougham, Councilor Ronald Gory

Mayor Bernard Ecker called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

#27/26

AGENDA:

FORM that the agenda be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

#28/26

MINUTES:

KROON that the minutes of January 12, 2026, regular meeting be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

#29/26

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

GREVES that the financial statement for the month ending January 31, 2026, be accepted, as circulated.

CARRIED

#30/26

BANK RECONCILIATION:

FORM that the bank reconciliation statement dated December 31, 2025, be accepted, as circulated.

CARRIED

#31/26

BANK RECONCILIATION:

MCGOWAN that the bank reconciliation statement dated January 31, 2026, be accepted, as circulated.

CARRIED

#32/26

PARADISE HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

MCGOWAN that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Paradise Hill Volunteer Fire Department, held on January 19, 2026, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

#33/26

RCMP COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT – OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2025:

MCGOWAN that the RCMP Community Policing Report for October 1 – December 31, 2025, be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED

#34/26

WATER TREATMENT PLANT MONTHLY OPERATING REPORT:

GREVES that the Water Treatment Plant Monthly Operating Report for the month ending January 31, 2026, be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED

#35/26

BCL ENGINEERING – PROJECT ENGINEER'S REPORT:

GREVES to acknowledge and accept the progress report on the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades – Construction Kick-Off Site Meeting.

CARRIED

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#36/26 WATER SECURITY AGENCY – SASKATCHEWAN ASBESTOS DRINKING WATER SURVEY  
KROON to acknowledge and accept the report on the Saskatchewan Asbestos Drinking Water Survey.  
CARRIED

#37/26 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR'S REPORT:  
MCGOWAN that the Public Works Contractor's Report for the month ending January 31, 2026, be accepted, as presented.  
CARRIED

Reeve Tom Hougham and Councillor Ronald Gory attended the meeting from 7:10 pm-7:35 pm.

#38/26 CLASS 1 WATER TREATMENT & DISTRIBUTION COURSE:  
FORM that Shawn Russell and Vivian Virgo be registered for the online Saskatchewan Class 1 Water Treatment & Distribution course through ATAP, beginning March 23, 2026, at a cost of \$735.00 plus \$200.00 for books per registrant; further that the Village of Paradise Hill pay all associated costs; and that, due to the course only being offered during regular working hours, the course will be completed during the day, with each employee paid for eight(8) hours per day for five (5) days at their regular rate of pay.  
CARRIED

#39/26 BOARD OF REVISION APPOINTMENT FOR 2026:  
MCGOWAN that Western Municipal Consulting be appointed as the Development Appeals Board for the Village of Paradise Hill for 2026 on a yearly contract basis.  
CARRIED

#40/26 WYWRA TRANSFER SITE FEES 2025:  
GREVES to acknowledge the increase in WYWRA fees from 2024- 2025.  
CARRIED

#41/26 TRANSFER SITE – GARBAGE TAGS:  
MCGOWAN that the price of garbage tags be increased to \$3.00 per orange tag and \$2.50 per green tag, effective once the bylaw has been updated.  
CARRIED

#42/26 TURTLEFORD AND DISTRICT COOP:  
FORM to acknowledge the Turtleford and District Coop credit limit increase to \$2500 for the Village of Paradise Hill  
CARRIED

#43/26 INDEMNITY AND REMUNERATION 2026 – MAYOR AND COUNCIL:  
FORM that indemnity and remuneration for the mayor and council remain the same for 2026:  
Mayor - \$90.00 per meeting  
Council - \$80.00 per meeting  
CARRIED

#44/26 CIRCLE THE NORTHWEST:  
FORM that a one-quarter (1/4) page color advertisement be placed in the 2026 edition of Circle the Northwest magazine, the cost totaling \$315.00 plus applicable tax.  
CARRIED

#45/26 DIRECT DEPOSIT REQUEST FROM CONEXUS CREDIT UNION:  
GREVES that the direct deposit request form for Conexus Credit Union, to facilitate tax payments being received from Conexus Credit Union.  
CARRIED

#46/26 SAMA ANNUAL MEETING:  
MCGOWAN that Karen Kroon & Audrey Greves be registered to attend the virtual SAMA Annual Meeting on April 22, 2026, the cost is \$25.00.  
CARRIED

#47/26 SAMA ANNUAL MEETING TRAINING SESSION:  
GREVES that Cindy Villeneuve be registered to attend the virtual SAMA training on April 21, 2026, there is no cost for the training session.  
CARRIED

#48/26 SUMASSURE AGM:  
MCGOWAN that Karen Kroon be appointed as the voting delegate at the SUMASSURE Annual General meeting to be held virtually on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, between 10:00 am and 11:15 am.  
CARRIED

#49/26 2026 SPRING WORKSHOP – ENHANCED MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM (EMAP):  
FORM that Cindy Villeneuve attend the Enhanced Municipal Administration Program workshop in North Battleford on March 24, 2026, the cost of the workshop is \$100.00, including taxes.  
CARRIED

#50/26 INDEMNITY AND REMUNERATION 2026:  
GREVES to approve the following rates for indemnity and remuneration for 2026:

- a) Mileage - \$.55/km
- b) Indemnity Mayor - \$90.00 per meeting  
Councilor - \$80.00 per meeting  
Mayor & Council - \$120.00 per day for a daytime session plus mileage, session plus travel time must be at least 4 hours to qualify as a full day.
- c) Firemen - \$30.00 per meeting  
Maximum 2 meetings per month
- d) Development Appeal - \$25.00 per meeting
- e) Fire Chief - \$125.00 each per month for 1 Fire Chief
- f) Deputy Fire Chief - \$50.00 per month for 1 Deputy Fire Chief
- g) Fireman Training and Regional meetings:  
Fire department member indemnity and mileage must be approved by the fire chief or deputy fire chief:
  - \$30.00 per module for an evening Session plus mileage
  - \$120.00 per day for a daytime session plus mileage
  - Session plus travel time must be at least 5 hours to qualify as a full day.
  - \$60.00 for a half-day session
- h) Fire Calls & Practice Burn
  - \$30.00 per hour.
  - Minimum payment of 3-three hours
  - Hours rounded to nearest 15 minutes
  - \$0.55/km for 1 vehicle on out-of-town call

Effective February 10/2026

CARRIED

#51/26 CORRESPONDENCE:  
MCGOWAN that the following correspondence, noted and filed.

- 1) SUMA; Central Source
- 2) Office of Prime Minister
- 3) SaskPower
- 4) Paynton Rhubarb Festival
- 5) Landworks Civil Engineering Ltd.

CARRIED

Mayor Bernard Ecker declared a conflict of interest in the next item of business due to the payment being for a contract he holds with the Village.

#52/26 ACCOUNTS:  
FORM that the following be approved for payment of accounts as per attached Schedule "A", which shall form part of these minutes:

- "Accounts Paid As At February 9, 2026, including only cheque #25981 totaling \$6,425.00 and
- "Accounts for Approval – February 9, 2026 "including only cheques #25986 totaling \$2,500.00.

CARRIED

#53/26 ACCOUNTS:  
FORM that the following accounts be approved for payment as per attached Schedule, "A", which shall form part of these minutes:

- "Deposit Register Pay Period: 01(27December2025 to 26January2026)", totaling \$12,875.35.
- Accounts Paid – February 9, 2026, including manual cheques #7223-#7243 and computer cheques #25980-#25982, except cheque #25981, totaling \$24,857.46 and
- "Accounts for Approval – February 9, 2026 including cheques #25983 – #26004, except cheque #25986 totaling \$347,735.29.

CARRIED

#54/26 NEW HOLLAND SKID STEER:  
FORM that the Village of Paradise Hill purchase a New Holland Skid Steer, choosing between a 2019 used unit for \$74,000.00 or a 2025 unit for \$93,000, plus applicable taxes, with the following accessories: snow bucket (\$2,900), pallet fork (\$1,200), and snow blade (\$14,900), plus applicable taxes; further that the final purchase decision will be based on test drives and assessment of each unit's power to operate the accessories.

CARRIED

#55/26 ADJOURNMENT:  
KROON that the meeting be adjourned, Council to meet again, Monday, March 9, 2026.

CARRIED

Presented to Council this 9th day of March, 2026

MAYOR Bernard Ecker ADMINISTRATOR Christina Hill