

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Reeve	Tom S. Hougham
Division 1	Leonard Larre
Division 3	Doug Trotsuk
Division 4	Ronald Gory
Division 5	Gay Noeth

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Division 2	Carri Zeller
Division 6	Evan Priest

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO)
Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO
Dan Fedirko, Public Works Foreman @ 9:10 a.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

1-1 AUGUST 27, 2025 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-08-27-001 TROTZUK: That the following be added to the August 27, 2025 Agenda.

- 13-4 Pipestone Creek Change Order No. 5
- 9-3 Pipeline Crossing Agreement NE-23 & NW-24-52-25W3

Carried

1-1 AUGUST 27, 2025 AGENDA:

2025-08-27-002 NOETH: That the August 27, 2025 Agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 AUGUST 13, 2025 MINUTES:

2025-08-27-003 LARRE: That the August 13, 2025 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

5-1 PAYROLL- PP2025-18:

2025-08-27-004 NOETH: That the payroll accounts for the pay period **August 10, 2025 – August 23, 2025 Authorization #470 and Council Remuneration July 2025, direct deposit dated August 29, 2025, totaling \$64,398.59 be approved.**

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix A Salaries and Wages August 10, 2025 – August 23, 2025.**

Carried

5-2 ACCOUNTS – AUGUST 27, 2025:

2025-08-27-005 GORY: That the following payments dated August 27, 2025 be approved.

• Cheques 33507 to 33535	Totaling	\$148,976.09
• Other Payments	Totaling	\$52,554.34
	Total AP	\$201,530.43

Carried

9:10 a.m.

Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers to discuss Public Works.

13-3 PIPESTONE CREEK CHANGE ORDER NO. 4:

2025-08-27-006 LARRE: That Council approves Change Order No. 4 (24MU-598400 – Borrow A_Rev) with Maxie's Excavating Ltd., as prepared by BAR Engineering and dated August 21, 2025, and further authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the change order on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

Reeve

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13-4 PIPESTONE CREEK CHANGE ORDER NO. 5:

2025-08-27-007 LARRE: That Council approves Change Order No. 5 (24MU-598400 Trench Drain– Rev 2) with Maxie's Excavating Ltd., as prepared by BAR Engineering, and dated August 25, 2025, and further authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the change order on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

9-2 GRAVEL PURCHASE AGREEMENT – OLDING PIT SW 24-50-22W3:

2025-08-27-008 GORY: That Council approves the Gravel Purchase Agreement between the RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501 and Arnold's Sand & Gravel Ltd. for the purchase and removal of gravel from the Olding Pit located at SW 24-50-22W3, as outlined in the agreement dated August 21, 2025, and further authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

9-1 CHIP SEAL CONTRACT RENEWAL – RR3242:

2025-08-27-009 NOETH: That Council approves the contract renewal of the double chip seal application with Diamond Asphalt Repair for the 2025 RR3242 project (1.6 km), based on the contractor's satisfactory performance in 2024 and the substantially similar scope of work. Council further authorizes the Reeve and A/CAO to execute the agreement on behalf of the RM in accordance with the terms of Purchasing Policy 100-06, Section 9.

Carried

10:31 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-08-27-010 NOETH: That this meeting recess.
10:32 a.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:42 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-08-27-011 NOETH: That this meeting recess.
12:05 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

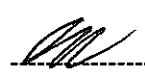
1:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

6-1 DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXTENSION:

2025-08-27-012 NOETH: Whereas on July 30, 2025, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 declared a local emergency in accordance with Section 20 of *The Emergency Planning Act*, citing severe drought conditions that were negatively impacting agricultural producers and rural sustainability in the region; and Whereas while recent rainfall has eased active drought conditions, the residual effects including reduced crop yields, forage shortages, feed and water insecurity for livestock, and ongoing economic hardship for producers continue to significantly affect the community; and Whereas Council believes that the declaration has not yet fully served its intended purpose of bringing continued public awareness to the seriousness of the situation, encouraging higher levels of government to recognize the severity of local impacts, and strengthening the case for assistance for producers and residents; Therefore be it resolved that pursuant to Section 20(2) of *The Emergency Planning Act*, Chapter E-8.1 of the Statutes of Saskatchewan, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 declares that a local emergency still exists, from this 27th day of August, 2025 to the 3rd day of September, 2025.

Carried


Reeve


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6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025-08-27-013 LARRE: That the written and verbal reports by Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Aaron Neilly, and Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko be acknowledged.

Carried

9-3 PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT – CNRL FILE 1252702:

2025-08-27-014 TROTZUK: That Council authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Canadian Natural Resources Limited (CNRL File: 1252702, Scott Land & Lease Ltd. File: CNR-2542), permitting the pipeline replacement between NE 23 & NW 24-52-25 W3M, as prepared and presented.

Carried

6-1 BORROW AGREEMENT SW-03-54-26W3:

2025-08-27-015 GORY: That Council approve the Borrow Agreement with Tyler and Rebecca Mapletoft for access to a borrow area located on SW-03-54-26W3, and further authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

6-1 GRAVEL STORAGE AGREEMENT SURFACE PARCEL NUMBER 145914363:

2025-08-27-016 TROTZUK: That Council authorizes the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Gravel Storage Agreement with Larry Naeth on surface parcel #145914363.

Carried

6-1 ROAD CLOSURE TOWNSHIP 520 BETWEEN RANGE ROAD 3242 and 3235:

2025-08-27-017 LARRE: That the following temporary road closure be acknowledged and issued on August 14, 2025:

- TWP 520 between RR 3242 and 3235.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-08-27-018 TROTZUK: That this meeting recess for a Public Meeting.
1:59 p.m.

Carried

13-1 PUBLIC MEETING – SUBDIVISION APPLICATION NE14-54-22W3:

2:00 p.m. Reeve Hougham declared the Public Meeting open to discuss the Subdivision Permit Application NE14-54-22W3.
There were no individuals in attendance expressing concerns regarding the proposed subdivision application.
No written submissions were received in regards to the proposed subdivision application.

2:07 p.m. Public Hearing was closed by Reeve Hougham.

RECONVENED MEETING:

2:08 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

13-2 SUBDIVISION APPLICATION NE14-54-22W3:

2025-08-27-019 GORY: That the approval of the Subdivision Application submitted by Brennon and Jenna Hoffman recommended, that proposes the creation of one (1) new Parcel B within the NE14-54-22W3 as prepared by Meridian Surveys, File No. SUBD-004862-2025 dated July 17, 2025.

- There currently are no land uses within the vicinity that would be incompatible with the intended use of the proposed site, or any site conditions that make the land unsuitable for intended use.


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- There are currently no facilities that could be affected by the proposed subdivision.
- No servicing agreement will be required, current approach and developed access road meet municipal requirements.
- Per Clause 183c of the Planning and Development Act, this proposal is exempt from providing Municipal Reserve land.

Carried

IN-CAMERA:

2025-08-27-020
2:15 p.m.

LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council moves in-camera to discuss strategic planning 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*.

Carried

OUT-OF-CAMERA:

2:45 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-08-27-021

2:46 p.m.

NOETH: That this meeting recess.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

2:50 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

IN-CAMERA:

2025-08-27-022
2:51 p.m.

NOETH: 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*.

Carried

OUT-OF-CAMERA:

4:07 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

Carried

4:11 p.m.

Councillor Trotzuk left Council Chambers.

12-6 WEST YELLOWHEAD WASTE RESOURCE LETTER OF SUPPORT:

2025-08-27-023

LARRE: That Council authorizes the A/CAO to prepare and provide a formal letter of support to the West Yellowhead Waste Resource Authority (WYWRA) Board of Directors indicating the Municipality's support in principle for Option 3 – Partial Asset Purchase and Lease-Back as presented in the WYWRA Business Case Briefing Note dated August 25, 2025.

Carried

4:17 p.m.

Councillor Trotzuk entered Council Chambers.

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – AUGUST 27, 2025:

2025-08-27-024

NOETH: That the August 27, 2025 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix B be accepted.

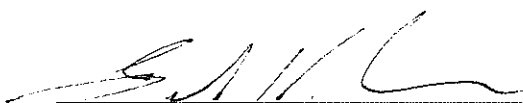
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15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2025-08-27-025

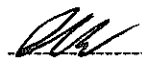
GORY: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:36 p.m. be adjourned.

Carried


Reeve


Acting Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve


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