



Rural Municipality of Stuartburn

Minutes of the regular council meeting of Tuesday, September 1st, 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:

278-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the following changes to the Council meeting agenda for September 1st, 2026:

Addition of items:

- 5.a) S. Ludtke – ATV's Road Concern – Road 5N
- 5. b) Joseph Martin & Ivan Martin – Conroy Creek Drainage Project
- 13. d) Conroy Creek Cleaning Project

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the September 1st, 2026 Council meeting agenda as amended. **Carried**

Adoption of Minutes:

279-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

WHEREAS the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18th, 2026 are correctly recorded as presented,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the August 18th, 2026 meeting be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

Conflict of Interest Declaration: *Councillor Gurman – 9.a) Accounts Payable*

Hearing/Delegation:

Scott Ludtke – Mr. Ludtke appeared before Council to discuss concerns regarding damage to municipal roads resulting from ATV and vehicle activity on Lord Roberts Road and Road 5N.

Joseph Martin & Ivan Martin – Appeared before Council to discuss a proposed cost-sharing agreement for the cleaning of Conroy Creek.

Reception of Petitions: Nil

Notice of Motions: Nil

By-Laws and Policies: Nil

Accounts:

280-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Dan Bodz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT regular cheques 20260239 – 20260256 and EFT cheques 260387 – 260407 in the amount of \$641,515.02 be approved and paid as presented.

*Cheque No. 260375 was cancelled and re-issued as Cheque No. 260404.
Councillor Gurman abstained from the vote.*

Carried

Communications & Correspondence:

From	Subject	Disposition
CAO	CAO Report from August 17 th – 28 th , 2026	Resolution #281-26
PWM	PWM Report from August 17 th – 28 th , 2026	Resolution #282-26
J. Hoover	Beaver Concern NW 15-2-7E	PW to complete
SRRWD	Ford Crossing RD 34E Update	Information
W. Penner	Beaver Concern NW & SE 2-3-8E	PW to complete
MARR	2026 Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum	Information

➤ **Website Services – Resolution #289-26**

288-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Dan Bodz

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve an additional \$3000.00 expenditure from the Protective Services Reserve for the purchase of a second set of fire turnout gear, as two sets are required rather than the one set originally budgeted;

AND THAT the total authorized withdrawal from the Protective Service Reserve for fire turnout gear be increased from \$5,500.00 to \$8,500.00. **Carried**

289-26 Moved by Michael Paciorka

Seconded by Jon Mellor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the renewal of the website services agreement with Catalis, with a Subscription Start Date of August 1st, 2027, for an initial term of four (4) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the agreement will automatically renew for additional four (4) year terms unless either party provides written notice of termination at least 180 days prior to the commencement of the subsequent term. **Carried**

Unfinished Business:

- **Pigs Running at Large**– *Concern addressed at this time.*
- **Economic Development Services**– *Remove from agenda and tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.*
- **Dog Park Inquiry**– Resolution #290-26
- **Conroy Creek Cleaning Project** – Resolution #291-26

290-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Michael Paciorka

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn has received requests from residents regarding the establishment of a designated dog park within the community; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes the potential benefits of a designated dog park as a community amenity and appreciates the initiative behind the proposal; and

WHEREAS Council has considered the proposed location and has determined that the location may not be ideal for a dog park due to its close proximity to the children's play area and the potential interaction between the dog park and other recreational uses of the site; and

WHEREAS Council has also considered the costs associated with the purchase, installation, and ongoing maintenance of fencing, gates, and other infrastructure required for a properly enclosed dog park; and

WHEREAS the proposed project cannot be accommodated within the Municipality's current 2026 budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn does not support proceeding with the proposed dog park at the current location or within the 2026 budget; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality will not proceed with the purchase or installation of fencing or other infrastructure for the proposed dog park at this time; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council may consider alternative locations and potential funding for a community dog park as part of a future budget process. **Carried**

291-26 Moved by Jon Mellor

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

WHEREAS Council previously approved, by Resolution No. 158-26 on May 5th, 2026, the application submitted by Joseph Martin for private drainage works within Conroy Creek between Road 38E and Road 40E, with the costs of the proposed works originally to be borne by the applicant; and

WHEREAS Council has now agreed to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Joseph Martin and Ivan Martin for the proposed cleaning of Conroy Creek;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Stuartburn shall be responsible for selecting the contractor(s) to complete the proposed work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 158-26, passed by Council on May 5th, 2026, is hereby rescinded and replaced in its entirety by this resolution. **Carried**

In Camera: Nil

Adjournment

292-26 Moved by Dan Bodz

Seconded by Dylan Gurman

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, September 16th, 2026, Time: 8:07 P.M. **Carried**

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STUARTBURN

Michelle Gawronsky, Reeve

Brittany Fisher, Chief Administrative Officer