

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, September 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Reeve Tom S. Hougham
Division 1 Leonard Larre
Division 3 Owen Fischer @ 1:00 p.m.
Division 4 Ronald Gory
Division 6 Evan Priest

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Division 2 Carri Zeller
Division 5 Gay Noeth

DELEGATES:

Tyler Cockburn, with Cockburn Construction Ltd. @ 1:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT:

Allison Roschker, Chief Administrative Officer
Vanessa Nasby, Administrative Assistant
Dan Fedirko, Public Works @ 9:34 a.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

9:01 a.m. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Reeve Hougham.

1-1 SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2024-09-11-001 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves adding the following to the September 11, 2024 Agenda.
• 13-8 Human Resources

Carried

1-1 SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 AGENDA:

2024-09-11-002 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the September 11, 2024 Agenda to be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 AUGUST 28, 2024 MINUTES:

2024-09-11-003 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the August 28, 2024 minutes as presented.

Carried

4-1 AUGUST 2024 BANK RECONCILIATION:

2024-09-11-004 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the August 2024 month end Bank Reconciliation balances as follows:

Chequing Account Operating	\$ 8,484,563.16
St. Walburg Health Account	\$ 2,368.64
Turtleford Health Account	\$ 8,209.13
Online Banking Account	\$ 16,166.06
Term Deposits (5.2% Expiring 31-Dec-25)	\$ 596,423.93
Total Cash in Bank as of August 31, 2024	\$ 9,107,730.92
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Total Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 9,107,930.92

Carried

4-2 AUGUST 2024 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - DETAILED:

2024-09-11-005 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the August 31, 2024 month end Statement of Financial Activities – Detailed, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes as Appendix A.

Carried


Reeve


CAO

5-1 PAYROLL- PP2024-19:

2024-09-11-006 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the payroll accounts for the pay period **August 25, 2024 – September 7, 2024. Authorization #444 direct deposit dated September 13, 2024, totaling \$51,335.61.**

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix B Salaries and Wages August 25, 2024 – September 7, 2024.**

Carried

5-2 ACCOUNTS – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024:

2024-09-11-007 GORY: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the following payments dated September 11, 2024.

- Cheques 32624 to 32666 **Totaling \$265,371.42**

Carried

5-3 COUNCIL REMUNERATION:

2024-09-11-008 GORY: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the electronic payment of August 2024 Council Remuneration for the following amounts less deductions on September 27, 2024:

- Reeve Hougham \$1,596.70
- Councillor Larre \$737.00
- Councillor Zeller \$711.80
- Councillor Fischer \$555.90
- Councillor Gory \$937.40
- Councillor Noeth \$713.20
- Councillor Priest \$929.00

Carried

9:34 a.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers to discuss Public Works Report.
10:12 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

6-1 R.M. OF ELDON LETTER OF SUPPORT – SARM MID TERM CONVENTION RESOLUTION:

2024-09-11-009 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the Letter of Support to the R.M. of Eldon regarding the reinstatement of the use of strychnine for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels.

Carried

6-1 USE OF STRYCHNINE PETITION:

2024-09-11-010 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council supports the circulation for the petition for the use of strychnine and to be submitted to the Federal Government for consideration.

Carried

9-3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRICE ESTIMATE:

2024-09-11-011 PRIEST: That the Council of the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign the Acceptance of the Price Estimate for the Crown Lease Land, as provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, in the price estimate amount of \$3,380.00. The R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 intends to proceed with the purchase of 5.3 acres on SW 11-53-24-W3 Ext.3, under the following terms:

1. The purchase is subject to a legal survey of subdivision, with costs to be borne by the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501.
2. The R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 will be responsible for obtaining Community Planning Approvals and covering any ISC fees.
3. As the land is flagged as heritage-sensitive, the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 will submit any necessary land use alterations to the Heritage Conservation Branch of Saskatchewan for review.

Carried


Reeve


CAO

9-2 LEASE AGREEMENT:

2024-09-11-012 LARRE: That the Council of the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign the Lease Agreement, Miscellaneous Use Lease No. 353333 with the Minister of Agriculture for the lease of 5.3 acres located at SW 11-53-24-W3, with the lease term from January 1, 2014, and ending on December 31, 2033. The CAO is authorized to execute the Lease Agreement and any related documents on behalf of the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501, under the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2024-09-11-013 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council recess
10:41 a.m. for a break.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:51 a.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2024-09-11-014 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges written and verbal reports by Chief Administrative Officer, Allison Roschker and Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko, and written report by Infrastructure Manager, Aaron Neilly.

Carried

13-8 HUMAN RESOURCES:

2024-09-11-015 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the retention of Vantage Theory Inc. for Human Resources.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2024-09-11-016 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council recess
11:55 p.m. for a break.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

1:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.
1:00 p.m. Council Fischer entered Council Chambers.
1:00 p.m. Tyler Cockburn with Cockburn Construction Ltd. entered Council Chambers.
1:15 p.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers.
1:25 p.m. Tyler Cockburn left Council Chambers.
1:30 p.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

9-1 MUNICIPAL FUNDING AGREEMENT:

2024-09-11-017 FISCHER: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council authorizes the CAO and Reeve Hougham to sign the Municipal Funding Agreement, dated September 11, 2024.

Carried

13-2 ST. WALBURG COMMUNITY HALL EVENT HOSTING GRANT:

2024-09-11-018 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council as per motion 2024-01-24-029 award the St. Walburg Community Hall Event Hosting Grant to the in the amount of \$500.00.

Subject to provision of paid receipts and/or cancelled cheques.

Carried

13-3 HAMLET MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

2024-09-11-019 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the presentation of the Hamlet of Frenchman Butte Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for August 2024 and instructs Administration to place a copy of the report on file for future reference.

Carried



Reeve



CAO

13-4 TAX ABATEMENTS:

2024-09-11-020 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the tax abatement for the 293 exemption form in regards to Roll #2068 000; SW 02-54-24W3
Defeated

13-7 SASKTEL EASEMENT:

2024-09-11-021 PRIEST: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council approves the SaskTel easement for the fiber crossing at Lot 2, Blk.30, Plan 64B06561 Ext 0 in the Town of St. Walburg.
Carried

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2024:

2024-09-11-022 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council accepts the September 11, 2024 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C.
Carried

IN-CAMERA:

2024-09-11-023 GORY: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council moves in-camera to discuss legal as authorized by the legislative authority of *The Municipalities Act* Section 120 including the exemptions in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
2:29 p.m.
Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

3:55 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

13-8 HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTANT:

2024-09-11-024 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council authorizes Tom S. Hougham and Carri Zeller to meet with Vantage Theory Inc.
Carried

15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2024-09-11-025 GORY: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council adjourns this Regular Meeting of Council at 3:58 p.m.
Carried


Reeve


Chief Administrative Officer