

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Reeve	Tom S. Hougham
Division 1	Leonard Larre
Division 2	Carri Zeller via electronic means
Division 3	Doug Trotzuk
Division 4	Ronald Gory
Division 5	Gay Noeth @ 9:33 a.m.
Division 6	Evan Priest

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO)
Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO
Dan Fedirko, Public Works Foreman @ 9:15 a.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

1-1 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-11-12-001 PRIEST: That the following be added to the November 12, 2025 Agenda.

- 13-15 SARM Resolution Results
- 13-16 RR3264A Waste Management

Carried

1-1 NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AGENDA:

2025-11-12-002 LARRE: That the November 12, 2025 Agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 OCTOBER 22, 2025 MINUTES:

2025-11-12-003 LARRE: That the October 22, 2025 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

4-1 OCTOBER 2025 BANK RECONCILIATION:

2025-11-12-004 TROTZUK: That the October 2025 month end Bank Reconciliation be acknowledged and balances as follows:

Chequing Account Operating	\$ 13,847,854.19
St. Walburg Health Account	\$ 2,393.88
Turtleford Health Account	\$ 8,297.30
Online Banking Account	\$ 25,205.70
Term Deposits (5.2% Expiring 31-Dec-25)	\$ 624,895.84
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 October 31, 2025	\$ 18,008,646.91
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Total Cash and Short-Term Investments	<u>\$ 18,008,846.91</u>

Carried

4-2 OCTOBER 2025 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - DETAILED:

2025-11-12-005 TROTZUK: That the October 2025 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- PP2025-23:

2025-11-12-006 PRIEST: That the payroll accounts for the pay period October 19, 2025 – November 1, 2025 Authorization #475, direct deposit dated November 7, 2025, totaling \$51,298.13 be approved.


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Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix B Salaries and Wages October 19, 2025 – November 1, 2025.**

Carried

9:15 a.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers to discuss Public Works report.

13-7 GRADER BLADE PURCHASE:

2025-11-12-007 GORY: That Council approves the purchase of grader blades from Wearpro Equipment & Supply Ltd in the amount of \$29,554.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

9:33 a.m. Councillor Noeth entered Council Chambers.

10:05 a.m. Aaron Neilly presented the A/CAO report.

13-11 RURAL INTEGRATED ROADS FOR GROWTH APPLICATION:

2025-11-12-008 ZELLER: That Council submit a 2026 Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Road Construction Program application for the 4.75 km Fort Pitt Road MG30 stabilization and chip seal project, and authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign and submit all required documents.

Carried

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025-11-12-009 LARRE: That the written and verbal report by A/CAO, Aaron Neilly, and Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko be acknowledged.

Carried

10:38 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-11-12-010 NOETH: That this meeting recess.
10:39 a.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:50 a.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

5-2 ACCOUNTS – NOVEMBER 12, 2025:

2025-11-12-011 GORY: That the following payments dated November 12, 2025 be approved.

• Cheques 33692 to 33738	Totaling	\$1,106,188.93
• Other Payments	Totaling	\$259,387.58
	Total AP	\$1,365,576.51

Carried

5-3 VOID CHEQUE:

2025-11-12-012 NOETH: That Council approves the voiding of the following cheque due to duplicate payment;

• Cheque 33588	AZ Management	\$833.89
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Carried

5-3 COUNCIL REMUNERATION:

2025-11-12-013 ZELLER: That the electronic payment of October 2025 Council Remuneration for the following amounts less deductions on November 21, 2025 be approved:

• Reeve Hougham	\$ 1,840.90
• Councillor Larre	\$ 1,094.40
• Councillor Zeller	\$ 561.80
• Councillor Trotzuk	\$ 1,851.70

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- Councillor Gory \$ 887.00
 - Councillor Noeth \$ 900.30
 - Councillor Priest \$ 1,044.60
- Carried

9-1 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – ROCK BOTTOM FARM LIMITED SW-12-54-25W3M:

2025-11-12-014 NOETH: That Council enter into the Grant of Right of Entry to Rural Municipality Agreement, dated October 17, 2025, with Rock Bottom Farm Ltd. for the purpose of surveying, clearing, excavating, and constructing the proposed municipal Range Road 3251 and right-of-way.

Carried

9-2 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – GLEN FESTER NW-12-54-25W3M:

2025-11-12-015 PRIEST: That Council enter into the Grant of Right of Entry to Rural Municipality Agreement, dated October 17, 2025, with Glen Fester for the purpose of surveying, clearing, excavating, and constructing the proposed municipal Range Road 3251 and right-of-way.

Carried

9-3 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – B. BONNIE MILLS MIDGLEY & JOHN MIDGLEY NE & SE-11-54-25W3M:

2025-11-12-016 TROTZUK: That Council enter into the Grant of Right of Entry to Rural Municipality Agreement, dated October 17, 2025, with B. Bonnie Mills Midgley & John Midgley for the purpose of surveying, clearing, excavating, and constructing the proposed municipal Range Road 3251 and right-of-way.

Carried

11:01 a.m. Councillor Larre left Council Chambers due to conflict of interest in the next agenda item.

9-4 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT– LEONARD AND JOAN LARRE NE-32-51-22W3M:

2025-11-12-017 PRIEST: That Council authorize the Reeve and Administrator to sign the *Memorandum of Agreement* with LEONARD AND JOAN LARRE, dated October 30, 2025. The Memorandum of Agreement allows the Lessee to store and access equipment, various tools, blades, grease, oil and fuel on NE-32-51-22W3M, for a period of 1 year commencing July 9, 2025 and ending on July 9, 2026. An annual payment of \$500.00 will be paid for this year to the Lessor.

Carried

11:05 a.m. Councillor Larre entered Council Chambers.

10-1 PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT – CENOVUS ENERGY INCORPORATED:

2025-11-12-018 TROTZUK: That Council authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Cenovus Energy Inc. (Lexterra File #25-00270), permitting the pipeline between 10-8-52-23-W3M & 15-17-52-23W3M to cross and encroach upon Plan No. E0675, within SW-17-52-23W3M.

Carried

13-4 DISTRICT 38 RAT BOARD PEER REVIEW:

2025-11-12-019 LARRE: That the Council acknowledges and accepts the April 14, 2025 District #38 Rat Control Committee minutes as circulated and discussed. Furthermore, the R.M. supports the recommendation of the Committee for Financial Peer Reviews rather than an Engagement Audit due to costs.

Carried


Reeve


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13-5 ST. WALBURG AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENT HOSTING GRANT:

2025-11-12-020 LARRE: That the St. Walburg Agricultural Society Event Hosting Grant be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 as per motion 2025-05-07-024.

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

Carried

13-5 PARADISE HILL CARE HOME EVENT HOSTING GRANT:

2025-11-12-021 TROTZUK: That the Paradise Hill Care Home Event Hosting Grant be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 as per motion 2025-05-07-024.

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

Carried

11:10 a.m.

Councillor Noeth and Councillor Priest left Council Chambers due to conflict in the next agenda item.

13-6 PARADISE HILL EARLY LEARNING CENTRE COMMUNITY CAPITAL GRANT:

2025-11-12-022 ZELLER: That the Paradise Hill Early Learning Centre Community Capital Grant be awarded in the amount of \$5,000.00 as per motion 2025-05-07-024.

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

Carried

13-6 RED CROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY CAPITAL GRANT:

2025-11-12-023 GORY: That the Red Cross Community Centre Community Capital Grant be awarded in the amount of \$1,075.00 as per motion 2025-05-07-024.

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

Carried

11:13 a.m.

Councillor Noeth and Councillor Priest entered Council Chambers.

13-3 CHRISTMAS PARTY:

2025-11-12-024 PRIEST: That Council approves staff to have a Christmas Party held on December 6, 2025 and purchase \$150.00 gift card per staff member.

Carried

13-8 2025 BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT:

2025-11-12-025 NOETH: That the 2025 SARM Bridge Inspection Report be acknowledged and instructs Administration to place a copy of the report on file for future reference.

Carried

13-9 ONION LAKE RESERVE CREATION REQUESTS:

2025-11-12-026 PRIEST: That Council approve the letter dated November 12, 2025, responding to Onion Lake Cree Nation's reserve creation inquiries for files 344-012, 344-022, 344-039, 344-048, and authorize the A/CAO to send the letter as presented.

Carried

13-9 APPROVAL FOR GR FILE 818.46, 818.32, 818.62, 818.70, 838.31 PTN 2, AND 838.31 PTN 3:

2025-11-12-027 TROTZUK: That Council approve the transfer of lands to the Treaty Land Entitlement for the following GR File Numbers 818.46, 818.32, 818.62, 818.70, 838.31 Ptn 2, and 838.31 Ptn 3 under the Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement, 1992.

Conditions:

1. The RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501 will retain all registered and unregistered road allowances within these lands.
2. Any un-surveyed roads or trails within these lands can be transferred as requested.

Carried



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13-9 APPROVAL FOR GR FILE 818.71:

2025-11-12-028 NOETH: That the Council of the RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501 approve the transfer of lands to the Treaty Land Entitlement for GR File 818.71, including all registered and unregistered road allowances, unsurveyed roads, and trails within these lands, under the Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreement, 1992.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-11-12-029 PRIEST: That this meeting recess.
12:00 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

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

13-12 ROAD CLOSURE CANCELLATION PIPESTONE CREEK GRID 797:

2025-11-12-030 TROTZUK: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the cancellation of the following road closure:

- Grid 797 (Pipestone Creek Crossing) from RR 3261 to RR3264A. issued on June 11, 2025.

Carried

13-13 OH&S MINUTES, OCTOBER 30, 2025:

2025-11-12-031 ZELLER: That the October 30, 2025 *Occupational Health & Safety Meeting Minutes* be acknowledged and instructs Administration to place a copy on file for future reference.

Carried

13-14 HAMLET MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

2025-11-12-032 TROTZUK: That the presentation of the Hamlet of Frenchman Butte Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for October 2025 be acknowledged and instructs Administration to place a copy of the report on file for future reference.

Carried

13-15 SARM MIDTERM CONVENTION RESOLUTION RESULTS:

2025-11-12-033 GORY: That Council acknowledge the outcomes from the 2025 SARM Midterm Convention as follows:

- the co-sponsored RM of Mervin resolution titled "Removal of Radio Licensing Fees for Volunteer Fire Departments" was carried; and
- the RM of Frenchman Butte resolutions titled "Fair Compensation for Crop Damage from Wildlife" and "Compensation for Wildlife Damage to Pastures" were defeated.

Carried

1:20 p.m. Councillor Forum discussion.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-11-12-034 NOETH: That this meeting recess.
3:06 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

3:17 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

3:40 p.m. Councillor Zeller left Council Chambers.

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – NOVEMBER 12, 2025:

2025-11-12-035 PRIEST: That the November 12, 2025 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted.

Carried

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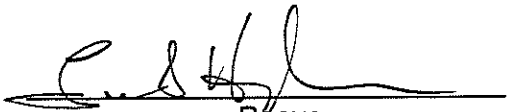
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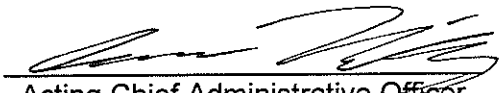
2025-11-12-036

GORY:
adjourned.

That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:20 p.m. be

Carried


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Acting Chief Administrative Officer


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