

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Division 2 Carri Zeller

STAFF PRESENT:

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

DELEGATES:

Chris Fox, Western Infrastructure @ 1:15 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

1-1 OCTOBER 22, 2025 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-10-22-001 LARRE: That the following be added to the October 22, 2025 Agenda.

- Road Closure Cancellation
- Ratepayers Meeting

Carried

1-1 OCTOBER 22, 2025 AGENDA:

2025-10-22-002 NOETH: That the October 22, 2025 Agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 OCTOBER 8, 2025 MINUTES:

2025-10-22-003 TROTZUK: That the October 8, 2025 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

5-1 PAYROLL- PP2025-22:

2025-10-22-004 NOETH: That the payroll accounts for the pay period **October 5, 2025 – October 18, 2025 Authorization #474, and Council Indemnity September 2025 direct deposit dated October 24, 2025, totaling \$58,535.29 be approved.**

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix A Salaries and Wages October 5, 2025 – October 18, 2025.**

Carried

13-3 BYLAW 2025-12 TO CONFIRM MEMBERSHIP IN A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION (WYWRA) AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE ORGANIZATIONAL PROCEEDINGS:

2025-10-22-005 LARRE: That the Bylaw 2025-12, A Bylaw of the RM of Frenchman Butte to Confirm Membership in a Not-for-Profit Corporation (WYWRA) and to Acknowledge Organizational Proceedings, cited as the WYWRA Bylaw, be read a first time.

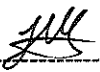
Carried

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

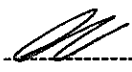
6-2 TOWNSHIP ROAD 550 IMPROVEMENT:

2025-10-22-006 LARRE: That Council authorize the improvement of road allowance on Township Road 550, located between Range Road 3250 and Range Road 3251, to be completed by RM staff and equipment at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00.

Carried



Reeve



A/CAO

9:49 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-10-22-007 NOETH: That this meeting recess.

9:49 a.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:00 a.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

10:01 a.m. Aaron Neilly presented the A/CAO report.

12-9 TERMINATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY OF DROUGHT:

2025-10-22-008 GORY: 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 the purpose of the declaration was to bring public awareness to the seriousness of the drought situation, to encourage higher levels of government to recognize the severity of local conditions, and to strengthen the case for support and assistance for producers and residents; and Whereas although active drought conditions have eased due to recent rainfall, the residual effects including reduced crop yields and forage shortages continue to impact the community; Council believes that the declaration has served its intended purpose and that the local situation can now be managed through existing provincial mechanisms; Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 hereby terminates the local emergency declaration effective October 22, 2025. In witness whereof the Council of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 has by resolution carried, terminated this local emergency this 22nd day of October, 2025.

Carried

12-3 REMOVE FIRE BAN:

2025-10-22-009 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to remove the "Fire Ban" in accordance with Bylaw No. 2025-09 within the boundaries of the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 effective 5:00 p.m. October 22, 2025.

Carried

12-1 CONFIRMATION OF STATUS – 2023 OCP AND ZONING BYLAWS NOT IN FORCE:

2025-10-22-010 NOETH: That Council acknowledge Bylaw 2023-12 (Official Community Plan) and Bylaw 2023-05 (Zoning Bylaw) were each given third readings by Council on January 24, 2024, under Motions 2024-01-24-042 and 2024-01-24-044, but were never submitted to Community Planning for Ministerial approval and, pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act*, 2007, sections 36(2) and 76(3), never came into force.

Carried

13-5 BYLAW 2025-13 A BYLAW TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:

2025-10-22-011 LARRE: That the Bylaw 2025-13, A Bylaw to Adopt an Official Community Plan, pursuant to Section 35 of *The Planning and Development Act*, 2007, be read a first time.

Carried

13-6 BYLAW 2025-14 A BYLAW TO ADOPT A ZONING BYLAW:

2025-10-22-012 TROTZUK: That the Bylaw 2025-14, A Bylaw to Adopt a Zoning Bylaw, pursuant to Section 75 of *The Planning and Development Act*, 2007, be read a first time.

Carried


Reeve


A/CAO

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025-10-22-013 NOETH: That the written and verbal report by A/CAO, Aaron Neilly, and Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko be acknowledged.
Carried

13-6 AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SARM FOR TYTO HOME HEALTH DEVICE:

2025-10-22-014 GORY: That Council authorizes the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Service Agreement with SARM which outlines the terms under which SARM provides a Tyto Home Health Device used in conjunction with Cleveland Express Care to the RM of Frenchman Butte at no rental cost, on behalf of the Municipality.
Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-10-22-015 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.
1:15 p.m. Delegate Chris Fox, Western Infrastructure entered Council Chambers.
1:35 p.m. Delegate Chris Fox left Council Chambers.

13-2 BYLAW 2025-11 A BYLAW TO EXTEND TIME TO COMPLETE BOARD OF REVISION PROCEEDINGS:

2025-10-22-016 NOETH: That the Bylaw 2025-11, A Bylaw of the RM of Frenchman Butte to Extend Time to Complete Board of Revision Proceedings, be read a first time.
Carried

13-2 BYLAW 2025-11 A BYLAW TO EXTEND TIME TO COMPLETE BOARD OF REVISION PROCEEDINGS:

2025-10-22-017 TROTZUK: That the Bylaw 2025-11, A Bylaw of the RM of Frenchman Butte to Extend Time to Complete Board of Revision Proceedings, be read a second time.
Carried

13-2 BYLAW 2025-11 A BYLAW TO EXTEND TIME TO COMPLETE BOARD OF REVISION PROCEEDINGS:

2025-10-22-018 LARRE: That the Bylaw 2025-11, A Bylaw of the RM of Frenchman Butte to Extend Time to Complete Board of Revision Proceedings, be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried

13-2 BYLAW 2025-11 A BYLAW TO EXTEND TIME TO COMPLETE BOARD OF REVISION PROCEEDINGS:

2025-10-22-019 PRIEST: That the Bylaw 2025-11, A Bylaw of the RM of Frenchman Butte to Extend Time to Complete Board of Revision Proceedings, be read a third time and passed.
Carried

13-9 PARADISE HILL ARENA COMMUNITY CAPITAL GRANT:

2025-10-22-020 TROTZUK: That the Paradise Hill Arena Community Capital Grant be awarded in the amount of \$4,801.94 as per motion 2025-05-07-024. Subject to provision of paid receipts and/or cancelled cheques.
Carried

13-9 ST. WALBURG CURLING CLUB COMMUNITY CAPITAL GRANT:

2025-10-22-021 LARRE: That the St. Walburg Curling Club Community Capital Grant be awarded in the amount of \$2,300.00 as per motion 2025-05-07-024. Subject to provision of paid receipts and/or cancelled cheques.
Carried


Reeve


A/CAO

13-10 ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TIME OFF REQUEST 2025-02:

2025-10-22-022 GORY: That the Acting Administrator Time off Request 2025-02 be approved.

Carried

13-11 ROAD CLOSURE CANCELLATION:

2025-10-22-023 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the cancellation of the following road closure issued October 1, 2025:

- Range Road 3242 between Village of Paradise Hill and Township Road 524.

Carried

5-2 ACCOUNTS – OCTOBER 22, 2025:

2025-10-22-024 GORY: That the following payments dated October 22, 2025 be approved.

• Cheques 33667 to 33691	Totaling	\$90,221.00
• Other Payments	Totaling	\$69,715.35
	Total AP	\$159,936.35

Carried

13-8 RR3264A WASTE MANAGEMENT:

2025-10-22-025 PRIEST: That Council approves the payment of invoices submitted by Martin Sim for waste management on RR3264A in the amount of \$3784.00.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-10-22-026 PRIEST: That this meeting recess.

3:05 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

3:25 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

5-2 VOID CHEQUE:

2025-10-22-027 PRIEST: That Council approves the voiding of cheque # 33666 due to printing error.

Carried

3:40 p.m. Councillor Forum Discussion.

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – OCTOBER 22, 2025:

2025-10-22-028 PRIEST: That the October 22, 2025 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix B be accepted.

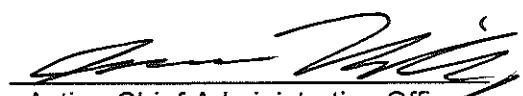
Carried

15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2025-10-22-029 GORY: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:41 p.m. be adjourned.

Carried


Reeve


Acting Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve


A/CAO