

Highlights, June 18 , 2025 - Council Meeting

(Full minutes will be approved at the July 16, 2025, Council Meeting)

Administration

- Mustard's Last Stand, Kevin Baer's contract for the HUB has ended and we will be looking for another service provider. (See July highlights for update)
- Will be collecting submissions for a Summer Newsletter and aim to send it out the beginning of August.
- Submitted SAMA Roll Confirmation this week. The deadline is end of June and after that point in time we can get our certificate of confirmation.
- Request was made to have trees planted in Sunterra. Will review the request.
- Council agreed to add Jessica Arguin as an authorized user on the Resort Village of Shields Credit Card account, and have an additional card acquired for her to conduct regular budgeted administrative purchases.

Maintenance/Operations

- Council approved to add Glenn Robbie as an authorized user on the Resort Village of Shields Credit Card account, and have an additional card acquired for him to conduct regular budgeted operations purchases.
- Council agreed to lift the full fire ban that is in place.
- Operations have been busy dealing with the following:
 - Road grading and alley grading.
 - Unsightly properties.
 - Sewer project meeting, design meetings, and contractors.
 - Speed sign install.
 - Irrigation line install at south Mawson.
 - Brick for entrance sign planned and picked up.
 - Student hire.
 - New AED install.

Financial

- Melissa Bower from Jensen Stomberg presented the 2024 draft financial statements. The village once again reported an operating surplus. The statements will be posted on-line.
- Council rescinded a previous motion regarding a debenture of 1.5 M and Council approved that application be made to the Local Government Committee for permission to borrow by way of debentures, the sum of \$1,.1M in 2025 repayable over a period of ten years, for the purpose of financing the low-pressure sewer system project. The debenture will be repayable so that the principal and interest are combined and made payable in equal annual instalments during the term of the securities interest at the rate of 4.29% per centum, per annum, payable at least annually.
- Council approved to fund the lift station upgrades of approximately \$121, 500, through village reserves, regarding the 1.1-million-dollar debenture, Council approved that the

portion of the debenture covering the mains and curb stops be funded by an infrastructure fee charged to only residents in the R1 zone and that the remainder of the debenture covering the cost of lines from the curb stop, equipment and connection to the sewer service, taking place on the property of the resident, be funded by an infrastructure fee charged to only the residents who subscribe to the sewer service.

- Council approved the list of account payments for \$33, 641.63 which includes payroll.

Development Permit Application

- Council approved that 34 Mawson - Permit to construct a detached garage. Approval is subject to review and approval of Building Permit by Building Inspector

Nuisance

- Council agreed that Administration is authorized to issue an order to property owners whose property is a nuisance and adversely affects the surrounding properties for the following reasons: Overgrown vegetation, Untidy & Unsightly condition

Council Reports:

Project Report

- That the Resort Village of Shields purchase 100 pumps from Aquifer Distribution Ltd. That have been recommended by Associated Engineering for residents who are subscribing to the LPSS service.
- May 22, 2025. (construction up to septic tank). Phase 1 - Tender closed and was awarded on May 29th to Subterra Horizontal Directional Drilling Ltd.
- Village needs to identify provision of a lay down area for the contractor within the Village
- AE is working on contract documents with Subterra. Once these are complete, AE will arrange a meeting with the Project Team and Subterra.
- Ae will prepare tender for the in-tank installation of the equipment
- The SMB application for 1.1 M will be submitted for The Long-term borrowing over 10 years [The Saskatchewan Municipal Financing Corporation](#) offers extremely competitive interest rates and flexible borrowing terms to municipalities looking to borrow funds.
- Draft legal document is currently out for feedback.
- May 31 – Sent out the update to residents.
- June 16 – Public Meeting – Questions will be answered and sent out to residents.

Human Resource Committee

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields Operations Manager hires a summer staff student at the rate of \$18/hr. for the summer season.
- That the Resort Village of Shields Administrator hires a golf Starter at the wage of \$15/hr. for the summer season.

Fire Commission

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields Pre-Authorize the Dundurn Fire commission to spend \$40,000 Canadian Dollars on a 1996 Freightliner Tanker, which will be funded through a one-time levy increase of \$25 per assessed owner in 2025.

Social Programming Report

- July 30 – Happy Appy in the Park – Bring an appetizer to share and come out to play some games and visit with your neighbors
- August 16 - Fall Family Festival in the Park
- November - TBD – Ladies Christmas Craft and Purple Martin Project

- December 13th – Children’s Christmas Party
- February/March 2026 – Fish Derby (discuss in more depth around September)
- Council agreed that the documents and old street signs will be handed to the Social Programming Committee to be auctioned off during a fundraising event.
- Pickel ball instructions will be held on Sundays at 9:30 starting on May 25th.

Golf Committee Report

- Council accepted the two quotes to construct cart paths on the golf course, the first being a path constructed of SB90, for the path from hole one to two, and the second being for a gravel path traveling from hole eight to hole nine down the hillside.
- Council agreed that the golf committee provides six complimentary day passes for the volunteers who moved the rock for the Murry McArthur Memorial Stone that is placed on the golf course.

Next meeting of Council July 18, 2025