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**Town of Big River
Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2026 – 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 February 16, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

Mayor: David Krawetz
Councillors: Chad Dunn
Lana Meyers
Shirley Schwab
Greg Sundby
Administrator: Noreen Olsen

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

RES#29/26

Schwab: THAT the February 16, 2026, Agenda be adopted with the power to add.
Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

RES#30/26

Dunn: THAT the Administrator’s Report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

MAINTENANCE AND SEWER & WATER REPORTS

RES#31/26

Meyers: THAT the Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to January 31, 2026, be accepted.
Carried.

2025 WATER USE/WATER LEVEL REPORTING – WATER SECURITY AGENCY (WSA)

Res#32/26

Meyers: 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.

CLASS 1 WASTEWATER TREATMENT & WASTEWATER COLLECTION

ATAP

RES#33/26

Dunn: THAT Erica Lasante attends Class 1 Wastewater Treatment and Wastewater Collection Course being offered by ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd., in Saskatoon, February 23 to 27, 2026 with associated expenses being paid, each class has a CEU value of 3.0 CEU’s.
Carried.



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DELEGATIONS

Former Big River RCMP Detachment Sergeant Heath Robinson and newly appointed Big River Detachment Sergeant Chris Doctor attended the meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES#34/26

Sundby: THAT the minutes of January 19, 2026, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION

RES#35/26

Meyers: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#36/26

Dunn: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#37/26

Schwab: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of January 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

RES#38/26

Dunn: THAT accounts for approval to include EFT payments No. 171 to 196 and cheque No. 22235 through 22252 for a total of \$123,240.04 with the addition of Acres Industries Inc. in the amount of \$159,921.06, and Big River Truck & Trailer in the amount of \$2,250.32, be approved for payment.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

**REQUEST FOR LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT
BIG RIVER CANADA DAY COMMITTEE**

RES#39/26

Krawetz: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit from Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority to be issued to the Big River Canada Day Committee, for the Canada Day Celebrations to take place at the Big River Community Centre (606 1st Street North) and adjacent fenced area to the Small Hall – on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Carried.



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COMMUNITY CENTRE, ARENA, and MUNICIPAL OFFICE SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM

RES#40/26

Dunn: THAT the Town of Big River approve the recommendation from the Big River & District Recreation and Cultural Board to combine the Municipal and Recreation Board security camera systems into one system; and THAT the upgraded system include additional cameras in the gym, at the exterior curling rink, at the zamboni room door, and at the kitchen access doors; and THAT access to all cameras be available from the Town Administrator's office computer, the R.M. Administrator's office computer, and the Recreation Board office computer; and THAT Council approve cost-sharing with the R.M. of Big River for the upgrades outlined in the Prince Albert Alarm Systems estimate; and further THAT any additional information received under Resolution #41/26 regarding Access Communications (public Wi-Fi, LiveBarn, and security camera systems) be forwarded to the Recreation Board for review and consideration.
Carried.

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS – LAUNCH NEW SERVICES

RES#41/26

Dunn: THAT the email from Access Communications regarding sponsoring public wi-fi and Live Barn be forwarded to the Big River & District Recreation and Cultural Board for their consideration; and THAT, upon clarification regarding the security camera system options, the additional information also be forwarded to the Recreation Board.
Carried.

RES#42/26

Meyers: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried.

Council recessed from 9:36 a.m. to 9:46 a.m.

BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE

Dave Krawetz has been appointed as Chairperson and Maurice Denis has been appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Big River & District Fire Committee for 2026.

BIG RIVER & DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE 2026 BUDGET

RES#43/26

Schwab: THAT the 2026 Big River and District Fire Committee Budget be accepted as presented; such budget be attached to these minutes.
Carried.

BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Dave Krawetz has been appointed as Chairperson and Clint Panter has been appointed as Vice-Chairperson of the Big River & District Health Improvement Committee for 2026.



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**OH&S
SAFETY APPAREL FOR MAINTENANCE WORKERS
RES#44/26**

Schwab: THAT the Town of Big River is authorized to purchase high-visibility vests and jackets branded with “Town of Big River” for maintenance staff who enter residents’ yards and properties, to ensure they are clearly identifiable and safe.
Carried.

RES#45/26
Dunn: THAT the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.
Carried.

Council recessed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS
RFNOW INC. – FIBRE NETWORK EXPANSION
POINT OF PRESENCE (POP) SITE**

Council discussed the request from RFNOW Inc. to place a Point of Presence (PoP) site on Town-owned land across from the Water Treatment Plant on Block 11 Plan BB1645 (directly north of 98 1st Street – Block K Plan CA3906). RFNOW noted that the site would function as a control center for a regional fiber network and would consist of a 12 ft. × 8 ft. building, along with a propane tank and backup generator. Council reviewed the proposed monthly amount of \$200, plus \$200 per month for maintenance, for a total of \$400 per month, and considered the benefits of supporting the continued expansion of fiber services in the community. It was agreed that once the lease agreement is provided by RFNOW Inc., the matter will be added to the next Council meeting agenda for consideration.

**2026 SIDEWALK CONTINUATION PROJECT – PROVINCIAL TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND GRANT
RES#46/26**

Meyers: THAT Council authorize the continuation of the sidewalk along 1st Street under the 2026 Sidewalk Continuation Project, funded through the Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant (PSE-JAN-2025-81 / PSE-JUL-2025-81); and THAT Smooth Rock Construction Ltd. be engaged to complete the work in the amount of \$50,000.00 and confirm the total distance of sidewalk to be completed.
Carried.

**RIRG PROGRAM – BRIDGE 307-56-07
RES#47/26**

Meyers: THAT Council agrees to the request from the R.M. of Big River No.555 to jointly proceed with WSP for surveying, detailed design, and tendering services in the amount of \$40,000.00, with the cost to be shared equally.
Carried.



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NEW BUSINESS

2026 ASSESSMENT ROLL

RES#48/26

Dunn: THAT pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, that the assessment roll for the Town of Big River for the year 2026 has been prepared and be open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive for 30 days March 6 until April 6, 2026.
Carried.

SAMA ANNUAL MEETING

RES#49/26

Krawetz: THAT the Administrator attend the virtual SAMA training session on April 21 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. the Annual Meeting virtually on April 22, 2026.
Carried.

DONATION TO STARS

RES#50/26

Schwab: THAT the Town make a \$1,000.00 donation to STARS to help with growth and sustainably of STARS continuing to fly in Saskatchewan.
Carried.

BYLAWS

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 16, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.


ADJOURNMENT

RES#51/26

Schwab: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator