



Rural Municipality of Stuartburn

Minutes of the regular council meeting of Tuesday October 20th, 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, CMMA

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

Adoption of Agenda:

332-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman Seconded by Michael Paciorka

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

Adoption of Minutes:

333-26 Moved by Jon Mellor Seconded by Dan Bodz

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6th, 2026 are correctly recorded as presented,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the October 6th, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Conflict of Interest Declaration: Nil

Hearing/Delegation:

Peter Friesen – Mr. Friesen attended the meeting to address concerns regarding grader contractor practices, noting that road maintenance appears inconsistent, with some sections being graded at times while others are not. Although the road condition is generally acceptable, maintenance appears sporadic. Municipal staff will look into the matter. Mr. Friesen also requested that brush be cleared at a blind corner near a stop sign, which the Municipality is aware of and plans to address. Additionally, he requested that a “Slow” sign be installed near the steel bridge by his residence to help protect the bridge from damage.

Laura Goodridge – Ms. Goodridge attended the meeting to present a proposal for a Regional Animal Wellness Municipal Service Centre and outlined the project and proposed services. The proposed arrangement would include a monthly retainer, with additional fees for services as required. Ms. Goodridge clarified that she was not seeking a financial commitment at this time, but rather a non-binding letter of intent.

Reception of Petitions: Nil

Notice of Motions: Nil

By-Laws and Policies: Nil

Accounts:

334-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT regular cheques 20260293 – 20260303 and EFT cheques 260464 - 260508 in the amount of \$88,607.84 be approved and paid as presented. **Carried**

335-26 Moved by Jon Mellor Seconded by Dylan Gurman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council Indemnities and Expenses in the amount of \$4,676.20, EFT cheques 260509-560514, be approved and paid as presented. **Carried**

336-26 Moved by Dan Bodz Seconded by Michael Paciorka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the financial statement for the period ending September 30th, 2026. **Carried**

Communications & Correspondence:

<i>From</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Disposition</i>
CAO	CAO Report from October 5 th – October 16 th , 2026	Resolution #337-26
PWM	PWM Report from October 5 th – October 16 th , 2026	Resolution #338-26
MNR Assessment Svcs	Mobile Home Fees	Information
RCMP	July – September Quarterly Report	Information
W. Janzen	Development Request	Declined
J&R Hrechka	Tax Incentive Application	Resolution #339-26
MNR	Next Generation 9-1-1 & Bell NG9-1-1 Authority Service	Information
S. Garand	Tax Incentive Application	Resolution #340-26
G. Thibodeau	Beaver Dam Removal Request SW 2-2-9E	Work Scheduled
W. Basorowich	Development Agreement Request	Resolution #341-26

Vita Cheer Board
T. Stelmack

Christmas Hamper Donation Request
Beaver Dam Removal Request

Resolution #342-26
Work Scheduled

337-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby accepts the CAO report dated October 5th – October 16th, 2026 as presented.

Carried

338-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby accepts the Public Works Manager report dated October 5th – October 16th, 2026 as presented.

Carried

339-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dan Bodz

WHEREAS James & Rosemary Hrechka have met the conditions outlined in the Municipality's Tax Incentive By-law;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves James & Rosemary Hrechka's application under the Tax Incentive By-law for 2026, 2027 & 2028.

Carried

340-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

WHEREAS Serge Garand has met the conditions outlined in the Municipality's Tax Incentive By-law;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves Serge Garand's application under the Tax Incentive By-law for 2026, 2027 & 2028.

Carried

341-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Jon Mellor

WHEREAS Council and Mr. Basorowich are satisfied with the terms stipulated in the development agreement for the subdivision application submitted by William Basorowich, CPS File No. 4612-24-9002, for Pt. SW 21-3-8E;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the development agreement as presented and authorizes the agreement to proceed to final signature.

Carried

342-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dan Bodz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves a donation in the amount of \$750.00 to the Vita Christmas Cheer Board.

Carried

Reports/Minutes from Committees:

343-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

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

- Shared Legacy Partnership – Fall Quarterly Meeting

Carried

General Business:

- Tax Cancellation of Fire Levy for Cemetery Properties – *Resolution#344 -26*
- MB Grow Projects – *Resolution #345-26*
- MWWA Membership Renewal - *Resolution #346-26*
- Tree Harvesting Update - *Resolution #347-26*
- Traffic on Gardenton Historical Bridge - *Resolution #348-26*
- MI Culvert Work in Vita - *Resolution #349-26*

344-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby cancels taxes related to the Fire Levy for cemetery properties totaling \$520.81, per attached listing.

Carried

345-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby authorizes the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn to submit an application to the Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities for Municipalities (Manitoba GRO) Program for funding toward the Vita Municipal Street Resurfacing Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council supports the proposed resurfacing of approximately ten municipal street locations within the community of Vita, as identified in the Municipality's project specifications;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the estimated eligible project cost of \$267,344.00, plus applicable taxes, be used for the purpose of the Manitoba GRO application, with a requested Manitoba GRO contribution of up to \$133,672.00, representing 50% of eligible project costs;

Carried

346-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the renewal of the Public Works Managers membership to the Manitoba Water & Wastewater Association for 2026-2027. **Carried**

347-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

WHEREAS Council previously approved Bear Logging Inc. to undertake a tree harvesting project on multiple sections of land within the RM of Stuartburn, being SEC 32-1-8E, SEC 33-1-8E, W1/2 34-1-8E, and SE 34-1-8E, pursuant to Resolution No. 358-25;

AND WHEREAS the tree harvesting project has not yet been completed on all sections of land;

AND WHEREAS Council is satisfied with the work that has been completed by Bear Logging Inc. and wishes to have the contractor continue and complete the remaining work;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirms its approval for Bear Logging Inc. to continue and complete the tree harvesting project in accordance with the original terms approved under Resolution No. 358-25, and authorizes Administration to execute an agreement with Bear Logging Inc. for the completion of the project, consistent with the original resolution. **Carried**

348-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Jon Mellor

WHEREAS Council has ongoing concerns regarding overweight vehicles disregarding posted weight restrictions and signage and continuing to travel across the Gardenton Historical Bridge;

AND WHEREAS the Gardenton Historical Bridge is an important historical site within the municipality, and Council wishes to preserve and protect the structure for the future;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs Administration to explore options for permanent physical barriers or other suitable structures to prevent overweight vehicles from accessing the Gardenton Historical Bridge, while maintaining appropriate access for permitted vehicles. **Carried**

349-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

WHEREAS Manitoba Infrastructure will be replacing and lowering four accesses east of Vita in response to a municipal request;

AND WHEREAS three of the accesses serving private residences currently contain 900 mm culverts, which will be replaced with 750 mm culverts to match the sizes of the culverts upstream and downstream;

AND WHEREAS the culvert at the 1st Street access will also be replaced, with the replacement culvert remaining at 750 mm in diameter;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the proposed project, as the access and culvert improvements are expected to improve water flow and drainage for the benefit of municipal ratepayers. **Carried**

Unfinished Business:

- 213-2026 Fireworks By-law – *The motion died for lack of a second.*
- Drainage Policy – *Resolution #350-26*
- Fire Department Door Renovations – *Tabled for quotes.*

First Reading of By-law 213-2026 (Fireworks By-law)

Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by (none)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby gives 1st reading to by-law 213-2026, the Fireworks By-law.
The motion died for lack of a second.

350-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the amended Drainage Policy as presented. **Carried**

In Camera:

351-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council meet in camera as a committee of the whole to discuss Item 14 (Preliminary & Legal) on the agenda, and as such discussions be kept in confidence as required under Section 16.13 of By-Law 187/22. Time: 7:52 P.M.. **Carried**

352-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn their in camera session and resume regular business, Time: 8:29 P.M.. **Carried**

Adjournment

353-26 Moved by Dylan Gurman

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

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,
November 3rd, 2026, Time: 8:29 P.M..

Carried

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STUARTBURN

Michelle Gawronsky, Reeve

Brittany Fisher, Chief Administrative Officer

not ratified