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Town of Big River
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Big River was held in the Administrator's Office at, 606 1st Street North, on June 8, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER
A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Lana Meyers called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

AGENDA
RES#133/26
Dunn: THAT the June 8, 2026, Agenda be adopted with the power to add.
Carried.

Council acknowledged with sadness the passing of Mayor David Krawetz since the previous regular meeting and expressed appreciation for Mayor Krawetz's contributions and service to the municipality.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
RES#134/26
Sundby: THAT the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented.
Carried.

MAINTENANCE AND SEWER & WATER REPORTS
Maintenance Foreman, Terry Olsen attended the meeting from 10:35 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.

RES#135/26
Schwab: THAT the Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to May 31, 2026, be accepted.
Carried.

DELEGATIONS
Emily Davis, Canada Day Committee attended the meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 12:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
RES#136/26
Sundby: THAT the minutes of May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION
RES#137/26
Sundby: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of May 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#138/26
Schwab: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of May 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#139/26
Dunn: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of May 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL
RES#140/26
Dunn: THAT accounts for approval, including EFT payments No. 286 to 319 and cheques No. 22302 through 22322 totaling $265,433.06, plus payments to Drop Water Solutions for $1,884.65, CIBC for $1,392.88, Morin Plumbing Heating & Gas for $15,873.00, and Noreen Olsen for $279.50, be authorized for payment.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE
RES#141/26
Sundby: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried.

BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
BIG RIVER AND DISTRICT REGIONAL PARK SEWER AND WATER CHARGES FOR 2026
RES#142/26
Dunn: THAT the Big River Regional Park 2026 Sewer and Water charge remain status quo, which is to $2000.00 to reflect $1000.00 per service.
Carried.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
RES#143/26
Schwab: THAT Council approves the purchase of an efficient watering system for municipal flower pots throughout the Town in order to improve plant maintenance.
Carried.
RES#144/26
Schwab: THAT the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented.
Carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS
COUNCIL BURSARY
RES#145/26
Dunn: In conjunction with the R.M. of Big River No. 555, THAT the 2026 Town and Rural Municipality of Big River Council Bursaries be awarded to Fallyn Klassen and Kathleen Zinovich.
Carried.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS (CSJ)
RES#146/26
Sundby: THAT it be acknowledged that the Town has entered into agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for two Youth Worker positions, for 9 weeks at 30 hours per week per position, with funding provided at and ESDC contribution rate of $7.68 per hour.
Carried.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE LABOURER POSITIONS
RES#147/26
Meyers: THAT the Town hire Dali Snyder and Sara Olsen as Summer Youth Workers consistent with the summer maintenance program, at 30 hours per week at a wage of $18.00 per hour.
Carried.

NEW BUSINESS
APPRECIATION GIFT – DAVID & LAURIE BARTSCH
RES#148/26
Meyers: THAT Council authorize the purchase of a $100 gift card for David and Laurie Bartsch in recognition and appreciation of the handcrafted wooden memorial gift they created and donated following the passing of Mayor David Krawetz.
Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER
RES#149/26
Meyers: THAT Noreen Olsen be appointed as Returning Officer for the July 29, 2026, Local Government By-Election for mayor for the Town of Big River.
Carried.

REQUEST FOR MUNICIPAL PROPERTY DESIGNATION – 110 3RD AVENUE SOUTH
RES#150/26
Dunn: THAT Council support the initiation of the Municipal Heritage Property designation process under The Heritage Property Act for the property located at 110 3rd Avenue South, legally described as Lot 11, Block 3, Plan AA4863, being a former SaskTel building constructed in 1910; and THAT Administration be directed to prepare the required Notice of Intention to Designate and draft Heritage Designation Bylaw for Council consideration.
Carried.

BIG RIVER GOLF CLUB – DONATION REQUEST
RES#151/26
Schwab: THAT the Town donate $200.00 to the Big River Golf Club to sponsor their 2026 tournaments.
Carried.

"NO FIRES" SIGNS - TOWN OWNED LAND IN SANDHILLS (BLOCK 26, PLAN BS4112)
RES#152/26
Dunn: THAT, as part of the Town's wildfire mitigation efforts, all open fires be prohibited within the Town-owned portion of the sandhills located at Block 26, Plan BS4112; and further,

THAT "No Fires" signs be installed at all entrances and at appropriate locations throughout the trail system; and further, THAT any person found contravening this prohibition be subject to the penalties and fines set out in Bylaw No. 2026-01 and its associated fine schedule.
Carried.

WILDFIRE MITIGATION REQUESTS TO SASKTEL AND BELL MEDIA
RES#153/26
Dunn: THAT the Town of Big River authorizes to send letters to SaskTel and Bell Media requesting consideration of wildfire mitigation measures, including vegetation and tree removal, on properties surrounding their communications infrastructure in the Big River area to help protect critical infrastructure and improve community safety.
Carried.

2026 SAMA CERTIFICATE OF CONFIRMATION
RES#154/26
Schwab: THAT Council acknowledges receipt of the 2026 Certificate of Confirmation from the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA), issued by Order of its Board of Directors, confirming compliance with Section 228 of *The Municipalities Act*.
Carried.

CANADA DAY COMMITTEE FUNDING
RES#155/26
Schwab: THAT the Town of Big River approve the transfer of $2000.00 from the Celebrate Canada Grant together with any donations received specifically in support of Canada Day 2026 activities for the planning and delivery of Canada Day celebrations.
Carried.

BYLAWS

NEXT MEETING DATE
July 20, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Rana Meyers
Mayor

Administrator