

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Division 1	Leonard Larre
Division 3	Doug Trotsuk
Division 4	Ronald Gory
Division 5	Gay Noeth
Division 6	Evan Priest

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Reeve	Tom S. Hougham
Division 2	Carri Zeller

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO)
Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO

DELEGATES:

Scott Carson, STORM Technologies @ 10:00 a.m. via electronic means.
Tim Steuart, Crosby Hanna @ 1:38 p.m. via electronic means.

In the absence of the Reeve, the Deputy Reeve assumed the chair in accordance with section 93(1) of The Municipalities Act and Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2017-02 Section 33.2.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

1-1 SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2025-09-24-001 LARRE: That the following be added to the September 24, 2025 Agenda.

- 13-12 Letter of Support- Josuttes Ag Development Appeal;
- 13-13 WELLTRAXX Stripe Account Authorization.

Carried

1-1 SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 AGENDA:

2025-09-24-002 NOETH: That the September 24, 2025 Agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 MINUTES:

2025-09-24-003 NOETH: That the September 10, 2025 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

5-1 PAYROLL- PP2025-20:

2025-09-24-004 LARRE: That the payroll accounts for the pay period **September 7, 2025 – September 20, 2025 Authorization #472 and August 2025 Council Indemnity, direct deposit dated September 26, 2025, totaling \$59,076.37 be approved.**

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix A Salaries and Wages September 7, 2025 – September 20, 2025.**

Carried

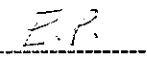
5-2 ACCOUNTS – SEPTEMBER 24, 2025:

2025-09-24-005 GORY: That the following payments dated September 24, 2025 be approved.

• Cheques 33585 to 33616	Totaling	\$637,711.45
• Other Payments	Totaling	\$68,728.02
	Total AP	\$706,439.47

Carried

9:30 a.m. Aaron Neilly presented the A/CAO report and Public Works report.
9:46 a.m. Councillor Trotsuk left Council Chambers.


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13-11 PIPESTONE CREEK EROSION CONTROL BLANKET SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION:

2025-09-24-006 GORY: That Council accept the quote from Zalken Ventures Inc. for the supply and installation of erosion control blanket at a unit rate of \$5.60 per square metre, plus applicable taxes, with the final amount payable to be based on actual field-measured quantities; and further, that this award is approved on the basis of the contractor's satisfactory performance in 2021 and 2023 on a substantially similar scope of work; and further, that the A/CAO is authorized to issue a purchase order and any related documents to give effect to this award in accordance with Purchasing Policy 100-06, Section 9.1.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-09-24-007 LARRE: That this meeting recess.
9:52 a.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

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

10:00 a.m. Councillor Trotzuk entered Council Chambers.
10:00 a.m. Scott Carson, STORM Technologies entered Council Chambers via electronic means.
10:27 a.m. Scott Carson disconnected and left Council Chambers.

13-4 MENTOR APPOINTMENT:

2025-09-24-008 LARRE: That, further to Resolution 2025-04-23-019 regarding the Acting Administrator permit application, Council appoint Lee Torrance as mentor to the A/CAO, effective immediately, for the purposes of meeting Rural Board of Examiners mentorship requirements; and that the Reeve and A/CAO are authorized to execute any related documents.

Carried

13-4 MENTOR REIMBURSEMENT:

2025-09-24-009 NOETH: That Council approve mileage reimbursement at \$0.70/km, payable to the Rural Municipality of Eldon No. 471, for travel incurred in their municipal vehicle while Mr. Torrance provides mentorship.

Carried

13-7 CO-SPONSOR – RM OF MERVIN SARM MIDTERM RESOLUTION:

2025-09-24-010 TROTZUK: That Council co-sponsor the RM of Mervin's SARM Midterm resolution titled "Removal of Radio Licensing Fees for Volunteer Fire Departments," which seeks SARM advocacy for provincial action to eliminate or increase subsidization of radio licensing fees for volunteer emergency response organizations and to collaborate with the federal government (ISED) to remove or amend the radio-licensing fee requirement for volunteer responders, recognizing their essential public-safety role.

Carried

12-7 DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY EXTENSION:

2025-09-24-011 LARRE: 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;

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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 24th day of September, 2025 to the 1st day of October, 2025.

Carried

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2025-09-24-012 NOETH: That the written and verbal report by A/CAO, Aaron Neilly, and written report by Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko be acknowledged.

Carried

RECESS MEETING:

2025-09-24-013 LARRE: That this meeting recess.
12:00 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

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

1:01 p.m. Councillor Forum discussion.
1:38 p.m. Tim Steuart, Crosby Hanna entered Council Chambers and joined via electronic means to discuss proposed Zoning Bylaw.
2:38 p.m. Tim Steuart disconnected and left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2025-09-24-014 LARRE: That this meeting recess.
3:05 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

3:15 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Deputy Reeve Priest.

9-1 CARRIER AGREEMENT – SHERLOCK SEPTIC INC.:

2025-09-24-015 LARRE: That Council enter into the Carrier Agreement with Sherlock Septic Inc., substantially as presented, and that the Reeve and A/CAO be authorized to execute and administer it, subject to receipt of required permits, insurance, and fees, with billing per Council's current rates.

Carried

13-3 2025 ANNUAL APPOINTMENT:

2025-09-24-016 GORY: That Council makes the following appointment beginning September 24, 2025 expiring December 31, 2025:
• West Yellowhead Waste Doug Trotsuk
Resource Authority (WYWRA) Tom S. Hougham

Carried

13-5 TAX ABATEMENTS:


2025-09-24-017 TROTZUK: That Council; pursuant to Sub-Section 274(2)(a) and Sub-section 293(1) of *The Municipalities Act* and the Municipality's Policy #100-17; approve the tax abatement of Municipal Tax \$16,389.08; School Tax \$14,415.48 for a total of \$30,804.56 as outlined in Appendix B, which is attached to and form part of these minutes.

Carried

13-8 ROAD CLOSURE CANCELLATION:

2025-09-24-018 LARRE: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the cancellation of the following road closure issued September 8, 2025:
• Range Road 3254 from the Hamlet of Frenchman Butte to Grid 797.

Carried


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13-9 ACCEPTANCE OF PRICE QUOTE FOR PURCHASE OF CROWN LEASE LAND:

2025-09-24-019 TROTZUK: That Council authorizes the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Acceptance of Price Quote for Purchase of Crown Lease Land for Blk/Par F-Plan 102464265 Ext 0 (Pt. SW-11-53-24-3) on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

13-10 AUTHORIZATION OF CORPORATE ENTITY TRANSFER:

2025-09-24-020 GORY: That Council authorizes the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the Transfer Authorization Corporate Entity with Seal Affixed Two Signing Officers for transfer of Title number 112921512 to Liana Geraldine Naeth, on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

Councillor Noeth asked for a recorded vote on the next agenda item.

13-12 SUPPORT FOR JOSUTTES AG DEVELOPMENT APPEAL:

2025-09-24-021 TROTZUK: That Council approve the submission of a letter of support to the Western Municipal Consulting Development Appeals Board regarding Josuttis Ag's appeal (File WM2025-1446) for an office expansion on SE 04-53-24-W3M.

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Division 1

Division 3

Division 4

Division 6

AGAINST

Division 5

Carried

13-13 WELLTRAXX STRIPE ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION:

2025-09-24-022 NOETH: That Council authorize the Reeve to sign the authorization letter dated September 24, 2025, appointing A/CAO Aaron Neilly to manage the Municipality's Stripe account with Welltraxx on behalf of the municipality.

Carried

6-1 PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANT:

2025-09-24-023 TROTZUK: That the RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501 authorize Deputy Reeve Evan Priest to sign the Letter of Support, dated September 24, 2025, on behalf of Council, for submission with the RM's application to the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant for the purchase of a portable traffic counter.

Carried

6-1 PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANT:

2025-09-24-024 LARRE: That the RM of Frenchman Butte No. 501 authorize the Deputy Reeve, Evan Priest to sign the Letter of Acknowledgement on behalf of Council in support of the RM's application to the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant for the purchase of six solar-powered flashing beacons to be used on construction and road closure signage.

Carried

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – SEPTEMBER 24, 2025:

2025-09-24-025 GORY: That the September 24, 2025 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted.

Carried

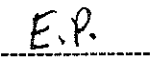
15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2025-09-24-026 TROTZUK: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:24 p.m. be adjourned.

Carried


Deputy Reeve


Acting Chief Administrative Officer


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A/CAO