REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FOX VALLEY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026
IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 85 CENTER STREET

PRESENT
Mayor Sean Checkley, Deputy Mayor Brendan Eresman, Councillor Daniel Bueckert, Councillor Lindsey Schneider, Foreman Carson Tumbach and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Renee Glass

REGRETS
Councillor Tyson Dirk

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present Mayor Checkley called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

1/26 AGENDA
Eresman/Schneider: That the agenda of the regular meeting held on January 14, 2026 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2/26 MINUTES
Schneider/Bueckert: That the minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2025 be approved and filed.

CARRIED

3/26 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Eresman/Bueckert: That the financial statement for the month of December 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4/26 BANK RECONCILIATION
Schneider/Bueckert: That the bank reconciliation for the month of December 2025 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

5/26 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
Schneider/Eresman: That the attached list of accounts for batch 2025-00116 – 2026-00002 containing cheque numbers 6455 - 6472 and online banking payments in the amount of $119,073.70 be approved for payment.

CARRIED

6/26 MAINTENANCE FOREMAN REPORT
Eresman/Bueckert: That the report by Foreman Carson Tumbach be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

7/26 CORRESPONDENCE
Schneider/Eresman: That the following correspondence be approved and filed:

a. December Timesheet for Foreman and CAO
b. Southwest Trust Board Minutes
c. RCMP Monthly Occurence
d. Administrative Report

CARRIED

8/26 FOREMAN OVERTIME PAYOUT
Bueckert/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley approves the payout of 51.25 hours overtime to Foreman Tumbach for December 2025.

CARRIED

9/26 REC FACILITY APPRAISAL
Schneider/Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley retain Suncorp Valuations to do an appraisal of the Curling Rink, Skating Rink and Swimming Pool.

CARRIED

10/26 TAX ABATEMENT
Eresman/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley deny the request for tax abatement on property Lot 12, Block 12, Plan CV1181.

CARRIED

11/26 LOT CONSOLIDATION

Schneider/Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley apply to SAMA to consolidate Lot 11, Block 12, Plan CV1181 with Lot 12, Block 12, Plan CV1181.

CARRIED

12/26 LOT CONSOLIDATION

Eresman/Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley apply to SAMA to consolidate Lot 3, Block 7, Plan BZ1649 with Lot 5, Block 7, Plan BZ1649.

CARRIED

13/26 SKRECYCLES LETTER OF INTENT

Schneider/Bueckert: WHEREAS the Village of Fox Valley received correspondence from SK Recycles regarding the Phase 2 Letter of Intent related to the provision of curbside recycling services, and

WHEREAS the letter requested municipal decision on two matters pertaining to service delivery and program participation during the transition phase,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Village of Fox Valley direct CAO Glass to respond to the SK Recycles Phase 2 Letter of Intent with the following positions:

1. Decision 1: The Village of Fox Valley declines delivery of curbside service directly by SK Recycles effective February 1, 2028.
2. Decision 2: The Village of Fox Valley declines to remain under the current program or to join SK Recycles' new program for the transition period of June 1, 2026 to February 1, 2028.

CARRIED

14/26 RED COAT WASTE AUTHORITY

Eresman/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley agrees to join the Red Coat Waste Resource Authority as an Associate Member.

CARRIED

15/26 BYLAW NO. 1-26 SNOW REMOVAL

Eresman/Bueckert: That Bylaw 1-26 being a Bylaw to provide for the Removal of Snow, Ice and Other Obstructions from Sidewalks.

CARRIED

Schneider/Bueckert: That Bylaw 1-26 now be read a second time.

CARRIED

Eresman/Schneider: Question – That we have third reading of Bylaw 1-26 being a bylaw to repeal other bylaws at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bueckert/Eresman: That Bylaw 1-26 being a bylaw to repeal other bylaws be read for a third and final time, adopted, signed and sealed by the Mayor and Administrator.

CARRIED

16/26 SASK PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Eresman/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley approve Foreman Tumbach attending the SPWA Annual Conference in Saskatoon on February 24 -26. Council will cover the cost of registration, mileage, meals and hotel.

CARRIED

17/26 BUILDING PERMIT #2026-01

Bueckert/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley approve Building Permit #2026-01 for the construction of a home on Lot 3 & 5, Block 7, Plan BZ1649, as submitted by Jeanette Garrecht.

And that the application must be approved and presented to Dan Knutson of Class III Building Official Services from Swift Current.

CARRIED

18/26 COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Schneider/Eresman: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley hire Lindsay Alliban from Community & Economic Development with Lindsay Alliban to provide Grant Application services.

CARRIED

19/26 CAPITAL FUND SUMMARY

Schneider/Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley acknowledges the Capital Fund Summary and Activity Statement as of December 31, 2025 as presented. The summary lists all revenues and expenditure activities for the year as well as bank balances. Total balance as of December 31, 2025 is $192,351.87.

CARRIED

20/26 FIDELITY BOND

Eresman/Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley acknowledges the continuing bond coverage for employees through Saskatchewan Government Insurance general liability insurance plan.

CARRIED

21/26 DEPUTY MAYOR APPOINTMENT

Eresman/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley appoint Brendan Eresman as the Deputy Mayor for the 2026 year.

CARRIED

22/26 FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES

Bueckert/Eresman: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley acknowledges the 2025 Fire Department expense list as prepared by the RM of Fox Valley No. 171 totaling $22,731.68. The Village Council acknowledges our share as $11,365.84 for the 2025 year.

List of Active Volunteer Firefighters: Clayton Sarauer, Brendan Eresman, Carson Tumbach, Michael Dirk, Dwayne Schneider, Jamie Wilk, Johnathon Schneider, Josh Koch, Kolton Obritsch, Sean Checkley, Ray Napper, Kent Glass, Patrick Ehnisz, Steve Mandel & Austin Dirk.

CARRIED

23/26 REGULAR DATE FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Schneider/Bueckert: That the regular date and time for Council meetings be set for the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

CARRIED

24/26 WEED INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT

Eresman/ Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley appoint Jenna Lerner as the weed inspector to enforce “The Weed Control Act” and the regulations within the municipality. And that remuneration shall be $230/day plus $.70/km.

CARRIED

25/26 PEST CONTROL APPOINTMENT

Bueckert/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley appoint Darcy Schneider as the pest control officer, and that a landfill and elevator inspection be conducted once per year. And that Mr. Schneider be contracted at a rate of $22/hour plus $.50/km.

CARRIED

26/26 PCO INSPECTION REPORT

Schneider/Eresman: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley acknowledge the Pest Control Inspection Report presented by the Pest Control Officer, Darcy Schneider for 2025.

CARRIED

27/26 BUSINESS LICENSE

Bueckert/Eresman: That for the 2026 year, Bylaw 02-06, being The Licensing Bylaw, shall not be enforced and no business licenses will be issued or charged to any contractor, home occupations, transient traders, salesman, etc.

CARRIED

28/26 EMPLOYEE GUIDE

Schneider/Bueckert: That the Employee Guide for the Village of Fox Valley be accepted as presented. And that the guide will form part of these minutes and be reviewed at this time every year.

CARRIED

29/26 UTILITY RESERVE TRANSFER TO GIC TERM

Eresman/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fax Valley approve CAO Glass transferring $240,000.00 from the Utility Reserve account to a GIC 1 Year Redeemable Term at an interest rate of 2.04%.

CARRIED

30/26 RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Schneider/Bueckert: That the Village of Fox Valley jointly with the RM of Fox Valley No. 171 recognize and appoint the following persons to the Fox Valley Recreation Board:

Village of Fox Valley – Daniel Bueckert(28)/Tyson Dirk (28)
RM of Fox Valley – Dwayne Schneider (27)/Jamie Wilk (27)
Swimming Pool – Brianne Schneider (28)/Jordan Koch (27)
Skating Arena – Donald Schmaltz (27)/Cody Bonogofski (28)
Curling Rink – Kalin Deis (28)/Wade Martin (27)
Parks & Playgrounds – Tena Schneider (28)/Wayne Bosch (27)
Community Hall – Howard Obritsch (28)/Cassandra Obritsch (27)
Sports Grounds – Patrick Ehnisz (27)
Community Center – Mark Hudec (28)
Fox Den Motel – Joshua Koch (28)
Youth at Large –
Community at Large –

(27) or (28) denotes year office term expires. All positions expire December 31 of year.

CARRIED

31/26 BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Eresman/Schneider: That the following appointments are agreed upon for 2025:

Chinook Regional Library – Brendan Eresman/Denise Bachmier (Mrs. Bachmier will be paid a honorarium of $40/half day or $80/day plus half the mileage to attend the meetings.
Fox Valley Recreation Board – Daniel Bueckert/Tyson Dirk
Maple Creek Hospital Trust Committee – Sean Checkley/Lindsey Schneider/Daniel Bueckert/Tyson Dirk
Leader Hospital Trust Committee – Sean Checkley/Lindsey Schneider/Daniel Bueckert/Tyson Dirk
FVS Emergency Management Team – Brendan Eresman/Daniel Bueckert
Inter-Municipal Fire Committee – Whole Council
Incinerator Committee – Whole Council
Housing Committee – Sean Checkley/Tyson Dirk
Regional Economic Development Committee – Whole Council

CARRIED

32/26 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS INSURANCE

Schneider/Eresman: That we renew the Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Plan offered through SUMA as follows:

PLAN B - $772 (Administration Fee $77.20 + GST $3.86) Total - $853.06
INCLUDES: $100,000 AD & D $5,000 Medical
$100,000 Illness $100/week indemnity

CARRIED

33/26 COUNCIL REMUNERATION

Bueckert/Eresman: That Council remuneration for the year 2026 be as follows:

Mayor - $125/Meeting
Councilor - $75/Meeting

Each council member will be reimbursed $80/day or $40/half day plus mileage, meals and accommodations when attending day/evening meetings in conjunction with Village business.

Each council member will be reimbursed $13/hour while attending meetings locally in conjunction with Village business.

The Village of Fox Valley will pay 100% of the cost of SUMA Group Insurance Plan for Council Members.

CARRIED

34/25 MILEAGE

Schneider/Bueckert: That Council and staff be paid $.50/km when traveling in conjunction with Village business.

CARRIED

35/26 REVENUE: SCHEDULE OF FEES

Schneider/Dirk: That Council review and acknowledge the following Schedule of Fees for the 2025 year:

Tractor Rental/Contract Work/Weed Control:
$60 for the first ½ hour (minimum $60); or $100 per hour
Be it further agreed upon that the tractor will only be operated by village employees and/or council.

Excavator Rental/Contract Work:
$100 per hour (minimum charge $100)
Be it further agreed upon that the excavator will only be operated by village employees.
Out of Town Requests will be denied

Snow Removal: $100 per hour (minimum charge $100)

Cemetery Fees: $40 per plot

Lot Rental/Camping Fees: Serviced Lots - $30/day or $750/month
Unserviced Lots - $10/day

Tree Branch Clean Up: When using Village of Fox Valley Utility Truck – First load FREE (loaded by homeowner); subsequent loads $100 (loaded by homeowner).

Curb Cutting: $10/foot

CARRIED

36/25 DISCOUNT ON TAX PAYMENTS

Eresman/Schneider: That the discount applied to the tax levy be set as follows:

January 5%	February 5%	March 5%
April 5%	May 5%	June 5%
July 5 %	August 3%	September 0%
October 0%	November 0%	December 0%

CARRIED

37/26 SASKATCHEWAN LOTTERIES TRUST FUND

Eresman/Schneider: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley apply for funding under the Community Grant Program. And that we acknowledge the following partners to the grant:

Village of Fox Valley - $2,836
RM of Fox Valley - $2,735
Village of Golden Prairie - $328

And that all monies received be allocated to the Fox Valley Recreation Board to provide programs and activities in all the recreation facilities.

CARRIED

38/26 FOREMAN VACATION DAY CARRY OVER

Bueckert/Eresman: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley approve Foreman Tumbach to carry over 13 vacation days from 2025 to 2026 to add to his 2026 allotted vacation days.

CARRIED

39/26 CAO VACATION DAY CARRY OVER

Schneider/Bueckert: That Council for the Village of Fox Valley approve CAO Glass to carry over 12 vacation days from 2025 to 2026 to add to her 2026 allotted vacation days.

CARRIED

40/26 ADJOURNMENT:

Schneider/Eresman: That the meeting adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED

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Mayor

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Administrator