

Town of Pense and RM of Pense No 160
Protective Services Committee Meeting Minutes for Fire Services at the
RM of Pense Administration Office 324 Elder Street Pense, SK
Friday February 13, 2026, at 9:30 AM

Present:

R.M. of Pense #160: Reeve MacRae, Councillors Lax and Szeles. Administrator Cathy Ripplinger and Administrative Assistant Amber Meadows

Town of Pense: Councillors Zaba, Prokopetz and Desrosiers, Administrator Jennifer Lendvay

Reeve McRae called the meeting to order at 9:28 am.

Reeve McRae asked which representatives from the Town and RM would be voting members:

R.M.: Lax and Szeles

Town: Zaba and Prokopetz

Agenda Item 2 - Proposed Bylaw/Agreement

3.c. Fire Fighting Equipment (Capital) Definition

That the definition for Fire Fighting (Capital) Definition be changed from \$5,000 to \$1,000 as follows:

3.c. Fire Fighting Equipment (Capital) – refers to significant, non-expendable assets with a useful life of more than one year and minimum cost of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, which can include vehicles, major apparatus, and personal protective equipment.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

6.2.a. Budget

That a three-year capital budget be included in the Agreement.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

That the fire fighter turn out gear be budgeted out of the capital budget.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

To ensure that fire fighter turn out gear remains current and within the ten (10) year lifespan, a gear replacement schedule shall be confirmed. If required, a minimum of two (2) sets of firefighter gear shall be budgeted annually out of the capital budget to bring all gear into alignment with the recommended rotation schedule.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

6.3.c. Financial

That Section 6.2 b and 6.3.c be deleted and the following inserted:

That the Department use the previous years call-out fees as its operating budget and that any surplus in the operating budget shall be retained in the general operating account. In the event of a deficit, funds from the general operating account shall be used to cover the shortfall.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

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Municipalities to contribute to the capital budget to continue building the capital reserve account.

7.1.e. Administrative Meetings

Requested that the Department provide the municipalities with a copy of their administrative meeting minutes.

9.2. Termination

That the termination notice be changed from one (1) year to two (2) years.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

9.2.a. Termination – Equipment

That in the event of termination of the Department all assets and inventory are to go to auction.

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9.2.c. Termination – Building

RM stated that the Town has no right to the land or building as the Town was donating \$25,000 annually for 10 years.

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9.2.d. Termination – 99-year lease

The RM verbally advised that it will be serving the Town with six months' notice to terminate the lease agreement.

Schedule B – Confirm that the rates are sufficient

That Schedule B, 4. 2011 Chevrolet 2500 fee be set at \$1,200.00 for the first hour and \$650.00 for every hour after (the same fees as the pumper and other quick response vehicle).

All in Favor. CARRIED.

Schedule C – Equipment & Asset Inventory

Schedule C shall list all assets with a value exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

All in Favor. CARRIED.

Agenda Item 3 - Fuel – Re-fueling options

That a 500-gallon diesel tank be installed at the fire hall yard. The RM will acquire quotes. Requested that the Department provide the proposed location for the diesel tank.

All in Favor. CARRIED.

Agenda Item 4 - Snow Removal – Clarification of responsibility

Confirm which Department members wish to receive training to operate the tractor and snowblower. Councillor Lax will provide the training and complete the required sign-off in accordance with the RM of Pense insurance policies.

Agenda Item 5 - Mutual Aid Bylaws/Agreement – have all parties, other than RM, signed?

Updated was provided and is attached.



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Agenda Item 6 – Other

Budget Meeting scheduled for March 13, 2026, at 9:30 am at the RM Administration Office.

Trees for the Fire Hall.

Agenda Item 7 - Adjourn

Councillor Szeles adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

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Attachment to Minutes of February 13, 2026

Agenda Item 5 – Mutual Aids – Update

Mutual Aid Status Summary

Mutual Aid #1

Municipality	Status	Notes
Town of Lumsden	In Progress	They are working on it
Town of Regina Beach	Confirmed	
Town of Southey	Confirmed	
Town of Strasbourg	Confirmed	
RM of Lumsden No. 189	In Progress	They are working on it
RM of Dufferin No. 190	Confirmed	
RM of Longlaketon No. 219	No Response	
RM of McKillop No. 220	No Response	
RM of Sherwood No. 159	Pending	After Feb 23
Village of Bethune	Confirmed	
Village of Buena Vista	No Response	
Village of Disley	No Response	
Village of Craven	Confirmed	
Village of Silton	Pending	Taking it to Feb 18 CM
Village of Earl Grey	No Response	
Resort Village of Lumsden Beach	Confirmed	
Resort Village of Saskatchewan Beach	Confirmed	
Resort Village of Kannata Valley	Confirmed	



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Mutual Aid #2

Municipality	Status	Notes
Town of Grand Coulee	Confirmed	

Mutual Aid #3

Municipality	Status	Notes
RM of Redburn No. 130	Pending	March Meeting
RM of Elmsthorpe No. 100	Confirmed	
RM of Bratt's Lake No. 129	Confirmed	
Town of Rouleau	Pending	March Meeting
Village of Wilcox	Confirmed	
Village of Avonlea	Confirmed	
Village of Briercrest	Confirmed	

