



**Town of Big River
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting**

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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 July 20, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Lana Meyers called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

RES#159/26

Schwab: THAT the July 20, 2026, Agenda be adopted with the power to add.
Carried.

ABANDONMENT OF POLL – MAYOR CHAD DUNN

RES#160/26

Meyers: THAT Council acknowledges that, pursuant to Section 82 of *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*, the nomination of Chad Dunn for the office of Mayor for the Town of Big River was declared elected by abandonment of poll.
Carried.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION – MEMBER OF COUNCIL

RES#161/26

Schwab: In accordance with section *The Municipalities Act Section 94*, THAT it be acknowledged that Mayor Chad Dunn has taken an official oath in the prescribed form, which is attached to and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

RES#162/26

Sundby: In accordance with *The Municipalities Act Section 142*, THAT it be acknowledged that Mayor, Chad Dunn has signed his Municipal Public Disclosure Statement in the prescribed form, which is attached to and forming a part of these minutes.
Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

RES#163/26

Meyers: THAT Noreen Olsen be appointed as Returning Officer for the September 9, 2026, Local Government By-Election for one (1) Councillor for the Town of Big River.
Carried.



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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

RES#164/26

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

MAINTENANCE AND SEWER & WATER REPORTS

Maintenance Foreman, Terry Olsen attended the meeting from 8:37 a.m. to 9:42 a.m.

RES#165/26

Sundby: THAT the Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to June 30, 2026, be accepted.
Carried.

LAGOON COMPLIANCE INSPECTION

RES#166/26

Schwab: THAT the Lagoon Compliance Inspection dated June 10, 2026, from the Government of Saskatchewan, Water Security Agency Environmental Project Officer, Evan McLeod, be acknowledged.
Carried.

Council recessed from 9:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RES#167/26

Meyers: THAT the minutes of June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

RES#168/26

Schwab: THAT the minutes of June 19, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted as presented.
Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BANK RECONCILIATION

RES#169/26

Sundby: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of June 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#170/26

Schwab: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of June 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.

RES#171/26

Meyers: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of June 2026 be acknowledged.
Carried.



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ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

RES#172/26

Schwab: THAT accounts for approval, including EFT payments No. 320 to 364 and cheques No. 22323 through 22350 totaling \$239,852.89, be authorized for payment.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

RES#173/26

Sundby: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented.
Carried.

BOARDS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEMETERY

RES#174/26

Sundby: THAT \$7,000.00 be transferred to the Big River Cemetery Fund from the 2026 Cemetery donations and plot fees collected to date.
Carried.

RES#175/26

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**SALE OF TAX TITLE PROPERTY - TENDER- LOT 6 BLOCK 21 PLAN BL3374
88 GILBERT STREET**

RES#176/26

Meyers: THAT according to Section 31 of *The Tax Enforcement Act* a tender be advertised for Lot 6 Block 21 Plan BL3374. Tender to be closed September 10, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Highest, or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Carried.

NORTHERN LIGHTS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

RES#177/26

Schwab: THAT the Council of the Town approve the purchase of a 1/2-page advertisement in the Northern Lights 20th Anniversary Event gate program at a cost of \$200.00.
Carried.

REQUEST FOR PARTIAL UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENT

RES#178/26

Meyers: THAT Council approve a one-time partial forgiveness of the May 2026 utility bill for the property located at 200 5th Avenue South due to the exceptional circumstances of this case. This approval is specific to this request and shall not be considered a precedent for future utility billing adjustment.
Carried.

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



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Meeting with William Kordyban, President and James Kordyban, VP Operations of Carrier Lumber Ltd, attended the meeting virtually from 1:30 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. regarding the Big River Facility Indefinite Curtailment. R.M. of Big River No.555 Council members in attendance were Clint Panter, Doug Panter, Terry Olsen and Justin Sullivan.

**FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT TENDER ADVERTISEMENT (LLCA PROJECT)
RES#179/26**

Schwab: THAT Council acknowledge that the public tender for the fire hydrant replacement component of the Implementing Water Service Resilience Improvements Project (FCM Green Municipal Fund – Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation, Application No. LLCA-25-0874) has been advertised with a tender closing date of July 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.; and THAT Council hold a Special Council meeting following the tender closing, to review the tender results and award the contract in order to maintain the project schedule.
Carried.

**REQUEST FROM BIG RIVER LEGION NO. 136 TO CLOSE A PORTION OF MAIN STREET FOR
100TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
RES#180/26**

Meyers: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the request from the Big River Legion No.136 to temporarily close the portion of Main Street between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue to accommodate the Legion's 100th Anniversary celebrations, and THAT the street closure will be in effect from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to allow for a street/yard sale to be held on Main Street as part of the anniversary events.
Carried.

BYLAWS

**BYLAW NO. 2026-01, A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BIG RIVER TO REGULATE RECREATIONAL
CAMPFIRE AND FIREWORKS
RES#181/26**

Sundby: THAT Bylaw 2026-01, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Recreational Campfires and Fireworks, be introduced and read a first time.
Carried.

RES#182/26

Schwab: THAT Bylaw 2026-01, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Recreational Campfires and Fireworks, be read a second time.
Carried.

RES#183/26

Meyers: THAT Bylaw 2026-01, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Recreational Campfires and Fireworks, be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously.

RES#184/26

Sundby: THAT Bylaw 2026-01, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Recreational Campfires and Fireworks, be read a third time and adopted.
Carried.



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BYLAW NO. 2026-02, A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF BIG RIVER TO REGULATE VEHICLES
RES#185/26

Schwab: THAT Bylaw 2026-02, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Vehicles, be introduced and read a first time.
Carried.

RES#186/26

Meyers: THAT Bylaw 2026-02, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Vehicles, be read a second time.
Carried.

RES#187/26

Sundby: THAT Bylaw 2026-02, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Vehicles, be given three readings at this meeting.
Carried Unanimously.

RES#188/26

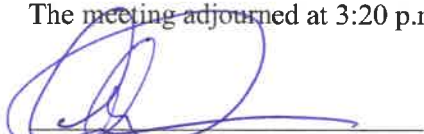
Schwab: THAT Bylaw 2026-02, A Bylaw of the Town of Big River to Regulate Vehicles, be read a third time and adopted.
Carried.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 17, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Mayor

Administrator