

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501, held at Council Chambers located at PT SW 11-53-24 W3 on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Reeve Tom S. Hougham
Division 1 Leonard Larre
Division 2 Carri Zeller
Division 3 Doug Trotzuk
Division 4 Ronald Gory
Division 5 Gay Noeth
Division 6 Evan Priest

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO)
Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO
Dan Fedirko, Public Works Foreman @ 9:26 a.m.

DELEGATES:

Brody Malek, Ritchie Bros @ 1:01 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

9:00 a.m. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Reeve Hougham.

1-1 FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2026-02-11-001 ZELLER: That the following be added to the February 11, 2026 Agenda.
• 13-10 Town of St. Walburg Donation Requests
• 13-11 Coyote Bounty
• 13-12 Weed Management
• 13-13 Strychnine

Carried

1-1 FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AGENDA:

2026-02-11-002 NOETH: That the February 11, 2026 Agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 JANUARY 28, 2026 MINUTES:

2026-02-11-003 TROTZUK: That the January 28, 2026 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

2-1 JANUARY 28, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- SUBDIVISION NE28-54-22W3M:

2026-02-11-004 NOETH: That the January 28, 2026 special meeting minutes- Subdivision NE28-54-22W3M be approved as presented.

Carried

2-1 JANUARY 28, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES- OCP AND ZONING BYLAW:

2026-02-11-005 PRIEST: That the January 28, 2026 special meeting minutes- Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

4-1 JANUARY 2026 BANK RECONCILIATION:

2026-02-11-006 LARRE: That the January 2026 month end Bank Reconciliation be acknowledged and balances as follows:

Chequing Account Operating	\$ 11,038,662.87
St. Walburg Health Account	\$ 2,397.11
Turtleford Health Account	\$ 8,308.85
Online Banking Account	\$ 12,395.54
Term Deposits (2.85% Expiring 31-Dec-27)	\$ 657,301.40
Term Deposits (3.30% Expiring 30-Sep-26)	\$ 500,000.00
Term Deposits (3.40% Expiring 30-Sep-27)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Term Deposits (3.30% Expiring 30-Sep-28)	\$ 500,000.00
Term Deposits (3.30% Expiring 30-Sep-29)	\$ 500,000.00
Term Deposits (3.45% Expiring 30-Sep-30)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Cash in Bank as of January 31, 2026	\$ 15,219,065.77
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Total Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 15,219,265.77

Carried


Reeve


A/CAO

4-2 JANUARY 2026 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - DETAILED:

2026-02-11-007 ZELLER: That the January 2026 month end Statement of Financial Activities is acknowledged – Detailed, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes as Appendix A.

Carried

5-1 PAYROLL- PP2026-04:

2026-02-11-008 NOETH: That the payroll accounts for the pay period **January 25 – February 7, 2026 Authorization #482, direct deposit dated February 13, 2026, totaling \$32,240.43** be approved.

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix B Salaries and Wages January 25 – February 7, 2026.**

Carried

5-2 COUNCIL REMUNERATION:

2026-02-11-009 LARRE: That the electronic payment of January 2026 Council Remuneration for the following amounts less deductions on February 27, 2026 be approved:

• Reeve Hougham	\$ 1,523.40
• Councillor Larre	\$ 915.70
• Councillor Zeller	\$ 636.80
• Councillor Trotzuk	\$ 1,266.80
• Councillor Gory	\$ 887.00
• Councillor Noeth	\$ 653.20
• Councillor Priest	\$ 1,081.80

Carried

5-3 ACCOUNTS – FEBRUARY 11, 2026:

2026-02-11-010 GORY: That the following payments dated February 11, 2026 be approved.

• Cheques 33891 to 33925	Totalling	\$300,633.75
• Other Payments	Totalling	\$48,336.57
	Total AP	\$348,970.33

Carried

9:26 a.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers to discuss Public Works report.
10:00 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2026-02-11-011 LARRE: That this meeting recess.

10:01 a.m. Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:16 a.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

10:17 a.m. Aaron Neilly presented the A/CAO report to Council.

13-5 APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL – BAR ENGINEERING CO. LTD:

2026-02-11-012 ZELLER: That Council approve the 2026 Engineering Services Fee Estimate submitted by BAR Engineering Co. Ltd. for construction engineering, contract administration, post-construction services, and erosion control coordination for the Grid 797 Pipestone Creek Culvert Replacement project, in the estimated amount of \$46,000.00 plus applicable taxes, and further authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Authorization to Proceed on behalf of the RM.

Carried



Reeve



A/CAO

2:45 p.m. Councillor Forum discussion.

6-1 NORTH CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

2026-02-11-020 NOETH: That Council appoints Reeve Tom S. Hougham to the North Central Transportation Planning Committee (NCTPC) commencing January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. Carried

13-11 COYOTE BOUNTY PROGRAM 2026:

2026-02-11-021 LARRE: That Council approve a Coyote Bounty Program paying \$20.00 per set of four (4) coyote paws, with a maximum program budget of \$20,000. The program shall conclude once the approved budget has been expended. The following conditions apply:

- Coyote must be harvested from within the boundaries of the RM of Frenchman Butte;
- The program be open to RM ratepayers only;
- A dated photograph showing the entire animal with GPS location enabled be submitted for verification;
- Council reserves the right to suspend or terminate the program if abused, misuse, or non compliance is identified.

Carried

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – FEBRUARY 11, 2026:

2026-02-11-022 ZELLER: That the February 11, 2026 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted. Carried

15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2026-02-11-023 PRIEST: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:27 p.m. be adjourned. Carried



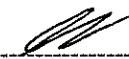
Reeve



Acting Chief Administrative Officer



Reeve



A/CAO