

# RM of Edenwold

### **Meeting Minutes**

# Special Council Meeting January 26, 2024 - 02:00 PM

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 held on Friday, January 26, 2024, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, located at 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan, to consider a resolution for the 2024 SARM Annual Convention in March, and the following were present:

Deputy Reeve: Stan Capnerhurst

Councillors: Division #1 Carmen Leibel (via teams)

Division #3 Nichole Posehn

Division #4 Karen Kotylak (via teams) Division #5 Dwayne Radmacher

Division #6 Tim Brodt

Division #7 Rod Tuchscherer (via teams)

Chief Administrative Officer: Karen Zaharia

Absent: Reeve Al Trainor

#### Call to Order

With a quorum present, Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst called the special council meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

# **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Council reviewed the agenda items and no conflicts of interest were declared.

## Res. No: 2024/081

Resolution for 2024 SARM Annual Convention: Annexation Application Timelines Moved By: Councillor Kotylak

THAT we authorize Administration to submit the following resolution regarding annexation application timelines to SARM for the 2024 annual convention:

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Municipal Board (SMB) supports local authorities, to help build a strong economy by providing advice and regulatory approval on a variety of issues impacting rural municipalities; in particular around municipal boundary alterations, amalgamations and annexation.

WHEREAS if one of the involved municipalities does not consent to the proposal and the mediation fails to resolve a dispute, an application must be submitted to the Municipal Boundary Committee of the SMB which will review the proposal, hold a hearing and make a decision regarding the proposal. This process is intensive in both the information gathering that occurs and, in the attempt, to find a mutually beneficial resolution between municipalities. Once a review of an application is complete, the decision stands, even if an attempt to withdraw an application is made by a municipality.

WHEREAS if an application or portion of an application is rejected in the decision by the Municipal Boundary Committee, no subsequent application that is substantially similar may be made for one year. This applies to all municipalities.

**WHEREAS** this process is very thorough, takes time, resources and has financial implications for participating municipalities.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, SARM lobby the provincial government to expand the "cooling off period" on when similar applications can be heard from one year to three years. Thus preventing a cycle of continuous applications going to the SMB on issues that already have a decision rendered and preventing additional administrative and financial burdens and legal fees incurred by the municipality and the SMB.

CARRIED

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Adjournment: 2:35 p.m. Moved By: Councillor Brodt

THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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