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Town of Big River
Meeting Minutes
April 20, 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 April 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:	
Mayor:	David Krawetz
Councillors:	Lana Meyers
	Greg Sundby
Asst. Administrator:	Roxanne Carrillo
Absent:	
Councillors:	Chad Dunn
	Shirley Schwab
Administrator:	Noreen Olsen

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

AGENDA
RES#82/26
Meyers: THAT the April 20, 2026, Agenda be adopted with the power to add.
Carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
RES#83/26
Sundby: THAT the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

MAINTENANCE AND SEWER & WATER REPORTS
Maintenance Foreman, Terry Olsen attended the meeting from 10:02 a.m. to 10:47 a.m.
RES#84/26
Meyers: THAT the Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to March 31, 2026, be accepted.
Carried.

FLOWPOINT WATER SYSTEM
RES#85/26
Meyers: THAT the Town proceed with purchasing a credit card unit and printer terminal from Flowpoint Environmental Systems LP at the quoted cost of $5,715.66.
Carried.

WATERWORKS COMPLIANCE INSPECTION - HUMAN CONSUMPTIVE USE (PART I)
RES#86/26
Krawetz: THAT the Waterworks Compliance Inspection Report dated March 19, 2026, from the Government of Saskatchewan, Water Security Agency, Environmental Project Officer, Evan McLeod be acknowledged, such inspection be attached to these minutes.
Carried.

CLASS 1 WATER TREATMENT & WATER DISTRIBUTION COURSE
RES#87/26
Krawetz: THAT Erica Lasante attends the Class 1 Water Treatment & Water Distribution Course and the Class 1 Wastewater Treatment & Wastewater Collection being offered by ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd., in Saskatoon, with associated expenses being paid, each class has a CEU value of 3.0 CEU's.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
RES#88/26
Meyers: THAT the minutes of March 16, 2026, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION
RES#89/26
Meyers: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#90/26
Sundby: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of March 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#91/26
Krawetz: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of March 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL
RES#92/26
Meyers: THAT accounts for approval, including EFT payments No. 225 to 258 and cheques No. 22273 through 22289 totaling $152,275.11 be authorized for payment, including payments for Action Training ($2,853.42), Gregg Distributors ($260.88), Dave Krawetz ($100.00), and Erica Lasante ($293.99).
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
RES#93/26
Meyers: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried.

BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
RES#94/26
Sundby: THAT the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.
Carried.

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OLD BUSINESS
Nil.

Council recessed from 9:47 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS
2026 UMAAS CONVENTION
RES#95/26
Meyers: THAT Noreen Olsen attends the 2026 UMAAS Convention in Saskatoon from June 2-5, 2026, with associated expenses paid.
Carried.

2025 DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND COMPLIANCE/ANNUAL NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
RES#96/26
Krawetz: THAT the 2025 Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Annual Notice to Customers document is approved by the Council of the Town of Big River, and THAT advertisement be made on www.bigriver.ca and on the August utility bill of its availability to the public.
Carried.

LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT
MATTHEW NEUFELDT MEMORIAL FISH DERBY
RES#97/26
Sundby: 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 Matthew Neufeldt Memorial Derby Committee for the Matthew Neufeldt Memorial Fish Derby, to take place at the Big River Regional Park at Cowan Lake north of the washrooms, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Carried.

OFFER TO PURCHASE TOWN LOT
LOT 9, BLOCK 8, PLAN 64B05407 - 104 5th AVENUE NORTH
RES#98/26
Krawetz: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River counteroffer that the Town will accept an offer of $15,000.00 plus gst from Owen Thiessen and enter into agreement for the sale of Lot 9, Block 8, Plan 64B05407 @ 104 5th Avenue, such agreement be attached to these minutes.
Carried.

ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS – MAIN STREET – INTERNET SMART VIDEO PACKAGE
RES#99/26
Meyers: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River acknowledge Access Communications arrival in the near future to complete their assessment of Main Street for video cameras.
Carried.

COUNCIL BURSARY
RES#100/26
Sundby: THAT in partnership with the R.M. of Big River No. 555, the Town of Big River commit to providing two annual bursaries of $1,000 each to support eligible graduates of Big River Public High School for the upcoming academic year, as follows:

- Bursary No. 1: For students pursuing post-secondary education, and
- Bursary No. 2: For students entering trades or apprenticeship programs

Further THAT the bursaries will be awarded upon successful completion of the year of the respective program, and proof of completion must be provided by the recipient to receive the bursary.
Carried.

Council recessed from 10:50 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLANS FOR 2026-2027 – BIG RIVER R.C.M.P. DETACHMENT
RES#101/26
Sundby: That the Council of the Town of Big River identify the following community concerns and request the RCMP to focus their efforts and resources on these areas for the 2026 fiscal year:

- Property crimes such as break and enter, theft
- Drug trafficking and drug use
- Continued visits to schools to participate in events
- Making their presence more visible by patrolling throughout town, rather than using the most direct routes, with the inclusion of night patrols
- Ongoing efforts to reduce impaired and distracted driving
- More frequent traffic enforcement along Highway 55.

Carried.

FCM FUNDING APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE FUNDING AGREEMENT LLCA-25-0874 IMPLEMENTING WATER SERVICE RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENTS
RES#102/26
Meyers: THAT Council acknowledge and accept the funding approval received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) under the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA) – Adaptation in Action program for the project *Implementing Water Service Resilience Improvements (LLCA-25-0874)* in the amount of up to $792,000.00 toward the total eligible project cost of $1,049,500.00; and THAT the Council of the Town of Big River recognizes that there is a balance of $257,500.00 out of the $1,049,500.00 total that the Town of Big River is responsible for funding, which is not funded by the GMF funding; and further THAT the Mayor and Administrator be authorized to execute the contribution agreement and any associated documents with FCM, on behalf of the Municipality, once received.
Carried.

CANADIAN HERITAGE - CELEBRATE CANADA FUNDING APPROVAL
RES#103/26
Krawetz: THAT it be acknowledged that the Town of Big River has been approved for $8,000.00 for Canada Day 2026 Celebrations.
Carried.

TAX TITLE PROPERTY -R#257 - 88 GILBERT STREET - LOT 6 BLOCK 21 PLAN BL3374
RES#104/26
Meyers: Council previously authorized tax enforcement proceedings and the application to acquire title to the property legally described as 88 Gilbert Street – Lot 6 Block 21 Plan BL3374 pursuant to Resolution No. 352/21. The property is now at the final stage of the process under *The Tax Enforcement Act, 1995*. Form G – Final Notice has been issued, and the required thirty (30) day statutory notice period has been provided. Legal counsel, NOVUS Law Group, has confirmed that all estate-related requirements have been satisfied and no outstanding matters remain.
THAT Council directs Administration to proceed with the application to acquire title to 88 Gilbert Street in accordance *The Tax Enforcement Act, 1995*, following completion of the Form G thirty (30) day notice period.
Carried.

MEETING WITH TOLKO INDUSTRIES, R.M. OF BIG RIVER NO.555, CARRIER AND SPSA REGARDING FIRE BREAKS
RES#105/26
Krawetz: THAT Council acknowledges the request from Tolko Industries Ltd. to meet with representatives of the Town of Big River, the R.M. of Big River, Carrier, and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) on April 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., to continue discussions regarding fire breaks around the community.
Carried.

HOEHN ROAD REPAIR FROM 4TH AVENUE NORTH TO EDSON AVENUE
RES#106/26
Meyers: THAT Council authorize the purchase of $3,500.00 (+GST) in MG30 from Darren Stene to complete minor repairs of Hoehn Road between 4th Avenue and Edson Avenue.
Carried.

BYLAWS

NEXT MEETING DATE
May 11, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT
RES#107/26
Sundby: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:02 p.m.
Carried.

Mayor

Administrator