



Rural Municipality of Reynolds

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council January 27, 2026 - 06:00 PM

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS-REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

PRESENT

REEVE: RUSS GAWLUK

DEPUTY REEVE: CURT STELMACK

COUNCILLORS:

BLAINE WEBSTER

MICHAEL HUZEL

KIMBERLY GESELL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: KIM FURGALA

REGRETS: COUNCILLOR JESSICA THURSTON

COUNCILLOR HARRIET YARMILL

COUNCILLOR CURT BULEY

1 CALL TO ORDER

The January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council was Called to Order by Reeve Gawluk at 6:00 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. 26/024 M/S Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda of the January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4 NOTICE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5 MINUTES

Res. 26/025 M/S Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5.1 Regular Meeting of Council - January 13, 2026 Minutes - Draft

6 DELEGATIONS / HEARINGS

6.1 Open Public Hearing VO 01/2026 @ 6pm

Res. 26/026 M/S Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does now recess the Regular Meeting of Council in order to open the Public Hearing in the matter of Variation Order 01/2026.

CARRIED

6.2 Variation Order 01/2026 - Hadaller

6.3 Close Public Hearing VO 01/2026 - Hadaller

Res. 26/027 M/S Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Webster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT after closing the Public Hearing in the matter of Variation Order 01/2026, Council does now resume the Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Notices were mailed out and all requirements of The Planning Act were met. The applicants for VO 01/2026 were present, there was one registrant for VO 01/2026, who was in favor.

6.4 Delegation: A ROCHA representative Tom Monteyne @ 6:15pm

7 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Variation Order 01/2026 - Hadaller

Res. 26/028 M/S Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Gesell

WHEREAS an application has been received from Benjamin Hadaller, owner and applicant, respecting DESC RL70-8-14E, Tax Roll No. 123600, requesting a Variation Order to reduce the minimum front yard setback from 125 feet to 30 feet from the front property line, as required under Zoning By-law No. 7/13 for property zoned RM1;

AND WHEREAS the reduced setback is requested to accommodate a proposed single-family dwelling while maintaining the minimum 100-foot setback from the high-water mark of the Boggy River;

AND WHEREAS the Development Officer has reviewed the application, supporting documentation, and conducted a site visit, and has recommended approval of the requested variation with no conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds approve the Variation Order (File No. VO 01-2026) to permit a reduced front yard setback of 30 feet for the proposed single-family dwelling on the subject property.

CARRIED

7.2 Subd. 4611-25-7852 - Peterson

Res. 26/029 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

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 lot with no existing structures, services, or driveway, and will be configured as a flag-shaped lot with a 66-foot-wide access strip fronting onto Balcaen Road;

AND WHEREAS Proposed Lot 2 will contain an existing single-family dwelling, outbuildings, a septic field, and a private well, and meets the minimum site width requirements for on-site wastewater disposal;

AND WHEREAS Proposed Lot 1 is approximately 22 acres in size and has potential for future subdivision, which would require the construction of an all-weather public road to service additional residential lots;

AND WHEREAS the applicant has revised the proposed subdivision plan to increase the

access strip from 30 feet to 66 feet, being the minimum width required for a future public road, as illustrated on the revised Survey Application Map;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council 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 Proposed Lot 1 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.

CARRIED

8 COMMITTEES / REPORTS

Res. 26/030 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

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

CARRIED

8.1 North Eastman Municipal Forum - Minutes October 20, 2025

8.2 RCMP - 3rd Quarter Report

8.3 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District - Minutes 12-16-2025 & 01-06-2026

8.4 Development Officer Quarterly Report

9 BY-LAWS

10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Mining Operations

11 NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Review Election By-Law 03-2010

11.2 North Eastman Municipal Forum - February 2, 2026

Res. 26/031 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes all council members, Reeve and CAO to attend the North Eastman Municipal Forum on February 2, 2026 in Lac du Bonnet;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes all expenses to be reimbursed.

CARRIED

11.3 Age Friendly Manitoba Initiative

Res. 26/032 M/S Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

WHEREAS older persons are an important part of our community, and
Whereas it is our community’s interest that these citizens continue to live active lives and participate fully in the activities of the community;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Reynolds accepted the invitation from the Manitoba Association of Senior Communities to participate in the Age-Friendly Manitoba Initiative. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Reynolds Age Friendly Initiative be endorsed by the Municipality of Reynolds to support participation and healthy active lifestyles for older adults and all citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT an elected Council Member be an active participant and, on the Committee/Working Group that represents all sectors of the community, and report regularly to Council on the activity of the Committee/Working Group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the plans of the Age Friendly Initiative be publicly posted to develop public support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Reynolds Age-Friendly Initiative work cooperatively with existing community organizations to ensure that their programs and services are more age-friendly.

CARRIED

11.4 Coffee with Council 2026

11.5 Jaws of Life Tools

Res. 26/033 M/S Councillor Webster/ Councillor Huzel

WHEREAS the purchase Jaws of Life rescue tools will enhance emergency response capabilities within the Rural Municipality of Reynolds; and

WHEREAS the total purchase cost of the Jaws of Life rescue equipment is **\$70,980.59**; and

WHEREAS funding for this purchase has been approved under the **Manitoba GRO (MB GRO) Grant Program**, which provides funding for 50% of the eligible costs; and

WHEREAS the remaining 50% municipal contribution is to be funded through a combination of the Fire Equipment Reserve and the Reynolds Fire Department fundraising account;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds hereby authorizes the purchase of Jaws of Life rescue equipment in the total amount of **\$70,980.59**

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cost of the equipment be funded as follows:

- **50% (\$35,490.30)** to be funded by the Manitoba GRO Grant; and
- **50% (\$35,490.29)** to be funded by the Municipality, with:
 - **50% of the municipal share** transferred from the **Fire Equipment Reserve**, and
 - **50% of the municipal share** paid from the **Reynolds Fire Department fundraising account**;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration is authorized to take all necessary steps to complete the purchase and process payment in accordance with this resolution.

CARRIED

11.6 Essentials Workshop for Municipalities

Res. 26/034 M/S Councillor Webster/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the CAO, ACAO, EDO, & Administrative Assistant to attend the Essentials for Municipalities Workshop on March 18, 2026 - 1:00pm to 4:00pm in Beausejour for a cost of \$50 per person.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all eligible expenses be reimbursed.

CARRIED

11.7 Canada Post Community Foundation Grant

Res. 26/035 M/S Councillor Webster/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM authorize Administration to apply for the Canada Post Community Foundation Grant for the purpose of funding the replacement of the Hall furnace;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration be authorized to complete and submit the application when it opens on February 9, 2026, prior to the application deadline of February 27, 2026.

CARRIED

11.8 Personnel Human Resources

Res. 26/036 M/S Councillor Webster/ Councillor Huzel

WHEREAS the current rate of pay for the Reynolds Emergency Response Team is below Manitoba's minimum wage;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves an increase to the Reynolds Emergency Response Team wage to align with the provincial minimum wage, set at \$16.00 per hour;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any future increases to Manitoba's minimum wage enacted by the Province of Manitoba shall result in an automatic corresponding adjustment to the Emergency Response Team wage rate to maintain alignment with the provincial minimum wage.

CARRIED

12 FINANCIAL / ACCOUNTS

12.1 Combined A/P Payroll Cheque Register Report

Res. 26/037 M/S Councillor Webster/ Councillor Huzel

BE IT RESOLVED that cheques numbered 25366 to 25398 including the Electronic Fund Transfer payments, for a total payment of \$70,508.15 be hereby approved for payment on this day, January 27, 2026.

CARRIED

12.2 2024 Audited Financial Statement

Res. 26/038 M/S Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Webster

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the 2024 Final Audited Financial Statement as presented.

CARRIED

12.3 Tax Sale Agreement - Roll 0232915.000

Res. 26/039 M/S Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Webster

WHEREAS the ratepayer of Roll 0232915.000 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

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 ReGen Ag Day - Feb 12th

13.2 Dawson Trail Arts & Heritage - Governor General's History Award

13.3 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District - Newsletter

14 AGENDA ADDITIONS

15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

16 IN CAMERA

16.1 Move In Camera

Res. 26/040 M/S Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Webster

BE IT RESOLVED that Council now move “In Camera” as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss **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 Legal Matters 1

16.2 Move Out of Camera

Res. 26/041 M/S Councillor Webster/ 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

17 ADJOURNMENT

Res. 26/042 M/S Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Webster

BE IT RESOLVED that the next Regular Council Meeting be held on February 17, 2026;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council does now adjourn at 7:21pm.

CARRIED



Russ Gawluk, Reeve



**Kim Furgala
Chief Administrative Officer**