



Rural Municipality of Stuartburn

Minutes of the regular council meeting of Tuesday October 6th, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Council Chambers, Vita, Manitoba

Present: Reeve: Michelle Gawronsky Deputy Reeve: Dan Bodz
Councillors: Dylan Gurman, Jon Mellor and Michael Paciorka
CAO Brittany Fisher, CMAA

Reeve Gawronsky called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Adoption of Agenda:

312-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the October 6th, 2026 agenda as presented. **Carried**

Adoption of Minutes:

313-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Jon Mellor

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting of September 16th 2026 are correctly recorded as presented,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the September 16th, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Conflict of Interest Declaration: *Councillor Gurman 12. A) Election Official Remuneration*

Hearing/Delegation:

Hans Kolano – Mr. Kolano appeared before Council to discuss various municipal matters, including the need for lagoon expansion, community beautification, actions and decisions related to municipal employees, and the importance of proactive maintenance of roads and drainage infrastructure.

Dale Dooley – Mr. Dooley appeared before Council to discuss drainage concerns within the Town of Sundown and along Road 53E. He provided Council with two drainage requests related to these concerns, as well as documentation received from the Province of Manitoba pertaining to drainage authority. Mr. Dooley also presented videos to Council highlighting the areas of concern.

Reception of Petitions: Nil

Notice of Motions: Nil

By-Laws and Policies:

- 202-2026 Fire Department Personnel Appointment By-law Third & Final Reading – *Resolution #314-26*
- 213-2026 Fireworks By-law First and Second Reading - *Tabled*
- Road and Route Policy – *Resolution #315-26*
- Drainage Policy - *Tabled*

314-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby gives 3rd and final reading to by-law 213-2026, the Fire Department Personnel Appointment By-law.

FOR: all

AGAINST: none

Carried

315-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the amended Road and Route Policy as presented and discussed. **Carried**

Accounts:

316-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT regular cheques 20260271– 20260292 and EFT cheques 260437 – 260463 in the amount of \$354,082.06 be approved and paid as presented. **Carried**

Communications & Correspondence:

<i>From</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
CAO	CAO Report from September 14 th – October 2 nd , 2026	Resolution #317-26
PWM	PWM Report from September 14 th – October 2 nd , 2026	Resolution #318-26

WHEREAS J. Martin has requested that Council repair or replace the hitching post located between the Municipal Office and Co-op Gas Station; and

WHEREAS J. Martin has indicated that the Mennonite community will supply the labour, a new steel hitching post, and concrete; and

WHEREAS it has been requested that the Municipality supply the municipal excavator and staff operator, as well as gravel material for the area, to eliminate wear and tear on the ground;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the requested maintenance and replacement of the hitching post, with the Municipality providing the excavator and staff operator and gravel material as outlined above. **Carried**

324-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Council representative(s) serving on the Watershed District to register for and attend the Manitoba Association of Watersheds Conference being held in Brandon, Manitoba, from December 7th –9th, 2026, with the current representative(s) authorized to complete registration now and the representative(s) serving at the time of the conference authorized to attend, with all related registration fees and expenses to be paid by the Municipality. **Carried**

Reports/Minutes from Committees:

325-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Accepts as information the reports/minutes from the following committees:

- SRRWD Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2026.
- SRRWD Electronic Minutes of August 26, 2026.
- Vita Veterinary Services District Board Minutes of September 21, 2026.
- VDHC Stakeholders Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2026.

Carried

General Business:

- Election Official Remuneration – *Resolution #326-26*
- Fire Department Door Renovations – *Tabled*
- Gravel Extraction Revenue – *Resolution #327-26*

Councillor Dylan Gurman declared a conflict of interest with respect to this matter and left the Council Chambers prior to consideration of the following resolution.

326-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dan Bodz

WHEREAS Council of the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn previously adopted Resolution No. 69-26 establishing the rates of remuneration for election officials for the 2026 to 2029 municipal election period; and

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has increased the minimum wage to \$16.40 per hour; and

WHEREAS Council considers it appropriate to establish revised rates of remuneration for election officials to reflect the increase in the minimum wage and to ensure appropriate compensation for the duties and responsibilities associated with conducting municipal elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following rates of remuneration for election officials for the 2026 to 2029 municipal election period are hereby established:

- Senior Election Officer – flat rate of \$500, plus the current mileage rate set out in the Council Indemnity By-law, as required to carry out election duties.
- Assistant Senior Election Officer – flat rate of \$250, plus the current mileage rate set out in the Council Indemnity By-law, as required to carry out election duties.
- Deputy Returning Officer – \$275 per day for duties performed on Election Day, plus the current mileage rate set out in the Council Indemnity By-law, as required to carry out election duties.
- All Other Election Officials – \$250 per day for duties performed on Election Day, plus the current mileage rate set out in the Council Indemnity By-law, as required to carry out election duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any additional training required for the positions of Deputy Returning Officer and all other Election Officials shall be compensated at the current Manitoba minimum wage rate of \$16.40 per hour, together with the current mileage rate set out in the Council Indemnity By-law, as required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution No. 69-26 in its entirety, effective immediately. **Carried**

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby directs Administration to allocate and transfer all revenue received by the Municipality from gravel extraction activities to the Economic Development Reserve, with such funds to be used in accordance with the purpose of the reserve. **Carried**

Unfinished Business:

- Paving RFQ – Resolution #328-26

328-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Jon Mellor

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn issued a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for paving work within the Town of Vita; and

WHEREAS the Municipality received submissions from Bayview Construction, Maple Leaf Construction, and GIP Prairie Ltd. in response to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS Council has reviewed the submissions received and determined that the low bid was received from GIP Prairie Ltd., in the amount of \$267,344.00 plus applicable taxes; and

WHEREAS the paving project is anticipated to be carried out in 2027 and the associated expenditure will be included in the Municipality's 2027 Financial Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn accepts the submission from GIP for the paving work outlined in the RFQ, in the amount of \$267,344.00 plus applicable taxes, subject to the project being included in the Municipality's 2027 Financial Plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute any necessary agreements or documents related to the acceptance of the RFQ submission.

Carried

In Camera:

329-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka Seconded by Dan Bodz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council meet in camera as a committee of the whole to discuss Item 14 (Legal) on the agenda, and as such discussions be kept in confidence as required under Section 16.13 of By-Law 187/22. Time: 7:41 P.M.. **Carried**

Carried

330-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka Seconded by Dylan Gurman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn their in camera session and resume regular business, Time: 7:47 P.M.. **Carried**

Carried

Adjournment

331-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Jon Mellor

WHEREAS all matters pertinent to this meeting have been completed,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting do now adjourn, and Council shall meet again in Regular Session, October 20th, 2026, Time: 7:47 P.M.. **Carrie**

Carried

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STUARTBURN

Michelle Gawronsky, Reeve

Brittany Fisher, Chief Administrative Officer