

Rural Municipality of Lipton, No. 217

Meeting Minutes

Regular Council Meeting August 18, 2026 - 8:00 AM

Present:

Reeve	Garnet Harman
Division 1 Council Member	William Huber
Division 2 Council Member	Darwin Huber
Division 3 Council Member	Barry Senft
Division 4 Council Member	Christopher Catto
Division 5 Council Member	Twila Miller
Division 6 Council Member	Tomas Arthur

Staff Attendees:

Administrator	Charmain Wowk
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Reeve Harman called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

Councillor B. Huber declared a conflict on agenda item 15. a. due to family relationship

Approval of Agenda

2026/189

Moved By: Councillor T. Arthur

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented with the following addition:

13. i. 2027 Custom Mowing

CARRIED

Foreman Report

2026/190

Moved By: Councillor C. Catto

THAT Council accepts the written Foreman's report as presented.

CARRIED

Council Reports

2026/191

Moved By: Councillor B. Senft

THAT the verbal Council reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Letter to the Minister of Highways – Highway 22 Condition

2026/192

Moved by: Councillor T. Arthur

THAT Council send a letter to the Minister of Highways regarding the condition of highway 22 between Cupar and Southey including ongoing concerns of highway conditions in rural Saskatchewan.

CARRIED

- 2026/193 **Administration Report**
Moved By: Councillor C. Catto
- THAT Council accept the written Administration Report and further that the report be attached to and form part of the official minutes.
- CARRIED**
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- 2026/194 **Approval of Minutes**
Moved By: Councillor T. Arthur
- THAT the July 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.
- CARRIED**
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- 2026/195 **July 2026 Bank Reconciliations**
Moved By: Councillor T. Miller
- THAT the RCU and RBC Bank Reconciliations for the months of July 2026 be accepted as presented.
- CARRIED**
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- 2026/196 **Financial Statement July 2026**
Moved By: Councillor T. Miller
- THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of July 2026 be accepted as presented.
- CARRIED**
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- 2026/197 **List of Accounts for Approval**
Moved By: Councillor T. Miller
- THAT Council approve the payment of accounts as presented, including Cheques No. 5883 to 5901 and Online Payments No. 2026-137 to 2026-152, in the total amount of \$738,573.05 including payroll and pre-authorized payments, attached hereto and forming part of these minutes.
- CARRIED**
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- 2026/198 **Recess for Public Hearing**
Moved By: Councillor T. Arthur
- THAT Council recess at 9:02 a.m. for the Discretionary Use, Home-Based Business public hearing.
- CARRIED**

- 2026/199 **Reconvene**
Moved By: Councillor B. Senft
THAT Council reconvene at 9:07 a.m.
CARRIED
- 2026/200 **Discretionary Use Application – SE-31-23-14-W2M**
Moved By: Councillor B. Senft
THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 approve the application for Discretionary Use of a Home-Based Business at SE-31-23-14-W2M with any restrictions required by the RM's Zoning Bylaw.
CARRIED
- 2026/201 **Mid-year Check in with the RM of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 - Report**
Moved By: Councillor C. Catto
THAT Council accept the verbal report from the HR Committee from the mid-year check in meeting held on August 13, 2026,
AND FURTHER, following 2026 harvest, schedule a planning meeting to discuss future arrangements for administration services.
CARRIED
- 2026/202 **Cultivation of Municipal Road Allowance**
Moved By: Councillor G. Harman
THAT Council direct Administration to notify the landowner to cease cultivation from the municipal road allowance and, if necessary, restore unobstructed access to the complainant's property,
AND FURTHER, should voluntary compliance not be achieved, Administration be authorized to undertake enforcement measures in accordance with applicable municipal bylaws and legislation.
CARRIED
- 2026/203 **RM Equipment GPS System**
Moved By: Councillor T. Miller
THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 instruct the Foreman to continue with the ConX GPS on the new CAT 150 grader.
CARRIED
- 2026/204 **TLE Claim Percentage Factor 2026**
Moved By: Councillor B. Huber
THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 select the 90% factor for the 2026 SARM Treaty Land Entitlement tax loss compensation payment.
CARRIED

Beaver Control Program

2026/205

Moved By: Councillor C. Catto

THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 establish a beaver bounty of \$60.00 per eligible beaver tail under the SARM Beaver Control Program;

AND FURTHERMORE, THAT Administration brings forward eligible trappers for appointment by Council in accordance with the program requirements.

CARRIED

2026/206

2027 Custom Mowing

Moved By: Councillor T. Miller

THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 instruct the Administrator to obtain a quote from Silver Dirt Works for 2027 Custom Mowing in Divisions 3, 6, and main grids to equal the current year's mileage.

CARRIED

2026/207

Bylaw No. 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt

Moved By: Councillor T. Miller

THAT Bylaw No. 2026-06, A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt, be introduced and read for the first time.

CARRIED

2026/208

Bylaw No. 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt

Moved By: Councillor T. Arthur

THAT Bylaw No. 2026-06, A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt, be read for the SECOND time.

CARRIED

2026/209

Bylaw No. 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt

Moved By: Councillor C. Catto

THAT Bylaw No. 2026-06, A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt, be authorized to receive three readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026/210

Bylaw No. 2026-06 – A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt

Moved By: Councillor B. Senft

THAT Bylaw No. 2026-06, A Bylaw to Provide for Incurring Debt, be read for the THIRD time and adopted.

CARRIED

In Camera

2026/211 **Moved By:** Councillor T. Arthur

THAT this meeting moves to closed session at 10:36 a.m. as per *The Municipalities Act* and *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the following matters:

- Proposal for year-round operator

CARRIED

Councillor B. Huber left chambers at 10:36 a.m. and returned at 10:41 a.m.

Exit In Camera

2026/212 **Moved By:** Councillor T. Arthur

THAT this meeting revert to an open meeting at 11:09 a.m.

CARRIED/DEFEATED

Year-Round Grader Operator Proposal

2026/213 **Moved By:** Councillor T. Arthur

THAT the RM of Lipton No. 217 instructs the Administrator to offer C. Tomolak a full-time, year-round position as a Grader Operator with wages, hours, and compensation to be in accordance with the Union Agreement. AND FURTHER, the offer includes the presented job description to be signed by the employee.

CARRIED

Correspondence

2026/214 **Moved By:** Councillor B. Huber

THAT the following correspondence be accepted as presented and filed:

- a. June and July Community Policing Report
- b. Quarterly Community Policing Stats Report
- c. Grading Release Form – Strasbourg Grid Project

CARRIED

Adjournment

2026/215 **Moved By:** Councillor T. Miller

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

CARRIED

Approved this _____



Reeve



Administrator

Next regular meeting of Council: Sept 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.