



## THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2025

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa held their Regular Council Meeting on March 26, 2025 in the Council Chambers at 1:00 PM; with Reeve Tom Anderson presiding and with Councillors Kerry Hopfner, Mike Brown, Terry Dayholos & Logan Dumanske present. Also present, CAO Tami Dumanske as Recording Secretary.

**Absent:** Cllr. Turko & Cllr. Stott

**Left early:** Cllr. Dumanske

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM

### 2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA - March 26, 2025

#### RESOLUTION NO. 58-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the March 26, 2025 Council Meeting be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

### 3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### RESOLUTION NO. 59-25

WHEREAS the Statutory Requirements of Section 133 of The Municipal Act have been complied with;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

- the minutes for the March 12, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED.**

### 4 COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Landfill Committee

Reeve Anderson reported that the Landfill Committee thinks Council should invest in 4' x 8' signs showing the items that residents can recycle at the landfills. Also discussed a monthly draw to encourage more recycling. CAO Dumanske is to look into prices for the signs.

#### Westlake Fire Department

Cllr. Hopfner reported that the fire hall needs a new hot water tank.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 60-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council authorize to purchase a new hot water tank for the Eddystone fire hall for an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00.

**CARRIED.**

#### Amaranth Fire Department

Cllr. Dumanske discussed the security system at the fire hall.

### 5 CORRESPONDENCE

#### 5.1 Minister of Northern & Municipal Relations

RE: 2025 Municipal Operating Grant  
Council reviewed the letter from the Minister stating the details of the 2025 Municipal Operating Grant.

#### 5.2 Mike Kagan, ACL

RE: Joint Agricultural Agreement  
Council agreed that meeting with ACL to discuss this agreement is necessary. CAO Dumanske is to correspond with ACL.

#### 5.3 Terry Conrad

RE: McCreary Homecoming Parade  
Reeve Anderson asked Council and it appears there won't be enough of Council around that weekend to put a float in the parade but are thankful for the invite.

#### 5.4 Muktuk Annie Festival

RE: Donation Request

#### RESOLUTION NO. 61-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa authorize to donate \$100.00 to the Muktuk Annie Festival.

**CARRIED.**

## 6 2025 FINANCIAL PLAN

### 6.1 Fire Departments

#### RESOLUTION NO. 62-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa approve any remaining funds at the end the year, in each fire department's budgeted GL account, be transferred from the general fund into the Fire Department Reserve Account. Transfers will be recorded to show which department had how much money and each transfer in the GL will be labelled.

**CARRIED.**

#### RESOLUTION NO. 63-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa authorize to hire an electrician to install a large LED light above the south man-door at the Amaranth fire hall. Amount is yet to be determined.

**CARRIED.**

### 6.2 Security System Upgrades

RE: Amaranth Fire Hall

Tabled for further information.

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7.1 In-Camera Meeting

Nothing

### 7.2 Council & CAO Reports

#### Cllr. Dayholos

- > Discussed insurance on RM owned buildings.
- > Reported new hydro line installation along Phillips Road.
- > Inquired about interest charges on RM credit card, and utility bills. CAO explained that a large cheque to pay off credit card got caught up in the mail strike and that the hydro bills don't always get approved by Council early enough to avoid interest charges.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 64-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa authorize to set-up all the RM's hydro bills on the Equal Payment Plan and to have them all paid by pre-authorized debit every month.

**CARRIED.**

#### Cllr. Dumanske

- > Discussed the outstanding hydro bill and upcoming insurance renewal at the Amaranth Over 50 Club.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 65-25

WHEREAS the Amaranth Over 50 Club has notified the RM of their decision to close their clubhouse due to high operational costs;

AND WHEREAS there are outstanding invoices that require payment but the club does not have the necessary funds and has requested financial assistance from the RM.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa, pending legal advice, will assume responsibility for any outstanding invoices for hydro and insurance, until such time as the Council determines the future use of the building.

**CARRIED.**

#### Cllr. Brown

- > Inquired about plowing on Rd 66W.
- > Suggested that the RM start using Purchase Orders.

#### Cllr. Hopfner

- > Discussed open a ditch at Narrows West so spring run off no longer floods lots.
- CAO to contact resident there that is pushing snow into the ditch.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 66-25

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa authorize to clear a Narrows West ditch of snow to prevent flooding on two occupied properties for an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Cleaning in 2025 only.

**CARRIED.**

#### Reeve Anderson

- > Inquired about Conditional Use Application and Trailer Park By-Law response.

### 7.3 Amaranth Over 50 Club

Discussed in Cllr. Dumanske's report

### 7.4 Amaranth Evergreen Place

Tabled

**7.5 Grass Cutting**

RE: Private Lots

Council discussed what we charge for grass cutting. CAO informed council that some of the lots are only a third of the size. CAO is to find out the square footage of some of the lots that we end up having to cut in the spring / summer season.

**7.6 Building Inspections**

Council discussed building inspector visits and how many should be included in the building permit application fee.

**7.7 Building Permit Applications****RESOLUTION NO. 67-25**

WHEREAS Building Inspector Mark Hiller has given his approval regarding this application,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa approve the following Building Permit:

Permit #01-25

Lot 27 Block 2 Plan 45818

Narrows North

New Construction

**CARRIED.****RESOLUTION NO. 68-25**

WHEREAS Building Inspector Mark Hiller has given his approval regarding this amended application;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa approve the following Building Permit:

Permit #24-24

Amendment to approved building permit

SW 1-18-10 WPM

RM of Alonsa

Upgrade from car port to pole shed

**CARRIED.****7.8 Fire Guard****RESOLUTION NO. 69-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa authorize the creation of a fire guard to protect the Eddystone Seniors' Apartment Building; for an amount not to exceed \$ 5,000.00.

**CARRIED.****7.9 Narrows West**

Discussed in Cllr. Hopfner's report

**3:25 PM - Cllr. Dumanske left meeting****8 BY-LAWS & POLICIES****8.1 By-Law #1561 - Aggregate Mining & Transportation**8.1.1 - Third Reading (*Recorded Vote*)**RESOLUTION NO. 70-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1561 be read for the third time.

Name	In-Favour	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Kerry Hopfner	✓			
Tim Stott				✓
Travis Turko				✓
Mike Brown	✓			
Terry Dayholos	✓			
Logan Dumanske	✓			
Tom Anderson	✓			

**CARRIED.****8.2 By-Law #1562 - Grants in Money**

8.2.1 - First Reading

**RESOLUTION NO. 71-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1562 being a By-Law of The Rural Municipality of Alonsa to re-establish the Grants in Money By-Law, be read for the first time.

**CARRIED.**

8.2.2 - First Reading

**RESOLUTION NO. 72-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1562, be read for the second time.

**CARRIED.**

**8.3 By-Law #1563 - Council Indemnity**

8.3.1 - First Reading

**RESOLUTION NO. 73-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1563 being a By-Law of The Rural Municipality of Alonsa to re-establish the Council Indemnity By-Law, be read for the first time.

**CARRIED.**

8.3.2 - Second Reading

**RESOLUTION NO. 74-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1563, be read for the second time.

**CARRIED.****8.4 Land Sale Policy****RESOLUTION NO. 75-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa adopt the amendments made to Policy #ADM 009: Sale of RM of Alonsa Owned Leased Ag Land.

**CARRIED.****8.5 Undeveloped RM Road Allowance****RESOLUTION NO. 76-25**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alonsa adopt the amendments made to Policy #TRSP 006 Undeveloped Municipal Road Allowances.

**CARRIED.****8.6 Finance Policy**

Tabled

**8.7 Financial Internal Control Policy**

Tabled

**8.8 Municipal Fees Policy**

Tabled

**9 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES****9.1 Asbestos Assessments**

CAO Dumanske informed Council what Asbestos Assessments will cost.

**10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS****10 NOTICE OF MOTION****11 ADJOURNMENT**

> Meeting Adjourned: 4:35 PM.

> Next regular meeting: April 9, 2025 @ 1:00 PM



Chairperson



Recording Secretary