



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY APRIL 27, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS #400 – 10 ST. BEAVERLODGE, ALBERTA

COUNCIL	Mayor Gary Rycroft Councillor Trevor Bartsch Councillor Jen Wolan Councillor Richard Lappenbush	Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Councillor Hugh Graw Councillor Tyke Longmore
STAFF	Jeff Johnston, CAO - absent	Tina Letendre, Deputy CAO Nichole Young, Legislative Services

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Gary Rycroft called the meeting to order. **6:00 PM**

2.0 **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

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:**

#095-2026-04-27 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council adopts the agenda with the addition to New Business of 7.5 FCSS Advisory Committee.

4.0 **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

4.1 April 13, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes

#096-2026-04-27 Councillor Trevor Bartsch

CARRIED: That Council adopts the Minutes of the April 13, 2026 Council meeting.

5.0 **DELEGATIONS:**

5.1 Marisa Feris – MNP – 2025 Financial Statement Presentation



#097-2026-04-27 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council approves the 2025 Auditor's report on the Annual Financial Statements for the Town of Beaverlodge.

#098-2026-04-27 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council accepts the Auditor's report on the Annual Financial Statements and financial information return for the Town of Beaverlodge

6.0 OLD BUSINESS:

6.1 Bylaw #1039 Tax Incentive Bylaw

#099-2026-04-27 Councillor Richard Lappenbush

CARRIED: That Council gives a 2nd reading to Bylaw #1039 Tax Incentive Bylaw.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 Bylaw #1040 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment

#100-2026-04-27 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council gives the 1st reading of Bylaw #1040 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

#101-2026-04-27 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council sets May 11, 2026 as the date for the Public Hearing of Bylaw #1040 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

7.2 2026 Town of Beaverlodge Budget

#102-2026-04-27 Deputy Mayor Judy-Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council approves the 2026 Town of Beaverlodge Capital Budget with the removal of the purchase of the 3/4 Tonne Pick-up Truck.

#103-2026-04-27 Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council approves the 2026 Operating Budget with the addition of a 5% tax rate increase with those funds going into Reserves.

#104-2026-04-27 Councillor Tyke Longmore

CARRIED: That Council directs Administration to investigate and research alternative frameworks that may exist for a Property Tax Rebate Program for Fixed Income residents and bring a report to Council by the fall of 2026.

Mayor Rycroft called for a short recess.

6:50 PM



Mayor Rycroft reconvened the meeting.

6:52 PM

7.3 Bi-Annual Seniors Tea Invite – June 3, 2026

#105-2026-04-27 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.4 Beaverlodge Senior Appreciation Event – June 4, 2026

#106-2026-04-27 Deputy Mayor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus

CARRIED: That Council accepts this for information.

7.5 FCSS Advisory Committee

#107-2026-04-27 Councillor Tyke Longmore

CARRIED: That Council appoints Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus as the Chair of the FCSS Advisory Committee.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Special Council Budget 2026 Meeting Minutes

#108-2026-04-27 Councillor Jen Wolan

CARRIED: That Council adopts the minutes from the April 19, 2026 Special Council Budget Meeting as presented.

8.2 Q1 2026 – Quarterly Fire Services Report

#109-2026-04-27 Councillor Richard Lappenbush

CARRIED: That Council accepts this report for information.

9.0 COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Action List

#110-2026-04-27 Councillor Hugh Graw

CARRIED: That Council accepts the Action Item List for information.

9.2 Staff Reports

#111-2026-04-27 Councillor Hugh Graw


CARRIED: That Council accepts these Staff Reports for information.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION:




11.0 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gary Rycroft adjourned the meeting.

7:04 PM



Mayor Gary Rycroft



Jeff Johnston, CAO