

Rural Municipality of Grahamdale

Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2025 - Regular - 09:00 AM

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9.	IN CAMERA	
9.1	In Camera - Legal Proceedings	
9.2	Out of Camera	
10.	DELEGATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS	
10.1	10:00 a.m. Sgt Mike Garton, RCMP Gypsumville	
10.2	10:45 a.m Kerry Kosten - Pigeons in Moosehorn	
10.3	11:30 a.m. Steve Topping	
11.	ADJOURNMENT	



Rural Municipality of Grahamdale Meeting Minutes

Regular September 11, 2025 - 09:00 AM

The 17th Regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale was held at the Municipal Office in Moosehorn, Manitoba on September 11, 2025.

Present:

Reeve Craig Howse
Councillor Charlotte Lindell
Councillor Kevin Nickel
Councillor Glen Metner
Councillor Greg Jabusch
Councillor Jason Bittner
Councillor Dollard Gould
CAO Shelly Schwitek

Reeve Howse called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Council broke for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1 Adoption of Minutes

2025-362

Councillor Gould Councillor Metner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following minutes as circulated:

1. August 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

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Agenda

2025-363

Councillor Lindell
Councillor Nickel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the agenda as circulated with additions.

CARRIED

3 Finances

3.1 General Accounts

2025-364

Councillor Nickel Councillor Jabusch

WHEREAS the List of Accounts (attached to the minutes hereto) for the period ending <u>September 11, 2025</u> have been examined by Council and found to be in order;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Payroll Deposits for September 12, 2025 in the amount of \$15,351.90, and \$3,033.02 and Accounts Payable Cheques numbered 11701 to 11733 in the amount of \$82,674.05 be approved for payment.

3.2 Council Indemnity

2025-365

Councillor Bittner

Councillor Jabusch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the payment of Monthly Indemnity, Inspection Fees and Committee Expenses for the members of Council as follows:

Reeve Craig Howse	\$ 1,582.00			
Councillor Charlotte Lindell	\$ 995.34			
Councillor Kevin Nickel	\$ 1,031.30			
Councillor Glen Metner	\$ 1,211.05			
Councillor Greg Jabusch	\$ 1,257.25			
Councillor Jason Bittner	\$ 949.90			
Councillor Dollard Gould	\$ 1,220.24			
TOTAL	\$ 8,247.08			

CARRIED

3.3 August 2025 Financial Statement

2025-366

Councillor Bittner

Councillor Jabusch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement to September 11, 2025 be adopted as read.

CARRIED

4 Committee Reports

2025-367

Councillor Gould Councillor Bittner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the reports of the Committees as presented.

CARRIED

4.1 9:30 a.m. - Danny Granberg - Public Works Manager

Public Works Manager Danny Granberg discussed public works related matters with Council.

4.2 Councillor Jabusch

Lakeshore Handivan Association

 The new building for storing the handivan is complete, and both vehicles are now securely housed inside.

Living Independence for Elders

 There are currently three vacant positions on the LIFE (Living Independence for Elders) Board. LIFE is a not-for-profit organization based in Ashern, Manitoba, that provides a variety of programs and services for the elderly.

Christmas Craft Sale

• The 4H Club will be taking over the Christmas Craft Sale this year.

Steep Rock Beach Park

- After a great summer, the Steep Rock Beach Park will be closing its doors for the season, and will be opening back up again next year;
- The bathroom renovations will be completed shortly once the items on backorder are received.

4.3 Councillor Lindell

Grahamdale CDC

- EDO Jacqueline Kiesman and Community Futures' Michelle Christensen are conducting a Business Walk through the Municipality, engaging with local business owners and updating the RM's website business directory;
- Sean Zieroth of SRCOA will be ordering a new package of signs for the walking trails in Steep Rock;
- The Grahamdale CDC also discussed possible locations for the slide in Steep Rock Quarry.

Proposed Housing Strategy

- The IERHA has expressed interest for new homes to house nurses and doctors in the Ashern area;
- Community Futures and the R. M's of West Interlake and Grahamdale are exploring a Housing Strategy.

4.4 Councillor Gould

Gypsumville Fire Department

- One call for service a motor vehicle accident. Moosehorn Fire Department was called to assist with the accident.
- GFD Volunteer Fire Fighter Sid Rawluk will be retiring.

4.5 Councillor Nickel

Moosehorn Fire Department

 One call for service – mutual aid accident, where they assisted the Gypsumville Fire Department.

4.6 Councillor Bittner

Highway #6

- Lots of ongoing repairs happening on HWY #6, construction is fixing up and gravelling approaches;
- There is also a new junction at the intersection of HWY #6 and Woodale

 there are concerns with semi trucks going down the new junction
 causing potential road damage;
- Councillor Bittner discussed potential gravelling on the old highway with Council.

4.7 Reeve Howse

IERHA

- A new private clinic Prairie Sky Clinic opening soon in Lundar on Railway Ave. – which will be operated by Dr. Jade Young;
- Eriksdale Hospital has two doctors operating at its walk-in clinics;
- Ashern Hospital has added two new doctors to its team. The Grand
 Opening of the newly renovated hospital has been postponed, with a
 new date to be determined;
- The Arborg Personal Care Home is in discussion to begin construction soon on the new facility, which will include a minimum of 60 beds.

Steep Rock Community Club

 Steep Rock Community Club is having their annual Fall Supper on Saturday September 13, 2025 at 5:00 P.M; tickets can be purchased from Cindy Gallagher. Valley Fiber will be setting up an informational booth at the supper where they will be open to discussing their services coming to the Municipality.

5 Correspondence

- 1. Association of Manitoba Municipalities Bulletin September 5, 2025;
- 2. Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors Letter September 2025;
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the West Interlake Detachment August 2025 Report.

6 By-Laws

6.1 RM Development Plan Amendment - By-Law 1091-2025

Item will be removed from Agenda for three months.

TABLED

6.2 RM General Enforcement By-Law 1095-2025 - 3rd Reading

2025-370

Councillor Bittner Councillor Metner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1095-2025 to provide for General Enforcement by the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale be now read a third time, signed and sealed by the Reeve and Chief Administrative Officer.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Craig Howse	\checkmark			
Charlotte Lindell	✓			
Kevin Nickel	\checkmark			
Glen Metner	✓			
Greg Jabusch	\checkmark			
Jason Bittner	\checkmark			
Dollard Gould	\checkmark	4.		

CARRIED

7 Unfinished Business

7.1 Lake MB Outlet Channel and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel

TABLED

7.2 Faulkner WDG Expansion Project

Details about the expansion project for the Faulkner Waste Disposal Grounds are being discussed.

7.3 Boundary Line Road and Drain

Will set up a meeting for the Boundary Line Road and Drain project in October 2025.

7.4 Valley Fiber

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7.5 Ashern ATV Club - Drainage

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7.6 Steep Rock - Fire Suppression Equipment

2026 Budget.

7.7 K Yaworski - Culvert - SE 24-29-9W

2025-371

Councillor Lindell Councillor Bittner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves K. Yaworski's request for the Municipality to supply a 24 inch x 50 foot steel culvert to be installed in a new approach being constructed at the following location:

Provincial Truck Highway No. 6 – SE 24-29-9W.

Estimated cost of project is \$2,000.00.

7.8 Hickman Drain - Culvert Replacement

2025-372

Councillor Bittner Councillor Nickel

WHEREAS in 2023, the RM authorized Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to install culverts in the municipally owned "old highway" to improve spring water flow into the Hickman Drain;

AND WHEREAS this has resulted in unexpected impacts to downstream land and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS installing screw gates on these culverts will help manage spring runoff and allow the Hickman Drain to function properly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Grahamdale agree to own, maintain, and operate the two screw gates installed on the culverts in the "old highway" as part of the Hickman Drain;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RM of Grahamdale apply for a Water Rights License to enable Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure to proceed with the installation of these gates.

CARRIED

7.9 Lobbying Topic to AMM - Admin Fees

2025-373

Councillor Jabusch Councillor Metner

WHEREAS school divisions throughout the province establish their own mill rates based on the assessments of the municipalities within their respective catchment areas, and are subject to approval by the Minister of Education; and

WHEREAS The Province of Manitoba mandates that municipalities collect school taxes and remit them to the school divisions within their municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for incorporating school tax requirements into their annual financial plans, calculating the amounts due, and remitting payments in three installments—the final of which must be paid in full, regardless of whether all taxes have been collected by the due date; and

WHEREAS the Council of the R.M. of Grahamdale proposes that a small percentage of the school taxes collected on behalf of school divisions be allocated to municipalities, in recognition of their administrative role in facilitating the collection and remittance of these funds; and

WHEREAS municipalities serve as the first point of contact for residents seeking clarification on decisions made by school divisions and on credit programs implemented by the Province — reallocating valuable municipal time and resources away from other priorities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the R.M. of Grahamdale request that the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the Province of Manitoba to commit to a comprehensive review of the process for facilitating school tax collection and remittance, and to formally recognize the administrative role municipalities play by implementing an appropriate administrative fee.

CARRIED

7.10 Aggregate Mapping

Eng. Tech's Steve Topping and Public Works Manager Danny Granberg toured quarter sections that are proposed for the Aggregate Mapping project.

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7.11 Steep Rock Walking Trails

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7.12 2025 Agriculture Drought

The R.M. will contact the Minister of Agriculture to discuss what programs are available to the R.M. of Grahamdale in relation to the 2025 drought situation.

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8 New Business

8.1 Gyp Fire Dept and Playground Maintenance Contract

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8.2 Ducks Lake Unlimited Proposal

2025-374

Councillor Bittner Councillor Metner

BE IT RESOLVED that Council has reviewed the proposal from Ducks Unlimited Canada regarding the decommissioning of the Elk Lake water control structures and their replacement with a fixed crest rock spillway, and has no concerns with the proposed works.

CARRIED

8.3 Forage Lease Application - G. Batten

TABLED

8.4 Tax Cancellations

2025-375

Councillor Metner Councillor Gould

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale authorize the following Tax Cancellation:

TAXES CANCELLED				
Roll No.	Amount			
351044	-288.91			
165600	-200.83			
TOTAL	\$-489.74			

CARRIED

8.5 Regional Investment Cooperative

ACAO Devan McCoubrey to review the Regional Investment Cooperative with Council.

8.6 Offer to Purchase - SW 2-28-8W - L. Meisner

Mr. Meisner to be contacted.

8.7 RM EDO - Training Courses

2025-376

Councillor Bittner Councillor Jabusch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the enrollment of R.M. EDO Jackie Kiesman for the following courses being offered thru Volunteer Manitoba as a municipal expense:

- 1. HR Management Fundamentals;
- 2. Meeting Management and Minute Taking;
- 3. Writing Persuasive Proposals;
- 4. Multigenerational Considerations for Volunteers.

8.8 Davis Point Boat Launch - Summary

Details about Davis Point Boat Launch were discussed by Council.

8.9 RM Hamlet Snow Clearing Request for Proposals

8.9.1 RFP for Moosehorn

2025-377

Councillor Nickel
Councillor Metner

WHEREAS the R.M. of Grahamdale requested proposals to clear snow and haul it away, if required, in Moosehorn from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027. Deadline for proposals was Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

AND WHEREAS the following Proposals were received:

1. Shoreline Excavating

And it was found that the Proposal received from Shoreline Excavating to be the most appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept Shoreline Excavating's proposal.

CARRIED

8.9.2 RFP for Grahamdale and Hilbre

2025-378

Councillor Bittner Councillor Jabusch

WHEREAS the R.M. of Grahamdale requested proposals to clear snow and haul it away, if required, in Hilbre and Grahamdale from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027. Deadline for proposals was Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

AND WHEREAS the following Proposals were received:

1. Limestone Lodge Ltd.

And it was found that the Proposal received from Limestone Lodge Ltd. to be the most appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept Limestone Lodge Ltd.'s proposal.

CARRIED

8.9.3 RFP for Steep Rock

2025-379

Councillor Jabusch Councillor Lindell

WHEREAS the R.M. of Grahamdale requested proposals to clear snow and haul it away, if required, in Steep Rock from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027. Deadline for proposals was Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

AND WHEREAS the following Proposals were received:

1. Limestone Lodge Ltd.

And it was found that the Proposal received from Limestone Lodge Ltd. to be the most appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept Limestone Lodge Ltd.'s proposal.

8.9.4 RFP for St. Martin and Gypsumville

2025-380

Councillor Gould Councillor Bittner

WHEREAS the R.M. of Grahamdale requested proposals to clear snow and haul it away, if required, in St. Martin and Gypsumville from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2027. Deadline for proposals was Wednesday September 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

AND WHEREAS the following Proposals were received: 1. St. Martin Fish Agency

And it was found that the Proposal received from St. Martin Fish Agency to be the most appropriate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept St. Martin Fish Agency's proposal.

CARRIED

8.10 Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers

8.10.1 MARR - Annual Membership

2025-381

Councillor Lindell
Councillor Nickel

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve joining the Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers at an annual membership rate of \$200.00.

CARRIED

2025-382

8.10.2 2025 MARR Manitoba Community Recycling and Waste Reduction Forum

Councillor Nickel
Councillor Lindell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the attendance of Assistant CAO McCoubrey at the 2025 MARR Manitoba Community Recycling and Waste Reduction Forum, being held in Winnipeg on October 15-16, 2025, as a municipal expense.

CARRIED

8.11 Dugout/Well Request - NW 28-27-7W - T. Cook

2025-383

Councillor Metner Councillor Nickel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Tyson Cook to undertake the construction of two dugouts and the drilling of one well on his leased land – legal description NW 28-27-7W, at his own expense, in accordance with the terms of his forage lease;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all costs of construction, maintenance, and repair of these improvements shall be the sole responsibility of the Lessee and that the Municipality shall not provide any compensation to the Lessee for these improvements in the event that the lease expires, is surrendered, or is terminated.

CARRIED

8.12 Public Works Request - SE 21-27-9 - B. Meisner

Public Works will conduct an inspection of the site.

In Camera In Camera - Legal Proceedings 9.1 2025-368 Councillor Bittner Councillor Jabusch BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move into an In Camera session pursuant to Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss a matter under: 152(3)(iv) the conduct of existing or anticipated legal proceedings. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any items discussed while in camera must be kept confidential until the matter is discussed at a meeting of Council in public. CARRIED 9.2 **Out of Camera** 2025-369 Councillor Metner Councillor Bittner BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now move out of camera and resume the meeting. **CARRIED Delegations and Public Hearings** 10 10.1 10:00 a.m. Sgt Mike Garton, RCMP Gypsumville Sergeant Mike Garton provided Council with updates on several matters within the Gypsumville RCMP. Topics included local housing availability arrangements for officers, speed reduction measures for specific areas, and an overview of staffing levels within the detachment. 10:45 a.m. - Kerry Kosten - Pigeons in Moosehorn 10.2 Kerry Kosten discussed the ongoing pigeon activity in Moosehorn, MB with Council. 11:30 a.m. Steve Topping 10.3 Steve Topping and Heomi Nauyen (EIT) met with Council to discuss the selected aggregate sites. They also toured some of the respective sites with our Public Works Manager Danny Granberg. 11 **Adjournment** Councillor Gould

2025-384

Councillor Lindell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council shall now adjourn to meet again at the next regular meeting of Council on September 25, 2025.

Adjournment time: 4:34 p.m.

Chief Administrative Officer Shelly Schwitek	Reeve Craig Howse	

Report Date 09/11/2025 1:41 PM

RM of Grahamdale Payment Register Batch: 2025-00080 to 2025-00084

Bank Code: General - General

Payment #	Vendor	Date	Amount
Computer Cheque			
11701	6285636 Manitoba Ltd.	09/05/2025	19,035.36
11702	AMM Trading Company Ltd.	09/05/2025	76.16
11703	Moosehorn Co-op	09/05/2025	3,416.30
11704	GFL Environmental Inc	09/05/2025	4,343.40
11705	JR Cousin Consultants Ltd.	09/05/2025	7,521.15
11706	MDA Transport	09/05/2025	4,095.00
11707	Meisner Owen	09/05/2025	3,405.50
11708	PKF LAWYERS	09/05/2025	7,466.40
11709	Prairie By-Law Enforcement Ltd	09/05/2025	157.50
11710	Price Michael	09/05/2025	3,825.00
11711	Purolator Inc.	09/05/2025	275.57
11712	Real Pristine Services	09/05/2025	430.00
11713	Telmatik	09/05/2025	162.75
11714	XEROX CANADA LTD	09/05/2025	729.87
11715	Ashern Otto Shop Inc.	09/10/2025	39.20
11716	Bednarek Jason	09/10/2025	100.00
11717	East Interlake Watershed	09/10/2025	500.00
11718	Eriksdale Creamery Days	09/10/2025	100.00
11719	Falk Phyllis	09/10/2025	990.00
11720	Hilbre Auto Service Inc.	09/10/2025	1,635.85
11721	Ashern Home Hardware	09/10/2025	421.03
11722	Access Credit Union	09/10/2025	2,601.78
11723	MDA Transport	09/10/2025	4,677.75
11724	Rawluk's Grocery Ltd.	09/10/2025	150.41
11725	Shoreline Excavating	09/10/2025	7,308.00
11726	XEROX CANADA LTD	09/10/2025	522.42
11727	Access Credit Union	09/11/2025	3,694.02
11728	Big and Colourful	09/11/2025	557.93
11729	Falk Phyllis	09/11/2025	61.55
11730	Fenning Derek	09/11/2025	308.40
11731	Oswald Riley	09/11/2025	2,780.50
11732	Over the Top Septic	09/11/2025	1,160.25
11733	Roger Kim Lee Music Festival	09/11/2025	125.00
	Total fo	or Computer Cheque:	82,674.05
		Total for General:	82,674.05
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Payments Printed: 33

Deposit Register

Pay group: 100 (OFFICE) Pay period: 19 (30Aug2025 to 12Sep2025) Cheque date: 12Sep2025

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Voucher No.	Pay Date	Emp. No.	Employee Name	Dept. No.	Institute / Transit / Account	Amount	
	12Sep2025	675	BECKER, Charles	650			
	12Sep2025	665	CLARK, Amold	650			
	12Sep2025	676	FALK, Phyllis	650			
	12Sep2025	681	Godfrey, Peter	650			
	12Sep2025	309	Granberg, Danny	300			
	12Sep2025	332	Houston, Dylan E.	310			
	12Sep2025	208	Kiesman, Jacqueline A.	725			
	12Sep2025	204	MCCOUBREY, Devan	250			
	12Sep2025	310	Ogonoski, Gregory F.	300			
	12Sep2025	301	PRICE, JASON	300			
	12Sep2025	684	Rawluk, Henry	650			
	12Sep2025	210	Rubidge, Amber C.	260			
	12Sep2025	201	SCHWITEK, SHELLY D.	200			
	12Sep2025	207	SHANNON, Justin	260			

Pay Group Totals:

Number of Deposits:14

Total Amount of Deposits:15351.90

Deposit Register

Pay group: 400 (FIRE FIGHTERS)			Pay period: 08	(01Oct2025 to 31Oct2025)		Cheque date	12Sep2025
\	oucher No. Pay Date	Emp. No.	Employee Name	Dept. No.	Institute / Transit / Ad	count	Amount
_	12Sep2025	850	Gould, Dollard	460			
	12Sep2025	891	Houle, Brendon	460			
	12Sep2025	851	Jarvie, Matthew	460			
	12Sep2025	882	Kitchur, Avery	460			
	12Sep2025	863	Lund, Mitchell	460			
	12Sep2025	858	Rawluk, Roderick	460			
	12Sep2025	883	Wood, Ben	460			

Pay Group Totals:

Number of Deposits:7

Total Amount of Deposits:3033.02