



**Town of Big River
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025 – Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Big River was held in the Community Centre Board Room, 606 1st Street North, on January 21, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor:	David Krawetz
Councillors:	Cooper Davis
	Chad Dunn
	Lana Meyers
	Shirley Schwab
Administrator:	Noreen Olsen

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

AGENDA

RES#01/25

Meyers: THAT the January 21, 2025, Agenda be adopted with the power to add.
Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

RES#02/25

Schwab: THAT the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

MAINTENANCE AND SEWER & WATER REPORTS

RES#03/25

Meyers: THAT the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to December 31, 2024, be accepted.
Carried.

QUICKSAND SALT/SAND SPREADER

RES#04/25

Krawetz: THAT the Town purchase a QuickSand Salt/Sand Spreader attachment for the Volvo L60H2 Loader from Redhead Equipment at the quoted amount of \$17,750.00 plus \$887.50 gst and \$1,065.00 pst, and such quote be attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

2024 WATER USE/WATER LEVEL REPORTING – WATER SECURITY AGENCY (WSA)

Res#05/25

Davis: THAT the annual Ground Water Supply Raw Water Use Data Report and the Treated Water Use Report for wells PW19-01 Main Well, and PW19-02 Backup Well have been completed and sent to the Water Security Agency, such report be attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.



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CLASS 2 WATER TREATMENT & WATER DISTRIBUTION COURSE

RES#06/25

Dunn: THAT Kim McLellan attend the Class 2 Water Treatment & Water Distribution Course being offered by ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd., in Saskatoon, March 17th to 21st, 2025 with associated expenses being paid, each classes has a CEU value of 3.0 CEU's.
Carried.

CLASS 1 WATER DISTRIBUTION & WATER DISTRIBUTION COURSE

RES#07/25

Meyers: THAT Joshua Pond attend the Class 1 Water Treatment & Water Distribution Course being offered by ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd., in Saskatoon, May 26th to 30th, 2025 with associated expenses being paid, each classes has a CEU value of 3.0 CEU's.
Carried.

Council recessed from 9:55 a.m. to 10:04 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

Carla Braidek attended the meeting from 10:04 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. to discuss the Recreation Board Coordinator position and suggestions for change.

Jon Bohmann, Community Safety Officer attended the meeting from 11:25 a.m. to 12:03 p.m. for introduction to Council and discuss bylaw enforcement in the Town of Big River.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES#08/25

Davis: THAT the minutes of the December 17, 2024, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION

RES#09/25

Schwab: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December 2024 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#10/25

Davis: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of December 2024 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#11/25

Dunn: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of December 2024 be acknowledged.
Carried.



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ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

RES#12/25

Dunn: THAT accounts for approval to include cheque nos. 21573 through 21647 for a total of \$285,418.96 be approved for payment.
Carried.

RES#13/25

Schwab: In addition to the List of Accounts for Approval, THAT payments to Big River Truck and Trailer \$145.29, Cooper Davis \$434.50, Konica Minolta Business Solution \$115.67, Lana Meyers \$50.00, and Receiver General \$525.00, be approved for payment.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

RES#14/25

Dunn: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried.

2025 SUMA CONVENTION VOTING DELEGATES

RES#15/25

Davis: THAT Dave Krawetz and Chad Dunn be registered as the two voting delegates for the resolutions at the 2025 SUMA Convention.
Carried.

BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Malinda Krawetz, Recreation Board Coordinator, attended the meeting from 1:05 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. to present the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board report.

**BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT RECREATION AND CULTURAL BOARD
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2025**

RES#16/25

Davis: THAT it be acknowledged, that Justin Sullivan has been appointed as Chair and Dave Krawetz has been appointed as Vice-Chair of the Big River & District Recreation and Cultural Board for 2025.
Carried.

INVOICE RECEIVED FROM 2019

RES#17/25

Krawetz: THAT all invoices from contractors must be billed within the respective calendar year. As the invoice from Morin Plumbing, Heating & Gas, invoice number 19120909, was received in 2025, but pertains to 2019, it shall not be paid.
Carried.

OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT – RECREATION BOARD COORDINATOR

RES#18/25

Meyers: As recommended by the Big River and District Recreation & Cultural Board, THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to extending an offer of employment to Ashley Trudeau to fill the position of Recreation Board Coordinator, such offer of employment be attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

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STARLINK FOR ARENA

RES#19/25

Dunn: THAT the Town has no objection to cost-sharing 50/50 with the R.M. of Big River No.555 for a Starlink subscription to accommodate LiveBarn, and THAT Len's Trucking Ltd. and Coopadees Contracting Ltd. will be donating to the purchase of the necessary Starlink hardware.
Carried.

2:17 p.m. - In-Camera Session

The meeting was recessed to move into an in-camera session as authorized by Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss the Recreation Board Coordinator.

Dunn: That the Town of Big River recess the regular public meeting to move into an in-camera session as authorized by *Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* to discuss Personnel- Recreation Board Coordinator.
Carried.

2:17 p.m.- Conflict of Interest Declaration

- Dave Krawetz declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.
- The following individuals were present for the closed session: Chad Dunn, Lana Meyers, Cooper Davis and Shirley Schwab.
- Deputy Mayor Chad Dunn assumed the role of Chair for the duration of the in-camera session.

2:28 p.m. Return to Regular Session

Dave Krawetz re-entered the meeting and resumed his position as Chair.

TRANSFER OF ANNUAL CAPITAL RESERVES AND UNUSED PORTION OF THE 2024 BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE BUDGET

RES#20/25

Meyers: THAT it be acknowledged that the unused portion of the overall 2024 Big River and District Fire Department Committee budget totaling \$19,547.16, plus the \$20,000.00 allocated for reserves be transferred and invested into a 1-year non-redeemable GIC at an interest rate of 3.0% at CIBC.
Carried.

Councillor Chad Dunn left the meeting from 2:38 p.m. to 2:43 p.m.

**BIG RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEMBERS**

RES#21/25

Krawetz: THAT Martha Archibald be appointed to sit on the Big River Public Library Board as a Member At Large.
Carried.

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BIG RIVER CEMETRY COMMITTEE

RES#22/25

Davis: THAT it be acknowledged that a transfer of \$2,580.00 was transferred to the Big River Cemetery Fund representing the difference between the revenues and expenditures for the year 2024.
Carried.

RES#23/25

Dunn: THAT the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.
Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

TENDER FOR SALE OF THE WATER SOFTENER SYSTEM AT THE BIG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

RES#24/25

Dunn: THAT the tender opportunity be re-posted for the sale of the HET-090 Culligan High Efficiency Twin Water Softener System.
Carried.

LOT CONSOLIDATION REQUEST

201 SUNDBY CRESCENT – LOT 13, BLOCK 1, PLAN 88B09074 – PARCEL NO. 131118948

203 SUNDBY CRESCENT – LOT 14, BLOCK 1, PLAN 88B09074 – PARCEL NO. 131118959

RES#25/25

Meyers: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the consolidation of the following parcels of land once the new owner receives title for the property located next door. And THAT the landowner is responsible to making application to Information Services Corporation, within 90 days of this permission, to consolidate residential lots located at:

- 201 Sundby Crescent – Lot 13, Block 1, Plan 88B09074 – Parcel No. 131118948; and
- 203 Sundby Crescent – Lot 14, Block 1, Plan 88B09074 – Parcel No. 131118959.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

LIST OF LANDS IN ARREARS 2024

RES#26/25

Dunn: THAT in accordance with Section 3(3) of the *Tax Enforcement Act*, the Administrator exclude any lands with respect to the list of lands in arrears of which taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the 2024 tax levy and THAT in accordance with Section 3 of the *Tax Enforcement Act* it be acknowledged that the Administrator has presented to Council a list of lands in arrears.
Carried.

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SIDEWALK REPAIRS IN FRONT OF CIBC

RES#27/25

Krawetz: THAT the Town proposes a cost-sharing arrangement with CIBC, where CIBC would cover 60% and the Town would cover 40% of the total cost of \$7,853.25 to replace 25 feet of sidewalk with a gutter and an additional 20 feet by 5 feet of sidewalk directly in front of the CIBC building. It was noted that in 2024, the Town attempted to contact CIBC regarding the repairs but received no response. As a result, the Town proceeded with necessary repairs at a cost of \$5,600.00 in 2024.
Carried.

SASKATCHEWAN LOTTERIES COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM 2026

GRANT NO. CG:26:C120/R17

RES#28/25

Dunn: THAT the Town of Big River apply for the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund Community Grant program for 2026, Grant No. CG:26:C120/R17 and allocate the funds to the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board to assist in the development of sport, culture, and recreation programs.
Carried.

Lana Meyers declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

2025 SEWAGE HAULING AGREEMENT

LANA MEYERS

RES#29/25

Davis: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River enter into an agreement with Lana Meyers Septic, for sewage hauling to the Town of Big River lagoon, such agreement be attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

2025 SEWAGE HAULING AGREEMENT

ALFRED PROSOFKY

RES#30/25

Dunn: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River enter into agreement with Alfred Prososky, Classic View Resort, for sewage hauling to the Town of Big River lagoon, such agreement be attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

2025 SEWAGE HAULING AGREEMENT

B.R. SEPTIC AND VAC SERVICES

RES#31/25

Schwab: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River enter into agreement with B.R. Septic and Vac Services, for sewage hauling to the Town of Big River lagoon, such agreement be attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

Lana Meyers re-entered the meeting @ 3:36 p.m.

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**POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL WORK - RINK AND COMMUNITY CENTRE REVITALIZATION
PROJECT NO. 40210037**

Res#32/25

Davis: In the event that additional funding becomes available, THAT the Council of the Town of Big River expresses its interest in utilizing any such funding to undertake additional work for the Rink and Community Centre Revitalization Project No. 40210037.
Carried.

REQUEST FOR DONATION

RES#33/25

Schwab: THAT the Town sponsor the Timber Trails Sno Riders Co-operative Ltd Snowmobile Rally with a \$150.00 donation.
Carried.

BYLAWS

NEXT MEETING DATE


Tuesday February 19, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor David Krawetz adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator