

RM of Edenwold

Meeting Minutes

Special Council Meeting February 7, 2024 - 09:00 AM

Minutes of a Special Council Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Edenwold No. 158 held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, located at 100 Hutchence Road, Emerald Park, Saskatchewan, to consider co-sponsoring a resolution for the 2024 SARM Annual Convention in March, and the following were present:

Deputy Reeve: Stan Capnerhurst

Councillors: Division #1 Carmen Leibel

Division #3 Nichole Posehn

Division #4 Karen Kotylak (via teams)

Division #7 Rod Tuchscherer

Chief Administrative Officer: Karen Zaharia

Absent: Reeve Al Trainor

Division #5 Dwayne Radmacher

Division #6 Tim Brodt

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Deputy Reeve Capnerhurst called the special council meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

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

Res. No: 2024/083

Co-Sponsoring Resolution for 2024 SARM Annual Convention

Moved By: Councillor Posehn

THAT we co-sponsor the following RM of Sherwood's resolution regarding unwarranted annexations, being submitted to SARM for the 2024 annual convention in March 2024:

WHEREAS the Guide for Municipal Boundary Alterations (Annexation), November 2015 states that the Official Community Plan is the recognized statutory document guiding and identifying the growth management strategy for a municipality. Community growth should be orderly and beneficial not only to municipalities, but also to the region and its residents.

WHEREAS the statement implies that a mutual growth strategy is established and respected through the boundary alteration (annexation) process and the RM's needs and the needs of its ratepayers should not be disregarded by the will of another municipality and/or the province of Saskatchewan where Community plans are ignored, and where the province takes on a role in "picking winners and losers".

WHEREAS when statutory planning documents are ignored this leaves Rural Municipalities (RMs) at a significant disadvantage when boundary issues including annexations, are disputed.

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BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Provincial Government for a review of the Guide for Municipal Boundary Alterations (Annexation), November 2015 and related legislation to clearly define the requirements for a municipal boundary alteration (Annexation), to avoid unwarranted and baseless applications where the applicant municipality cannot meet a minimum threshold of the demonstrated need of land for growth purposes as stated in a mutually accepted statutory planning document and recognized growth strategy.

CARRIED

Res. No: 2024/084

Adjournment: 9:28 a.m.
Moved By: Councillor Leibel

THAT this meeting be hereby adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

al Jeanier

Administrator