Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty
November 16, 2026 - Inaugural Meeting of Council - 06:00 PM

1 Appel à l'ordre/Called To Order

2 Swearing-In/Oath of Allegiance of Council by Deputy Clerk

The Deputy Clerk will undertake Swearing-in / Oath of Allegiance as follows:
Mayor Steven Lambert
Councillor Marianne Lacroix
Councillor Danny Meilleur
Councillor Gérard Levesque
Councillor Shannon Durand

3 Adoption de l'ordre du jour/Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

4 Reconnaissance des terres traditionnelles/Traditional Land Acknowledgement

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty respectfully acknowledges that it was established on the homelands of First Nations and Métis Peoples. The municipal buildings we occupy are located on Omushkegowuk Nation territory, governed by Mushkegowuk Council representing several Cree First Nations along the James Bay coast and inland regions. Communities include Moose Cree First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Attawapiskat First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Chapleau Cree First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou Nation, and Missanabie Cree First Nation.

Beyond a land acknowledgement, we understand that reconciliation is a practice. We gratefully respect and seek insight from Elders and Knowledge Keepers who generously share their gifts and teachings with us so that we may better understand and honour their wisdom. As we work to increase awareness in our non-Indigenous community, the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty will continue to practice reconciliation by listening, learning, and fostering a culture of mutual respect and trust.

5 Récit de la mission et de la vision de la municipalité/Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statement

Vision Statement

The Municipality of Val Rita-Harty envisions a vibrant, inclusive community where residents of all backgrounds thrive together in a safe, affordable environment. Guided by a spirit of unity and sustainability, we aim to be a model of small-town living with a stable economy, sufficient housing for all, and the capacity to grow while preserving our unique charm and fostering a deep sense of belonging.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that Val Rita-Harty remains a welcoming, diverse, and dynamic municipality. We are dedicated to: Maintaining a safe and affordable place to

live for residents of all ages and backgrounds. Supporting economic stability and sustainable growth through strategic planning and partnerships. Providing accessible housing and essential services to meet the needs of our growing population. Fostering a strong sense of community through engagement, collaboration, and shared values. Together, we strive to build a future that balances progress and tradition, making Val Rita-Harty a place everyone is proud to call home.

6 Déclarations d'intérêts divergents (pécuniaires)/Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

7 Discours du maire/Mayor's Inaugural Address

8 Délégations/présentations/Delegations/Presentations

Nil

9 Session de travail du Comité plénier/Committee of the Whole Working Session

Nil

10 Approbation du procès-verbal de la (des) dernière(s) réunion(s)/Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting (s)

Nil

11 Affaires législatives/Legislative Matters

11.1 Deputy Mayor Appintments

THAT Council for the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty approve the following appointments for the position as Deputy Mayor, on a rotation basis as follows:

- Shannon Durand - November 17, 2026 to November 16, 2027
- Gérard Levesque - November 17, 2027 to November 16, 2028
- Danny Meilleur - November 17, 2028 to November 16, 2029
- Marianne Lacroix - November 17, 2029 to November 14, 2030.

11.2 Appointments to Committees

THAT Council for the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty approve the following appointments to Committees:
Parks and Beautification Committee: Councillor Shannon Durand and Councillor Marianne Lacroix;
Local Citizens' Committeee: Mayor Steven Lambert;
Val Rita-Harty Public Library: Councillor Shannon Durand
Grant Submission Committee: Councillor Marianne Lacroix and Councillor Danny Meilleur;
Water Rate and Utility Committee: Councillor Gérard Levesque and Councillor Shannon Durand;
Sensenbrenner Hospital Board of Directors: Councillor Gérard Levesque;
James Bay Detachment OPP Board: Councillor Danny Meilleur; and
North Cochrane POA Board: Treasurer Leanne Crozier

12 Affaires administratives/Administrative Matters

12.1 Amend Signing Authority

THAT Council for the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty hereby delete Schedule "A" to Bylaw No 1210-25 and replaced with the following:

Schedule "A"

The following individuals have signing authority for the purposes of the bylaw:
Members of Council:

1. Mayor Steven Lambert
2. Councillor Shannon Durand
3. Councillor Marianne Lacroix
4. Councillor Gérard Levesque
5. Councillor Danny Meilleur

THAT Schedule "B" to Bylaw No. 1210-25 be deleted and replaced with the following:
Schedule "B"
The following individuals have signing authority for the purposes of the bylaw:
Statutory Officer or Administration Employee

1. Treasurer
2. Deputy Treasurer
3. Clerk
4. Deputy Clerk
5. Municipal Services Coordinator
6. Public Works Working Foreman, only as necessary under extreme circumstances with a member of Council being the other signatory.

12.2 Calendar of Regular Council meetings 2026-2027

THAT Council for the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty approve the Calendar of Regular Meetings of Council for the year 2027.

13 Questions relatives à l'encadrement/Leadership Issues

14 Huis clos/Closed Session

15 Calendrier/Calendar

- Calendrier/Calendar 2027

16 Confirmation des procédures/Confirmation of Proceedings

- Bylaw 1281-26 - Confirmatory Bylaw

17 Ajournement/Adjournment

THAT this Inaugural meeting of Council be adjourned at ___ p.m.

Municipalité de/Municipality of Val Rita-Harty - 2027

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Statutory and Civic Holidays

Regular Meetings of Val Rita Harty Council

Conferences: ROMA-January 24-26, 2027 OGRA - April 4 - 7, 2027 FONOM-May 10-12, 2027

AMO-August 20-25, 2027 AFMO- May 18 - 20, 2027

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAL RITA HARTY

BYLAW NUMBER 1281-26

BEING A BYLAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Legal Authority

Scope of Powers
Section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act*¸ 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("*Municipal Act*") as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues.

Powers of a Natural Person
Section 9 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

Powers Exercised by Council
Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council

Powers Exercised by By-law
Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

Preamble
Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty ("Council") acknowledges that many of the decisions it makes during a meeting of Council, regular, special, or otherwise, are done by resolution. Section 5 (3) requires that Council exercise their powers by Bylaw.

Council further acknowledges that the passing of resolutions are more expedient than adopting Bylaws for each decision.

Decision

Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty decides it in the best interest of the Corporation to confirm its decisions by way of Confirmatory Bylaw.

Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty directs as follows:

1. The Confirmatory Period of this Bylaw shall be for the Inaugural Council Meeting of November 16, 2026.

2. All Bylaws passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

3. All resolutions passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

4. All other proceedings, decisions, and directives of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

5. This Bylaw takes effect on the day of its final passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 26- this 16th day of November, 2026.

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Mayor Deputy Clerk