

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
OF ALBERTA BEACH IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
HELD IN THE ALBERTA BEACH COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AND HELD ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM  
MARCH 17, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor.....Tara Elwood (via Zoom)  
Deputy Mayor .....Debbie Durocher  
Councillor .....DecolynneJo Burns  
Councillor .....Kelly Muir  
Councillor .....Daryl Weber  
CAO .....Kathy Skwarchuk  
Asst. CAO .....Cathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Elwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Mayor Elwood read a Land Acknowledgement Statement as follows:

Alberta Beach respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the First People's traditional lands. We recognize this traditional Treaty Six Territory to show respect and understanding to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples who walked this land for centuries. We express gratitude and respect for the land we use and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS:**

- 14.s Alberta Association of Police Governance – AAPG 2026 Annual Conference & AGM
- 14.t Yellowhead Regional Library – 2026 YRL Discovery Day Invitation
- 15.c Alberta Beach Municipal Library – Library Board Appointments

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION #036-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:** None.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026:

**MOTION #037-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 17, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATIONS:**

GERMAINE FRANCHE – PRESENTATION OF ARTWORK & REQUEST TO HANG ART IN MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

Germaine Franche presented her artwork and art prints to Council, she would like to donate some of her artwork to Council for the municipal office. Council suggested she contact the Alberta Beach Museum, the Alberta Beach Library and a local art store in Alberta Beach to showcase her artwork. Mayor Elwood thanked Ms Franche for her presentation and advised that Council will discuss her request.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:**

**2026 TAX RECOVERY PUBLIC AUCTION:**

The CAO reported that the Tax Recovery Public Auction was held on February 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

That the two parcels which were offered for sale were as follows:

Tax Roll #127, Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ (4808 – 51 Street) with a reserve bid of \$81,050.00; and

Tax Roll #829, Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242 (4811 – 59 Street) with a reserve bid of \$70,000.00.

The CAO further reported that no bids were received on the parcels.

The minutes of the Tax Recovery Public Auction held on February 25, 2026 was included in the agenda as well as the municipal responsibilities following the public auction.

**REGISTRATION OF TAX FORFEITURE TITLES:**

**MOTION #038-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Alberta Beach request the Registrar of Land Titles to cancel the existing certificate of title and issue a certificate of title in the name of Alberta Beach registered as a tax forfeiture title on Tax Roll #127, Lot 6, Block 11, Plan 3321BQ and Tax Roll #829, Lot 2, Block 7, Plan 7821242.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

**MOTION #039-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the CAO Report Action List be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** None.

**BYLAWS & POLICIES:** None.

**COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:**

**MAYOR ELWOOD:**

Mayor Elwood reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2026.

Yellowhead Regional Library Board meeting held on March 9, 2026.

Joint Trivillage meeting held on March 2, 2026.

**COUNCILLOR MUIR:**

Councillor Muir reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach Ag Society AglipleX Operations Committee meeting held on February 18, 2026.

Alberta Beach Lions Club meeting held on February 26, 2026.

Joint Trivillage meeting held on March 2, 2026.

FCSS Trivillage Committee meeting held on March 3, 2026.

Water Distribution Feasibility Study Steering Committee meeting held on March 9, 2026.

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on March 11, 2026.

**COUNCILLOR BURNS:**

Councillor Burns reviewed and submitted report on the following meetings:

Community Futures Yellowhead East meeting held on February 19, 2026.

CFYE RIAMS Regional Marketing Committee meeting held on February 24, 2026.

CFYE Various Workshops held in March 2026.

Joint Trivillage meeting held on March 2, 2026.

Water Distribution Feasibility Study Steering Committee meeting held on March 9, 2026.

Alberta Beach Public Works Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2026.

**COUNCILLOR WEBER:**

Councillor Weber reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Highway 43 East Waste Commission meeting held on February 24, 2026.

Lac Ste. Anne Foundation meeting held on February 25, 2026.

**DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:**

Deputy Mayor Durocher reviewed and submitted reports on the following meetings:

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society meeting held on February 24, 2026 as well gave a verbal on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Lac Ste. Anne East End Bus Committee meeting held on February 25, 2026.

Beachwave Park Update of March 17, 2026.

**ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:**

**MOTION #040-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE – OPERATIONAL UPDATE, PRC REPORT, & COMMUNICATIONS REGISTRY:**

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Association of Police Governance which included operational updates, a PRC update of January 29, 2026 & notice regarding their communications registry.

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE – MEMBER UPDATE, PRC UPDATE, & COMMUNICATIONS REGISTRY:**

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Association of Police Governance which included a member update, a PRC update of March 2026 and information regarding their communications registry.

**ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – RESPONSE TO LETTER REGARDING LIONS CLUB MOVING OUT OF AGLIPLEX:**

A letter was received from the Alberta Beach & District Lions Club in response to our letter regarding the Lions Club moving out of AglipleX advising on their reasons which were due to financial reasons.

**MOTION #041-26**

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MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that a letter be sent to the Alberta Beach Lions Club to advise that Council would like to respond to your letter as follows;

To clarify that Councillor Muir attended your last meeting at Council's request to present our letter and further that in attending your meeting and upon being advised that the item would be placed on the next month's meeting agenda, Councillor Muir had left your meeting, and he only returned to your meeting upon the insistence of some of the Lions Club members he met in the parking lot who had arrived for your meeting, it is our understanding that the club ultimately voted to discuss the village's letter;

That Council is disappointed in the decisions of the Lions Club, if the club moved out only for financial reasons, then this should have been brought to the Agliplex Operations Committee for discussions. In fact, last fall the Lions Club requested a meeting with Councillor Muir and our CAO, but then cancelled the meeting at the last minute. Unfortunately, with the meeting being cancelled, we were unaware of the concerns of the Lions Club. We were also unaware that the club did not agree to the one-third split on the power & gas utility costs. If the meeting had proceeded, either Alberta Beach Council or the Agliplex Operations Committee would have had an opportunity to review funding for the power & gas utilities, in knowing the Lions Club was experiencing financial difficulties;

That it is also frustrating to understand the reasons for the Lions Club to move out of the Agliplex without giving any notice to the Ag Society, the lease may have expired, but community support and obligations still exist. It is unfortunate that it came to this; and

It is still Council's hope to explore ways to continue to work together to support the community and strengthen partnerships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL LIBRARY – ANNUAL INVOICE FUNDING LETTER & ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025:**

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Beach Municipal Library which included their annual invoice funding letter thanking Council for the continued support, as well as their Annual Report for 2025 outlining their services and statistics.

**ALBERTA COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S SHELTERS (ACWS) – LIFT HER UP EDMONTON ROUND TABLES 2026:**

An invitation was received from Alberta Council of Women's Shelters (ACWS) to participate in one of their upcoming Lift Her Up Round table Sessions being held in Edmonton on March 19 and March 25, 2026.

**MOTION #042-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Mayor Elwood and Deputy Mayor Durocher be approved to attend the March 19<sup>th</sup> Lift Her Up Round Table and Councillor Burns be approved to attend the March 25<sup>th</sup> session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT – WATER ACT & WATER (MINISTERIAL) REGULATION AMENDMENTS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Environment to advise that the *Water Amendment Act, 2025* was proclaimed on March 11, 2026 and in addition amendments were made to the Water (Ministerial) Regulation to reflect changes to the act, including boundaries of major river basins, eligible sources of water for reuse, and allowing use of rooftop-collected rainwater without requiring a licence.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs in response to the request for a meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs advising that due to the large number of meeting requests, the Minister is unable to meet with Council during the Alberta Municipalities Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus and further if Council believes a meeting is still necessary to contact the Minister's office to request a meeting at a later date.

**MOTION #043-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approve to request a meeting with Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Dan Williams and further the topics include emergency response along provincial highways and provincial grants for municipal water distribution systems and further that the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors as well as the Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Services be invited to the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2025/26 ACP INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION PROJECT APPROVAL:**

A letter was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise that the 2025/26 Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Intermunicipal Collaboration Grant application was approved for the TriVillage Regional Sewer Services Commission Master Plan Project.

**ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – ABMUNIS REPORT ON ALBERTA'S 2026 BUDGET:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities providing their Preliminary Analysis Report on the Government of Alberta's 2026 Budget.

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**ALTALINK – STAYING SAFE IN WILDFIRE SEASON – ALTALINK UPDATE:**

An update was received from AltaLink regarding their wildfire mitigation plan and their upcoming media advertising campaign to increase awareness in staying safe in wildfire season.

**CRAIG BAIRD, CANADIAN HISTORY EHX – TELLING YOUR STORY: A COMMUNITY HISTORY VIDEO PARTNERSHIP:**

Correspondence was received from Craig Baird, the creator and host of Canadian History Ehx, a leading history podcast and radio program, regarding a proposal for a partnership opportunity to create a video focused on the community's history, heritage and preservation efforts. Council suggested to forward the email to the Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives.

**GREATER PARKLAND REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – STATE OF THE REGION 2026:**

Correspondence was received from Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce regarding the State of the Region 2026 being held on March 19, 2026 at the Stony Plain Heritage Park Hall.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – ALBERTA BEACH & LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY ICF:**

Correspondence was received from Lac Ste. Anne County CAO advising that the Alberta Beach & Lac Ste. Anne County joint ICF (Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework) will be brought to Council in March to get a clear direction and set timeframes.

**NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – CONTRACT POLICING COMMITMENT:**

Correspondence was received from the National Police Federation regarding the Federal Government's confirmed commitment for RCMP Contract Policing in the provinces and municipalities beyond 2032.

**NORTHWEST OF 16 REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION – NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association forwarded notice of their Annual General Meeting being held on April 1, 2026.

**MOTION #044-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Councillor Burns be approved to attend the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association Annual General Meeting being held on April 1, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NORTHWEST OF 16 REGIONAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION – MUNICIPAL SURVEY INPUT REQUESTED:**

Correspondence was received from the Northwest of 16 Regional Tourism Association requesting input from municipalities in the region to complete a municipal survey to assist the association with their strategic planning process. Councillor Burns reported she completed the survey.

**STURGEON COUNTY – RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT:**

A letter was received from Sturgeon County in response to our request for a Mutual Aid Agreement to support emergency fire and rescue services for the Alberta Beach Fire Department to advise that they currently participate in an established mutual aid agreement with Lac Ste. Anne County, which serves as the framework for coordinating emergency response with neighbouring jurisdictions and as a result any requests for mutual aid involving Sturgeon County must be initiated through Lac Ste. Anne County.

**YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – YRL BOARD MEETING NEWS:**

Yellowhead Regional Library forwarded their YRL Board News of March 2026 for information.

**ALBERTA ASSOCIATION OF POLICE GOVERNANCE – 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM:**

Correspondence was received from the Alberta Association of Police Governance regarding the AAPG 2026 Annual Conference & AGM being held on May 28-30, 2026 in Taber, Alberta.

**YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL LIBRARY – 2026 YRL DISCOVERY DAY INVITATION:**

An invitation was received from the Yellowhead Regional Library regarding the 2026 YRL Discovery Day being held April 25, 2026 in Spruce Grove.

**ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**MOTION #045-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Burns that the correspondence information items be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:**

**ALBERTA BEACH AG SOCIETY – WHAT WOMEN WANT FUNDRAISER:**

**MOTION #046-26**

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Durocher that Council approves a Platinum sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 for the Alberta Beach Ag Society's What Women Want fundraiser as well as a donation of promotional products.

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ALBERTA BEACH & DISTRICT SENIORS CITIZENS CLUB – INVITATION TO 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

**MOTION #047-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Mayor Elwood and Deputy Mayor Durocher be approved to attend the Alberta Beach & District Seniors Citizens Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration being held on April 12, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALBERTA BEACH MUNICIPAL LIBRARY – LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

**MOTION #048-26**

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council appoints Gwen Jones, Kathy Dion, Sharon Hansen, Judey Jackson, Jolena Hove, Doris Wylie and Tara Elwood to the Alberta Beach Library Board and further the term expiry be October 31, 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**QUESTION PERIOD:**

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: RCMP policing, CPO services, and the Highway 43 Waste Commission Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

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Mayor – Tara Elwood

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C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk