

THE MINUTES THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026 AT THE BIG RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOCATED AT 606 FIRST STREET NORTH, IN BIG RIVER, SASKATCHEWAN.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Clint Panter at 9:02 a.m.

DELEGATIONS 10:00 a.m. Darin – Green Earth/Triple S
 10:15 a.m. Bruce Reed - Cemetery
 11:00 a.m. Coby Wilson – PublicWorks Report
 1:00 p.m. Daniel LeMay - WSP Bridge Meeting

PRESENT

ATTENDEES		Attendance				
Name	Position	I	T	E	Arrival	Absent
Clint Panter	Reeve	✓				
Doug Panter	Division 1	✓				
*Justin Sullivan	Division 2	✓				
Terence Olsen	Division 3	✓				
Maurice Denis	Division 4	✓				
Dana Kennedy	Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)	✓				

*Deputy Reeve

Attendance: I – In person, T – Telephone, E – Electronic

Arrival time only entered if Member was not present when the meeting called to order.

26-02-001 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DENIS: That the February 9, 2026, agenda be accepted as amended for reference purposes.

CARRIED

26-02-002 MINUTES

D PANTER: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 12, 2026, and the special meeting of Council held February 2, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

26-02-003 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

C PANTER: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2026 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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26-02-004 LIST OF ACCOUNTS

SULLIVAN: That the list of accounts in the amount of \$165,550.08 be approved as presented. CARRIED

26-02-005 COUNCIL INDEMNITY & OTHER INVOICES

C PANTER: That the following accounts be approved for payment and added to the next list of accounts presented to Council:

Clint Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 325.60
Doug Panter	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 580.80
Justin Sullivan	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 483.20
Maurice Denis	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 520.80
Terence Olsen	Council Indemnity/Mileage	\$ 348.00
WCB	Statement of Account	\$7,728.87
SaskPower	South Stoney & Pic Point Street Lights	\$1,258.81
		CARRIED

26-02-006 GOVERNMENT DOCK

D PANTER: That the Division 3 Councilor oversee the Government Dock project, and that Council direct the CAO to request that the Water Security Agency amend the application to a spring timeline should the project not proceed as planned. CARRIED

26-02-007 WINTER SNOW PLOW POLICY

D PANTER: That the CAO make the additional changes requested by council and present the Winter Snow Plow Policy at the March 9,2026 meeting. CARRIED

26-02-008 SANDER FOR 1 TONNE

DENIS: That Council direct municipal operations to utilize existing equipment, including graders with ice blades and a loader with bucket and gravel, in lieu of purchasing a sander for the 1-tonne. CARRIED

DARIN STENE – GREEN EARTH & TRIPLE S

Darin Stene appeared before Council to present MG30 application and to discuss road maintenance in high traffic areas and what our options are to prevent flacking, grease and washboard. (10:00 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.)

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26-02-009 STARS AMBULANCE DONATION

DENIS: That the RM of Big River No. 555 donates \$2,000.00 as per the suggested 2 dollar per capita to Stars Ambulance.

CARRIED

Division 4 Councilor Maurice Denis declared a conflict of interest as the President of the Timber Trails Sno Riders and left the Council Chambers at 10:46 a.m.

26-02-010 TIMBER TRAILS SNO RIDERS DONATION

C PANTER: That Council respectfully decline the request for a donation, and that the CAO be directed to send a letter to the Club outlining Council's policy regarding donations to organizations.

CARRIED

Maurice Denis returned to Council Chambers at 10:47 a.m.

26-02-011 LIFESTYLE BREAK 10:49 A.M.

C PANTER: That we take a 5-minute Lifestyle break.

CARRIED

Reeve Clint Panter reconvened the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

BRUCE REED – CEMETERY DONATION

Bruce Reed appeared before Council to present the 2026 Cemetery donation request. (10:55 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.)

COBY WILSON – PUBLICWORKS REPORT

Foreman C Wilson met with Council to discuss operations for the previous month. (11:04 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.)

26-02-012 BIG RIVER CEMETERY DONATION

SULLIVAN That Council approves a donation request for \$5,000 from the Big River Cemetery Committee.

CARRIED

26-02-013 COMMUNITY CENTER CAMERAS

OLSEN: That Council accept the recommendation of the Big River Recreation Board to cost-share the proposed upgrades to the security camera system at the Community Centre and Municipal Office, as outlined in the Prince Albert Alarm Systems estimate dated February 3, 2026, in the amount of \$10,596.89 plus applicable taxes, and further that the RM request the Town's approval for the cost-sharing of this amount and an addition of two cameras to cover the Zamboni door and kitchen access doors, with Administration to proceed only upon confirmation of the Town's approval.

CARRIED

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26-02-014 COWAN LAKE BIN REQUEST

D PANTER: That Council approve the request to relocate one waste bin to the Cowan Lake Subdivision; that the bin to be relocated be the unit currently scheduled for repair; and that the requesting party provide the RM with a temporary location until a permanent site is secured.

CARRIED

26-02-015 RECESS FOR LUNCH – 12:04 p.m.

C PANTER: That we recess for lunch for one hour.

CARRIED

Reeve Clint Panter reconvened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

DANIEL LEMAY – WSP ENGINEER – BODMIN BRIDGE & TOWN BRIDGE

Daniel LeMay appeared before Council to discuss our options for the Bodmin Bridge and discuss potential next steps to replace the Town Bridge after grant approval. (1:05 p.m. to 1:57 p.m.)

26-02-017 SASKPOWER REQUEST

OLSEN: That Council grant approval to SaskPower, pursuant to Section 31(1) of The Power Corporation Act, to bore a new electrical service under the road to NE 08-55-08-3 from new poles to be installed as part of the Rural Rebuild Program, as outlined in SaskPower File No. 20629802, and further that the CAO be authorized to sign the application on behalf of the RM.

CARRIED

26-02-018 CANADA DAY DETOUR REQUEST

SULLIVAN: That Council has no objection to highway traffic being detoured down 9th Ave during the parade on July 1st to accommodate the Canada Day parade.

CARRIED

Doug Panter left Council Chambers at 2:09 p.m.

26-02-019 ROAD ALLOWANCE CLEARING E 36-55-07 W3 & NW 31-55-06 W3

SULLIVAN: That Council approve the request to clear trees from the road allowance between E 36-55-07 W3 and W 31-55-06 W3 to provide sufficient room for the movement of farm equipment between fields.

CARRIED

26-02-020 SEASONAL WORKER

C PANTER: That Council direct Administration to confirm whether George H. remains interested in seasonal employment, and if so, that Administration proceed with hiring under the position title of Groundskeeper, subject to applicable policies.

CARRIED

26-02-021 REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR RECREATION SERVICES

C PANTER: That Council direct the CAO send a letter to the Town and the Recreation Board proposing that the Town and RM share administrative support on a week-to-week basis, and further that the CAO report back to Council on actions taken to support administrative capacity and ensure effective and consistent administrative services within the RM office.

CARRIED

26-02-022 SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT – WILSON

OLSEN: That we approve a Special Occasion Permit to Coby Wilson to be held at SW 09 55 06 W3 on August 22nd, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. till 3:00 a.m.

CARRIED

26-02-023 CHANGE JULY MEETING

DENIS: That Council approves the CAO's request to change the July 13, 2026, meeting to July 6, 2026.

CARRIED

26-02-024 RMAA SPRING WORKSHOP

DENIS: That the CAO attend the RMAA Enhanced Municipal Administration Program on March 25, 2026, and all associated expenses be paid.

CARRIED

26-02-025 ADVANCED MENTORSHIP PROGRAM (AMP)

SULLIVAN: That the Council approved the request from the CAO to sign up for the AMP in office review.

CARRIED

26-02-026 RIRG FUNDING

C PANTER: That Council direct the CAO to make a recommendation to the Town that the RM and Town jointly proceed with WSP for surveying, detailed design, and tendering, utilizing Option 2 as identified in the application to the RIRG Program, subject to approval by both Councils.

CARRIED

26-02-027 MOTOR GRADER TENDERS

C PANTER: That Council call a special meeting for Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. to make a final decision regarding the motor grader tender.

CARRIED

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26-02-028 REPORTS

SULLIVAN: That the maintenance and committee reports be acknowledged and filed.

CARRIED

26-02-029 CORRESPONDENCE

DENIS: That the list of correspondence attached hereto and forming part of the minutes be received as information.

CARRIED

26-02-030 ADJOURNMENT – 4:49 p.m.

C PANTER: That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED



Reeve – Clint Panter



CAO – Dana Kennedy