

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Reeve Tom S. Hougham
Division 1 Leonard Larre
Division 2 Carri Zeller
Division 3 Doug Trotzuk
Division 4 Ronald Gory @ 11:20 a.m.
Division 5 Gay Noeth

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Division 6 Evan Priest

STAFF PRESENT:

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

DELEGATES:

Barb Ziesman, Carter Peru, and Cory Jacob with Ministry of Agriculture @ 10:00 a.m. via electronic means
Cody Bexson, Bexson Construction @ 1:15 p.m.
Whit Saretsky, Bar Engineering @ 1:15 p.m. via electronic means

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

1-1 MARCH 18, 2026 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2026-03-18-001 ZELLER: That the following be added to the March 18, 2026 Agenda.
• 13-5 Rural Medical Transport Vehicle
• 13-6 Paradise Hill Fire Department
• 13-7 Budget
Carried

1-1 MARCH 18, 2026 AGENDA:

2026-03-18-002 NOETH: That the March 18, 2026 Agenda be used as a guideline.
Carried

2-1 FEBRUARY 25, 2026 MINUTES:

2026-03-18-003 TROTZUK: That the February 25, 2026 minutes be approved as presented.
Carried

4-1 FEBRUARY 2026 BANK RECONCILIATION:

2026-03-18-004 LARRE: That the February 2026 month end Bank Reconciliation be acknowledged and balances as follows:

Chequing Account Operating	\$ 10,255,685.66
St. Walburg Health Account	\$ 2,397.66
Turtleford Health Account	\$ 8,311.08
Online Banking Account	\$ 7,636.04
Term Deposits (2.85% Expiring 31-Dec-27)	\$ 657,301.40
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 February 28, 2026	\$ 14,431,331.84
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Total Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 14,431,531.84

Carried

4-2 FEBRUARY 2026 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - DETAILED:

2026-03-18-005 NOETH: That the February 2026 month end Statement of Financial Activities is acknowledged – Detailed, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes as Appendix A.
Carried



Reeve



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5-1 COUNCIL REMUNERATION:

2026-03-18-006 ZELLER: That the electronic payment of February 2026 Council Remuneration for the following amounts less deductions on February 27, 2026 be approved:

• Reeve Hougham	\$ 1,549.95
• Councillor Larre	\$ 915.70
• Councillor Zeller	\$ 786.80
• Councillor Trotzuk	\$ 1,526.00
• Councillor Gory	\$ 1,118.90
• Councillor Noeth	\$ 653.20

Carried

5-2 PAYROLL- PP2026-06:

2026-03-18-007 NOETH: That the payroll accounts for the pay period **February 22-March 7, 2026 Authorization #484, and Council Indemnity February 2026, direct deposit dated February 27, 2026, totaling \$37,900.29 be approved.**

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix B Salaries and Wages February 22-March 7, 2026.**

Carried

9:15 a.m. Councillor Trotzuk left Council Chambers due to a conflict of interest in the next agenda item.

6-1 RESCIND LAND SALE AGREEMENT – SW02-54-23-W3M:

2026-03-18-008 LARRE: That Council rescind Motion 2026-01-07-017 respecting the proposed sale of SW02-54-23-W3M to Trotzuk Farm, as the RM is not in a position to complete the transaction, and further that any funds paid in relation to the proposed sale be returned.

Carried

5-3 ACCOUNTS – MARCH 18, 2026:

2026-03-18-009 NOETH: That the following payment dated March 18, 2026 be approved.

• Trotzuk Farms Cheque 33953	Totaling \$ 4,630.82
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Carried

9:19 a.m. Councillor Trotzuk entered Council Chambers.

5-3 ACCOUNTS – MARCH 18, 2026:

2026-03-18-010 TROTZUK: That the following payments dated March 18, 2026 be approved.

• Cheques 33952, 33954 to 33990	Totaling \$682,963.83
• Other Payments	Totaling \$34,101.19
	Total AP \$717,065.02

Carried

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2026-03-18-011 ZELLER: That the written and verbal report by A/CAO, Aaron Neilly be acknowledged.

Carried

9:59 a.m. Crystal Schaan left Council Chambers.

10:00 a.m. Delegates Barb Ziesman, Caleb Peru, and Cory Jacob with Ministry of Agriculture joined the Council Meeting via electronic means.

10:20 a.m. Delegates Barb Ziesman, Caleb Peru, and Cory Jacob with Ministry of Agriculture disconnected from electronic means.



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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, March 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

10:21 a.m. Crystal Schaan and Stacy Stockman entered Council Chambers.
10:37 a.m. Stacy Stockman left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2026-03-18-012 NOETH: That this meeting recess.

10:38 a.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:48 a.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

9-1 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE RIRG CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT:

2026-03-18-013 ZELLER: That Council authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to execute the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Capital Project Funding Agreement between the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities and the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 for RP26-501-51, being the RR 3264 Surface Strengthening project.

Carried

13-3 AWARD OF RFP: RR 3264 SURFACE STRENGTHENING PROJECT ENGINEERING SERVICES:

2026-03-18-014 NOETH: That Council award the Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for the RR 3264 Surface Strengthening Project to BAR Engineering Ltd. in the amount of \$44,600.00, plus applicable taxes, in accordance with the proposal submitted, and authorize the Reeve and A/CAO to execute the required Professional Services Agreement on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501.

Carried

13-4 HAMLET MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

2026-03-18-015 ZELLER: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the presentation of the Hamlet of Frenchman Butte Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for February 2026 and instructs Administration to place a copy of the report on file for future reference.

Carried

2026 Budget discussion.

13-5 RURAL MEDICAL TRANSPORT VEHICLE COST SHARE:

2026-03-18-016 TROTZUK: That Council approve a contribution to the Town of St. Walburg toward the purchase of a vehicle for the rural medical transport service up to the amount of \$40,000, and that administration be authorized to process payment upon receipt and verification of the bill of sale.

Carried

11:20 a.m. Councillor Gory entered Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2026-03-18-017 LARRE: That this meeting recess.

12:15 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

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

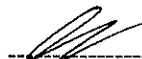
1:15 p.m. Cody Bexson, Bexson Construction entered Council Chambers.
Whit Saretsky, BAR Engineering joined the Council Meeting via electronic means.

2:00 p.m. Cody Bexson and Whit Saretsky left Council Chambers.

2026 Budget discussion



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13-6 2026 BUDGET:

2026-03-18-018 ZELLER: That Council adopts the 2026 Cash Budget as presented showing a surplus of \$95,168.00.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Reeve	
Division 1	
Division 2	
Division 3	
Division 4	
Division 5	

Carried

Councillor forum discussion.

6-1 GRADER BLADE PURCHASE:

2026-03-18-019 TROTZUK: That Council approves the purchase of grader blades from Wearpro Equipment & Supply Ltd in the amount of \$59,934.08 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

6-1 TRANSFORM AFFIDAVIT OF VALUE TRANSFORM NUMBER 100968385:

2026-03-18-020 LARRE: That Council authorizes the Reeve and A/CAO to sign the attached Transform Affidavit of Value (Transform No. 100968385).

Carried

3:55 p.m. Councillor Gory left Council Chambers.

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – MARCH 18, 2026:

2026-03-18-021 ZELLER: That the March 18, 2026 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted.

Carried

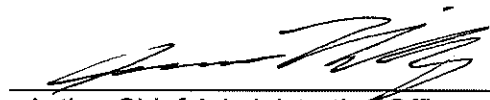
15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2026-03-18-022 NOETH: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:10 p.m. be adjourned.

Carried



Reeve



Acting Chief Administrative Officer



Reeve



A/CAO