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, July 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO

Dan Fedirko, Public Works @ 9:18 a.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

9:00 a.m.

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Reeve Hougham.

1-1 JULY 30, 2025 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-07-30-001 That the following be added to the July 30, 2025 Agenda. ZELLER:

13-6 SPSA

13-7 Grand Opening

Carried

1-1 JULY 30, 2025 AGENDA:

2025-07-30-002

NOETH:

That the July 30, 2025 Agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 JULY 9, 2025 MINUTES:

2025-07-30-003

PRIEST:

That the July 9, 2025 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

5-1 PAYROLL- PP2025-15:

2025-07-30-004

That the payroll accounts for the pay period June 29, 2025 NOETH: - July 12, 2025 Authorization #467 and Council Indemnity for June 2025, direct deposit dated July 18, 2025, totaling \$61,453.31 be approved.

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as Appendix A Salaries and Wages June 29, 2025 -July 12, 2025.

Carried

5-2 PAYROLL- PP2025-16:

2025-07-30-005

NOETH: That the payroll accounts for the pay period July 13, 2025 - July 26, 2025 Authorization #468, direct deposit dated August 1, 2025, totaling \$55,827.43 be approved.

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as Appendix B Salaries and Wages July 13, 2025 -July 26, 2025.

Carried

9:11 a.m.

Reeve Hougham and Councillor Noeth left Council Chambers due to a

conflict in the next Agenda item. Deputy Reeve Priest assumed chair.

5-3 ACCOUNTS - JULY 30, 2025:

2025-07-30-006

GORY:

That the following payments dated July 30, 2025 be

approved.

33387

Tom Hougham

Totaling

\$27.11

33388

Gay Noeth

Totalling

\$1225.66

Carried



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9:13 a.m.

Reeve Hougham entered Council Chambers and assumed chair. Councillor

Noeth entered Council Chambers.

5-3 ACCOUNTS - JULY 30, 2025:

2025-07-30-007

GORY:

That the following payments dated July 30, 2025 be

approved.

Cheques 33389 to 33442

\$1,020,736.95 **Totaling**

Other Payments

Totaling \$86,074.33

Total AP \$1,106,811.28

Carried

9:18 a.m.

Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers to discuss Public Works.

9:41 a.m.

Councillor Gory left Council Chambers.

9:48 a.m.

Councillor Gory entered Council Chambers.

6-3 SALARY GRID RECOMMENDATION:

2025-07-30-008

NOETH: That the following wage step increase be acknowledged:

Derek Lessard: Salary Grid 12, Step 5 to Salary Grid 10 Step 4, effective July 27, 2025;

Eric Allenby: Salary Grid 12, Step 3 to Salary Grid 10 Step 1, effective July 27, 2025;

Darryl Riguidel: Salary Grid 10, Step 2 to Salary Grid 10 Step 3, effective July 27, 2025;

Trystan Stockman: Salary Grid 13, Step 3 to Salary Grid 12 Step 1, effective July 27, 2025.

Carried

10:11 a.m.

Councillor Gory left Council Chambers.

<u>6-1 GRID 797 PIPESTONE CREEK CHANGE ORDER NO. 3B:</u>

2025-07-30-009

That the Change Order No. 3B for the Grid 797 project in the PRIEST: amount of \$43,999.20 be approved, for the Contractor, Maxie's Excavating GP Inc., to produce 3,150 tonnes of Type 33 Granular Base Course by

blending Type 105 and Type 8 aggregates onsite.

Carried

10:15 a.m.

Councillor Gory entered Council Chambers.

13-1 GRAVEL CRUSHING TENDER 2025/2026:

2025-07-30-010

PRIEST: That the release of the 2025/2026 Gravel Crushing Tender be approved as presented, with a closing date of September 5, 2025 at 2:00

Carried

6-1 HSI SECURITY QUOTE:

2025-07-30-011

That the Quote S25-110R from HSI Security dated July 15, 2025, in the amount of \$24,138.42, for installation of security systems at the RM office and shop be approved.

Carried

10:40 a.m.

Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-07-30-012

PRIEST:

That this meeting recess.

10:41 a.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:49 a.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

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12-8 BYLAW 2025-09 A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL:

2025-07-30-013

LARRE:

That the Bylaw 2025-09, A Bylaw to Provide for Fire

Prevention, Management and Control, be read a second time.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-07-30-014

PRIEST:

That this meeting recess.

12:00 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

12:57 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

13-3 DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO DROUGHT:

2025-07-30-015

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. ZELLER: 501 is encountering prolonged and worsening drought conditions, including critically low topsoil moisture across cropland, hayland, and pasture; widespread crop failure; feed and water shortages for livestock; increased wildfire risk; and economic hardship for producers that requires prompt action to prevent harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of persons located within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501, and to prevent damage to property within those boundaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 20(1) 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 exists, from this 30th day of July, 2025 to the 5th day of August, 2025.

Carried

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025-07-30-016

That the written and verbal reports by Acting Chief

Administrative Officer, Aaron Neilly, and Public Works Foreman, Dan

Fedirko be acknowledged.

Carried

9-3 SW 33-52-24W3 FORM OF AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF LAND:

2025-07-30-017

That the surface parcels #145664455 which is 6.57 acres PRIEST: and #130582368 which is 4.15 acres for a total of 10.72 acres of land valued at \$9,468.00 owned by the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 at SW 33-52-24W3 be sold to Liana Naeth in lieu of the reclamation, which

is valued at \$10,000.00.

Carried

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-07-30-018

TROTZUK:

That this meeting recess.

RECONVENED MEETING:

2:41 p.m.

2:27 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE - JULY 30, 2025:

2025-07-30-019

GORY:

That the July 30, 2025 correspondence as information to be

filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted.

Carried



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<u>15-1 ADJOURNMENT:</u> 2025-07-30-020 ZE

ZELLER: adjourned. That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:37 p.m. be

Carried

Acting Chief Administrative Officer