

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DRAKE  
HELD ON January 21, 2026**

**PRESENT:**      **MAYOR: TERRY WILLEMS, ERICA THIELE, ERIN RICHARD, JEFF RIEGER, FLOYD BARTEL**

**REGRETS:**

**STAFF:**      **Acting Administrator & Waterworks – Heather Kreutzer  
Public Works & Transportation – Kellen Watson**

**DELEGATE:**

*CALL TO ORDER:*

**A QUORUM BEING PRESENT THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WILLEMS AT 4:02 pm.**

*Carried.*

**01/01/2026 -Agenda**

*Thiele, Erica*

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

*Richard, Erin*

*Carried.*

**02/01/2026 – December 17 Minutes**

*Rieger, Jeff*

THAT the minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council held on

*Bartel, Floyd*

December 17, 2025, be accepted and adopted as presented.

*Carried.*

*Business arising -*

**03/01/2026 - Public Works and Transportation Reports**

*Rieger, Jeff*

THAT the Public Works and Transportation reports be

*Bartel, Floyd*

accepted as presented and filed accordingly.

*Carried.*

*Financials:*

**04/01/2026 – Finances**

*Thiele, Erica*

THAT the Village of Drake council members accept and approve the Statement of Financial Activities and the Bank Reconciliation, as presented.

*Richard, Erin*

AND THAT the Accounts Payable including Cheque numbers 7952-7989 plus, EFT Manual 847-864 Man Totaling \$74,969.01 be approved for payment and form part of these Minutes.

*Carried.*

*Correspondence:*

- a) Munisoft Community Draw
- b) Municipal Annual Financial Statements

*Business Arising:*

**05/01/2026 - Correspondence**

Thiele, Erica  
Richard, Erin

THAT all Correspondences be accepted as presented and filed accordingly.

**Carried.**

**Committee Reports:**

- a) REACT ( Terry )
- b) Wheatland Regional Library Board (Jeff)
- c) Manitou Regional Park (Erica)
- d) Fire Board (Jeff)
- e) Carlton Trail Health Foundation (Terry)
- f) MSMA (Erin/Terry)
- g) Housing Authority (Erica)
- h) Recreation Board (Floyd)
- i) EMO Coordinator (Terry)

**Business Arising:**

**06/01/2026 – Committee Reports**

Richard, Erin  
Bartel, Floyd

THAT council accept the oral reports as presented.

**Carried.**

**07/01/2026 – Administrator Report**

Bartel, Floyd  
Rieger, Jeff

THAT we accept the administrator’s oral report as presented.

**Carried.**

**New Business:**

**08/01/2026 – Fidelity Bond**

Thiele, Erica  
Rieger, Jeff

THAT in compliance with The Municipalities Act s. 113(2), the Employee Fidelity Bond in the amount of \$500,000 through SGI Policy # Z 08503905-5 for all employees of the Village of Drake be ACCEPTED as being current and in order.

**Carried.**

**09/01/2026 – Breakfast Club**

Rieger, Jeff  
Thiele, Erica

That the Village of Drake Council will host Breakfast Club at the Drake Sportsplex on March 4, 2026.

**Carried.**

**10/01/2026 – SUMA Invest/Local Government Committee**

Richard, Erin  
Thiele, Erica

THAT the Village of Drake Council apply to the Local Government Committee for approval to invest unappropriated reserves with SUMA Invest and submit the necessary documentation and financial statements for consideration.

**Carried.**

**11/01/2026 – REACT/SK Recycles**

Richard, Erin  
Thiele, Erica

**Motion:** THAT the Village of Drake Council intends to transition to Automated Curbside Recycling through a community-led program provided by REACT with a preferred transition date of June 1, 2026.

**Motion passed with 3 in favour, 2 opposed.**

**Carried.**

**12/01/2026 – Next regular meeting of council**

Thiele, Erica                      Moved that the next regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Drake be held  
Bartel, Floyd                      on February 25, 2026, at the Village office at 117 Francis Street at 4:00 pm.

**Carried.**

**Adjournment:**

**13/01/2026 - Adjournment**

Rieger, Jeff                      THAT this meeting of Council now be adjourned at 5:07 pm.  
Richard, Erin

**Carried.**

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Mayor

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Acting Administrator