



**Rural Municipality of Reynolds**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of Council March 10, 2026 - 06:00 PM**

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF REYNOLDS-REGULAR MEETING-MINUTES**

**HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**

**PRESENT**

**REEVE: RUSS GAWLUK**

**DEPUTY REEVE: CURT STELMACK**

**COUNCILLORS:**

**BLAINE WEBSTER**

**MICHAEL HUZEL**

**CURT BULEY**

**HARRIET YARMILL**

**KIMBERLY GESELL**

**JESSICA THURSTON**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: KIM FURGALA**

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

The March 10, 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. 26/068 M/S** Councillor Buley/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Agenda of the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4 NOTICE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Huzel declared a Conflict of Interest on item 11.3.

**5 MINUTES**

**Res. 26/069 M/S** Councillor Buley/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5.1 Regular Meeting of Council - February 17, 2026 Minutes - Draft**

**6 DELEGATIONS / HEARINGS**

**6.1 Open Public Hearing**

**Res. 26/070 M/S** Councillor Buley/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

**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 02/2026 & Variation Order 03/2026.

**CARRIED**

**6.1.1 Variation Order 02/2026 - Peterson**

**6.1.2 Variation Order 03/2026 - A Rocha Canada**

**6.2 Close Public Hearing**

**Res. 26/071 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Buley

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** after closing the Public Hearing in the matter of Variation Order 02/2026 & Variation Order 03/2026, 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 02/2026 were not present, there were not any registrants for VO 02/2026, who was in favor. The applicants for VO 03/2026 were present, there were two registrants for VO 03/2026, who were in favor.

**6.3 Delegation - A Rocha Canada Appeal**

**7 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**7.1 Variation Order 02-2026 - Peterson**

**Res. 26/072 M/S** Deputy Reeve Stelmack/ Councillor Buley

**WHEREAS** an application has been received for a Variation Order for lands described as **Part of NE ¼ 18-8-9 EPM, Tax Roll No.0068305.000**, related to **Subdivision File No. 4611-25-7852**;

**AND WHEREAS** the applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the required lot frontage from **200 feet to 66 feet** for proposed **Lot 1**;

**AND WHEREAS** the application has been reviewed and is consistent with the RM of Reynolds Zoning By-law and the Whitemouth Reynolds Planning District Development Plan;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds **approves the requested Variation Order** as applied for.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Variation Order 03/2026 - A Rocha Canada**

**Res. 26/073 M/S** Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**WHEREAS** the Applicant has applied for a Variance to reduce the required minimum setback from the normal high water mark of the Boggy River from 100 feet to 41 feet for the construction of a new structure on the above-noted property;

**AND WHEREAS** the Zoning By-law requires a minimum setback of 100 feet from the normal high water mark of the Boggy River, the Birch River and the Whitemouth River;

**AND WHEREAS** construction commenced under Building Permit No. 45/25 and a Stop Work Order was subsequently issued when it was determined that the structure was not in compliance with the required 100-foot setback;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds approve Variation Order Request VO 03/2026.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** approval of Variation Order Request VO 03/2026 be conditional upon the following:

1. The Owner, Architect, Builder shall provide the RM a full and final release to be reviewed and approved by legal counsel
2. The Owner, A Rocha Canada, shall enter into a Development Agreement with the Rural Municipality of Reynolds and all costs be bourne of the developer.
3. The Development Agreement shall include provisions indemnifying and holding harmless the Municipality from any claims, damages, or losses resulting from flooding, erosion or any impacts related to the reduced setback from the normal high water mark.
4. The Development Agreement shall require the Owner to provide annual independent water quality testing of the river immediately upstream and downstream from the subject property, with reporting requirements and protocols to be developed in consultation with applicable Provincial and/or Federal regulatory authorities.
5. The Development Agreement shall indicate o further subdivision application shall be made by the developer or any subsequent owner without prior approval of council
6. The Development Agreement shall include provisions indemnifying and holding harmless the Municipality for any claims, damages, or losses resulting from any existing private services or private structures on the property
7. Any other conditions deemed necessary by Council to protect the interests of the Municipality

**CARRIED**

**8 COMMITTEES / REPORTS**

**Res. 26/074 M/S** Councillor Gesell/ Deputy Reeve Stelmack

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

**CARRIED**

**8.1 Whitemouth-Reynolds Planning District - Jan 5, 2026**

**8.2 Whitemouth-Reynolds-North Whiteshell Waste Management Minutes - January 05, 2026 Special Meeting**

**8.3 North Eastman Community Health Committee - December 11, 2026 Minutes**

**8.4 Eastman Regional Municipal Committee - Minutes Dec 15, 2025**

**8.5 Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District Minutes - January 19, 2026**

**8.6 Northeast Red Watershed District - Minutes - Jan 22/26**

**8.7 Economic Development Committee - 03-03-2026 Minutes**

**9 BY-LAWS**

**9.1 By-Law 01-2026 - Rescinding By-Law 07-2021 - Third and Final Reading**

**Res. 26/075 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

1. By-Law No. 01-2026 be given **third reading**, thereby rescinding the By-Law 07-2021 in its entirety.
2. Any costs incurred regarding the project to date have been collected from the ratepayers listed in By-Law No. 07-2021 or charged to their respective roll numbers as of January 31, 2026.
3. Administration is directed to take all necessary actions to formally record the rescission of By-Law No. 07-2021 and update municipal records accordingly.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law 01-2026, being a by-law to rescind By-Law 07-2021, be signed, sealed, and therefore done and passed as a By-Law of the RM of Reynolds.

**CARRIED**

**10 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11 NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Appoint Weed Inspector**

**Res. 26/076 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council appoints Nelson Chmuhalek as the Weed Inspector in the RM of Reynolds for 2026.

**CARRIED**

**11.2 Fire Department Controlled Burn Waiver - Roll 110300**

**Res. 26/077 M/S** Councillor Webster/ Councillor Yarmill

**WHEREAS** a Fire Department Controlled Burn Waiver was received from the landowner of Roll 0110300.000 on March 6, 2026;

**AND WHEREAS** Deputy Fire Chief Hood feels the property is suitable for a live fire burn practice;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agrees to allow the Fire Department to use this structure for a fire practice and the fees be waived for the property owner.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Huzel left Council Chambers - Conflict of Interest

**11.3 2026 Equipment & Materials Rates**

**Res. 26/078 M/S** Councillor Yarmill/ Councillor Webster

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2026 Equipment & Materials rates be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Huzel returned to Council Chambers

**11.4 Snow Plowing Request**

**Res. 26/079 M/S** Councillor Yarmill/ Councillor Webster

**WHEREAS** a request has been received for snow plowing services on the roadway near 67126 Rd 50N;

**AND WHEREAS** the Public Works Manager has reviewed the request and noted that this roadway is currently not scheduled for snow plowing, only receives minimal grass cutting, and is **not currently an all-weather public road**;

**AND WHEREAS** there is currently no full-time residence on this roadway.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Rural Municipality of Reynolds decline the request for snow plowing services on the roadway near 67126 Rd 50N

at this time, as the road is not currently designated as an all-weather public road and there are no full-time residents residing there. Should the resident wish, the Public Works Manager may arrange for scheduled snow plowing services at the resident's expense.

**CARRIED**

**11.5 Recycling**

**11.6 Endow Manitoba Community Foundations Conference**

M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve the Economic Development Officer's attendance at the **Endow Manitoba Community Foundations Conference, April 24–26, 2026**, in Winnipeg, MB.

**DEFEATED**

**11.7 Springfield Chamber of Commerce - Renewal**

**11.8 Letter of Support - Reynolds Food Bank - Prawda Country Dance - April 25, 2026**

**Res. 26/080** M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the CAO to send a Letter of Support for the Prawda Country Dance hosted by the Reynolds Food Bank on April 25, 2026 at the Reynolds Community Centre in Prawda, MB.

**CARRIED**

**12 FINANCIAL / ACCOUNTS**

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

**Res. 26/081** M/S Councillor Thurston/ Councillor Huzel

**BE IT RESOLVED** that cheques numbered 25421 to 25451 including the Electronic Fund Transfer payments, for a total payment of \$111,350.07 be hereby approved for payment on this day, March 10, 2026.

**CARRIED**

**13 CORRESPONDENCE**

**13.1 Proposed Amendments to the Species Act - Inviting Council Comments**

**13.2 Manitoba Wildlife Federations Update**

**13.3 Notice of Public Hearing - Zoning Amendment By-Law 2275-26 - RM of Brokenhead**

**13.4 Municipal Board - Annex Certain Lands From the RM of Ste. Anne to the Town of Ste. Anne**

**13.5 Federation of Canadian Municipalities - 2026 Annual Conference**

**13.6 AMM Resolution 19-2025**

**13.7 Community Futures 2026 Volunteer of the Year Award**

**14 AGENDA ADDITIONS**

**15 NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**16 IN CAMERA**

**16.1 Move In Camera**

**Res. 26/082 M/S** Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Thurston

**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. 26/083 M/S** Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Thurston

**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. 26/084 M/S** Councillor Huzel/ Councillor Thurston

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the next Regular Council Meeting be held on March 24, 2026;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Council does now adjourn at 7:47pm.

**CARRIED**



**Russ Gawluk, Reeve**



**Kim Furgala  
Chief Administrative Officer**