



**Rural Municipality of Reynolds  
Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of Council January 13, 2026 - 06:00 PM**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS-REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

**PRESENT**

**REEVE: RUSS GAWLUK**

**DEPUTY REEVE: CURT STELMACK**

**COUNCILLORS:**

**BLAINE WEBSTER**

**MICHAEL HUZEL**

**HARRIET YARMILL**

**KIMBERLY GESELL**

**JESSICA THURSTON**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: KIM FURGALA**

**REGRETS: COUNCILLOR CURT BULEY**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

The January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council was Called to Order by Reeve Gawluk at 6:03 pm.

**2 Land Acknowledgement Declaration**

**The RM of Reynolds acknowledges that we are gathered on ancestral lands, Treaty One Territory, traditional territory of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene Peoples, and on the National Homeland of the Red River Métis.**

**We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with all Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.**

**3 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Res. 26/001 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4 NOTICE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Huzel declared conflict of interest item 12.1

**5 MINUTES**

**Res. 26/002 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the December 22, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.1 Regular Meeting of Council - December 22, 2025 Minutes - Draft**

**6 DELEGATIONS / HEARINGS**

**7 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**7.1 Subd. 4611-25-7852 - Peterson**

**M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

**WHEREAS** an application has been received to subdivide one residential lot into two residential lots;

**AND WHEREAS** Proposed Lot 1 will be a new buildable with a flag-shaped access strip fronting onto Balcaen Road and Proposed Lot 2 will contain existing structures;

**AND WHEREAS** Proposed Lot 1 has potential for future subdivision, which would require widening the access strip to 66 feet for a future all-weather public road;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council conditionally approve the proposed subdivision subject to the following conditions:

1. That a capital cost dedication fee of \$700.00 for one new lot be paid to the Rural Municipality of Reynolds;
2. That a subdivision application fee of \$100.00 be paid to the Rural Municipality of Reynolds;
3. That any outstanding property taxes on the subdivision lands be paid in full;
4. That the Owner enter into a Development Agreement with the Municipality;
5. That a Variation Order be obtained to reduce the required site width from 200 feet as specified in the Reynolds Zoning By-law to 66 feet, to accommodate a future all-weather public road.

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. The Development Agreement shall be prepared by the Municipality’s legal counsel at the sole expense of the Owner;
2. The Development Agreement shall be registered as a caveat against the title of the affected lot at the Land Titles Office at the sole expense of the Owner;
3. The Owner’s legal counsel shall notify the Municipality once the Development Agreement has been successfully registered.

**TABLED**

**7.2 Development Agreement - CU 04/2025 - Harder**

**Res. 26/003 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign the Development Agreement for the Conditional Use Order 04/2025 - Harder.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Development Agreement - Subd. 4611-25-7843**

**Res. 26/004 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the Reeve and CAO to sign the Development Agreement for Subd. 4611-25-7843.

**CARRIED**

**8 COMMITTEES / REPORTS**

**Res. 26/005 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Committee and all other reports be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**8.1 North Eastman Community Health Committee Minutes - Oct 16, 2025**

**8.2 RAMS - Report**

**8.3 Whitemouth-Reynolds-North Whiteshell Waste Management Minutes - December 1, 2025**

**8.4 Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District - Oct 27 & Dec 10, 2025 Minutes**

**9 BY-LAWS**

**10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11 NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Facility 2026 Budget**

**Res. 26/006 M/S** Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**WHEREAS** the 2026 Budget for the Whitemouth Reynolds North Whiteshell Waste Management has been presented;

**AND WHEREAS** the cost to the RM of Reynolds amounts to \$80,728.52;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the 2026 Budget.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Staff Training and Development – Office Closure**

**Res. 26/007 M/S** Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds recognizes the importance of ongoing staff training and professional development;

**AND WHEREAS** a staff training and development session has been scheduled for January 23, 2026;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Office of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds be closed to the public on Friday, January 23, 2026, to allow staff to participate in training and professional development activities;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that all eligible training-related expenses incurred in relation to this session be reimbursed.

**CARRIED**

**11.3 Mining Operations**

**11.4 Tax Recovery Proceedings**

**Res. 26/008 M/S** Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**WHEREAS** The Municipal Act requires the municipality to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;

**AND WHEREAS** council for the municipality deems it to be in the municipality's best interest to hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that Rural Municipality of Reynolds hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipality's behalf for a term of 3 (three) years.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign the Taxervice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality.

**CARRIED**

**11.5 Accessibility Grant**

**Res. 26/009 M/S** Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Reynolds is committed to improving accessibility and ensuring municipal services and information are available to all residents;

**AND WHEREAS** funding opportunities are available through accessibility grant programs to support accessible digital infrastructure and emergency systems;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds hereby authorizes Administration to apply for the **Accessibility Grant**, with approved funds to be used toward the development of a new, accessible municipal website and emergency

systems;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Administration is authorized to complete and submit all required application documents and related correspondence.

**CARRIED**

**11.6 From the Ground Up Grant**

**Res. 26/010 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**WHEREAS** the Rural Municipality of Reynolds recognizes the importance of emergency preparedness and community resilience;

**AND WHEREAS** funding is available through FROM THE GROUND UP Grant to support infrastructure improvements that enhance emergency response capacity;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds hereby authorizes Administration to apply for FROM THE GROUND UP Grant for the purpose of preparing and developing an Emergency Host Site and purchasing emergency equipment;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that Administration is authorized to complete and submit all necessary application materials and supporting documentation.

**CARRIED**

**11.7 Leading Together in Times of Crisis: Manitoba's Wildfire Response**

**Res. 26/011 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds approve 2 Representatives (FC, DFC or EMO) to attend *Leading Together in Times of Crisis: Manitoba's Wildfire Response* on January 20, 2026, in Winnipeg;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all eligible expenses be reimbursed.

**CARRIED**

**11.8 First Aid Training**

**Res. 26/012 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Administration staff and members of Council be authorized to attend First Aid Training on January 26, 2026, to be held at the RM of Reynolds Office, at a cost of \$100 per person.

**CARRIED**

**12 FINANCIAL / ACCOUNTS**

Councillor Huzel left Council Chambers due to declared conflict of interest.

**12.1 Combined A/P Payroll Cheque Register Report**

**Res. 26/013 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**BE IT RESOLVED** that cheques numbered 25334 to 25365 including the Electronic Fund Transfer payments, for a total payment of \$143,836.37 be hereby approved for payment on this day.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Huzel returned to Council Chambers.

**12.2 2024 DRAFT Audited Financial Statement**

**Res. 26/014 M/S** Councillor Yarmill/ Councillor Webster

**WHEREAS** the RM of Reynolds received the 2024 Draft Audited Financial Statement as prepared by MNP for review;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the 2024 Draft Audited Financial Statement as presented;

**AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per section 194 of the Municipal Act the CAO shall give Public Notice.

**CARRIED**

**12.3 Overdue Invoice - By-Law Infraction Roll 0102850.000**

**Res. 26/015 M/S** Councillor Yarmill/ Councillor Webster

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the addition of Invoice 24195 in the amount of \$600.00, due December 31, 2025, to Roll #102850.000 for an overdue invoice relating to an Animal By-Law Infraction.

**CARRIED**

**12.4 Tax Sale Agreement - Roll 0081400.000**

**Res. 26/016 M/S** Councillor Yarmill/ Councillor Webster

**WHEREAS** the ratepayer of Roll 0081400.000 has requested to enter into a tax sale agreement with the RM of Reynolds as per Policy 39;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the CAO to sign the tax sale agreement.

**CARRIED**

**12.5 November 2025 - Financial Statement**

**Res. 26/017 M/S** Councillor Yarmill/ Councillor Webster

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the November 2025 Financial Statement be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**13.1 Manitoba Transportation & Infrastructure - Access Permit**

**13.2 Manitoba Wildlife Federations Annual Report**

**13.3 Notice of Public Hearing - RM of Springfield - CU 25-05**

**14 AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**16 IN CAMERA**

**16.1 Move In Camera**

**Res. 26/018 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council now move "In Camera" as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss **Personnel and Legal Matters**;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all matters discussed while in Camera are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

**CARRIED**

**16.1.1 Personnel Matters 1**

**16.1.2 Legal Matters 1**

**16.2 Move Out of Camera**

**Res. 26/019 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED** that as per Section 152(4) of the Municipal Act, Council now re-opens the meeting to the public;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of the Municipal Act.

**CARRIED**

**16.3 Personnel Matters 2**

**Res. 26/020 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes a wage increase of 2% for the Administrative Assistant for the year 2026 effective January 1, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**16.4 Personnel Matters 3**

**Res. 26/021 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes a wage increase of 1.5% for the Public Works Manager for the year 2026 effective January 1, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**16.5 Personnel Matters 4**

**Res. 26/022 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes a wage increase of 1.5% for the Development Officer/Building Inspector for the year 2026, effective January 1, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**17 ADJOURNMENT**

**Res. 26/023 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the next Regular Council Meeting be held on January 27, 2026;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council does now adjourn at 7:44 pm.

**CARRIED**



**Russ Gawluk, Reeve**



**Kim Furgala  
Chief Administrative Officer**