



SPECIAL COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

HELD MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2025 @ 6:15 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400-10 ST, BEAVERLODGE

COUNCIL	Mayor Gary Rycroft Councillor Trevor Bartsch Councillor Richard Lappenbush Councillor Jen Wolan	Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Councillor Hugh Graw Councillor Tyke Longmore
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STAFF	CAO Jeff Johnston Nichole Young, Legislative Services	Deputy CAO Tina Letendre, absent
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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:15 PM**

2.0 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

As long as the sun shines, grass grows and the rivers flow – we acknowledge the homeland of the many diverse First Nation and Métis people whose ancestors have walked this land. We are grateful to live, learn and work on the traditional territory of Treaty 8 and we make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude.

3.0 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#015-2025-10-27 Councillor Hugh Graw
CARRIED: That the agenda be adopted as presented.

4.0 **DELEGATION:**

5.0 **OLD BUSINESS:**

6.0 **NEW BUSINESS:**

6.1 Deputy Mayor Appointment

#016-2025-10-27 Mayor Gary Rycroft

CARRIED: That Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus be appointed as Deputy Mayor for a 1-year term.



6.2 Schedule of Council Meetings for 2026

#017-2025-10-27 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council accepts the schedule as presented.

6.3 Schedule Meeting to Establish Council Committees

#018-2025-10-27 Councillor Trevor Bartsch

CARRIED: That Council schedules a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday November 26, 2025 at 6pm to discuss and establish the Committees of Council.

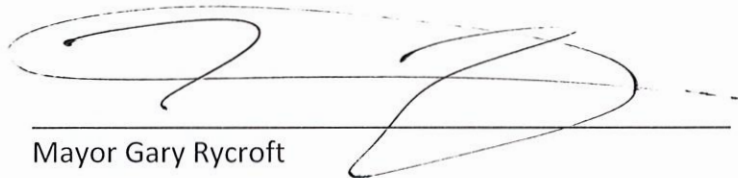
6.4 Council Appointments to Boards & Organizations

#019-2025-10-27 Councillor Tyke Longmore

CARRIED: That Council accepts the appointments to the Boards & Organizations for a 1-year term.

9.0 **CLOSED SESSION:**

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the Special Organizational Meeting **6:37 PM**



Mayor Gary Rycroft



Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

ORG/GROUP APPOINTMENTS	MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION	MEETINGS
Beaverlodge & District Chamber of Commerce	Council: CAO Staff: Deputy CAO	Local Chamber Organization	Monthly
Community Rail Advocacy Alliance	Council: Gary Rycroft Alternate: Hugh Graw	Provincial	Monthly
Community Futures	Council: Gary Rycroft	Business & Development	Monthly
FCSS Advisory Committee	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Alternate: Jen Wolan	Social Planning	Quarterly
Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership	Council: Richard Lappenbush Alternate: Jen Wolan Staff: CAO	Emergency Response Planning	Semi-annually
Grande Prairie Regional Tourism	Council: Tyke Longmore	Tourism	Monthly
Grande Spirit Foundation	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus	Seniors Housing	Monthly
ICF – Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework	Council: Gary Rycroft, Hugh Graw, Tyke Longmore	Intermunicipal Collaboration	As needed
Inter-Municipal Group	Council: All Staff: CAO	Regional Emerging Items	2 times per year
Peace Library System	Council: Jen Wolan	Regional Representation	Quarterly
Regional Landfill	Council: CAO Alternate: Hugh Graw	Regional Municipal Group	4 Annual – 1 st Wed
South Peace Physician Attraction & Retention Committee	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Alternate: Tyke Longmore Public: Member-at-large	Regional – recruit/retain physician/health professionals	Quarterly
WASP (Wapiti Area Synergy Partnership)	Council: Trevor Bartsch	Regional	
Water North Coalition	Council: Trevor Bartsch	Regional	
Other Council Committee	Council appointees and ex officio		As needed