

**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
AUGUST 18, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Mayor.....Tara Elwood (via zoom)
Deputy MayorDebbie Durocher
CouncillorKelly Muir
CouncillorDaryl Weber
CAOKathy Skwarchuk
Asst. CAOCathy McCartney (Zoom Administrator)
Development Officer.....Paul Hanlan

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ABSENT:

CouncillorDecolynneJo Burns

MEETING CHAIRPERSON:

Mayor Elwood requested Councillor Muir to chair the meeting as she was attending the meeting remotely.

CALL TO ORDER:

Councillor Muir called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Councillor Muir 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:

- 13.u Alberta Hospital & Surgical Health Services – Follow-up letter to D. Ives regarding Dispatch of MFR
- 13.v North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance – SRWA Coordinator Returns
- 13.w Royal Canadian Legion AB-NWT Command – Certificate of Appreciation
- 14.c Alison Hokanson, Hokanson Family Farms – Special Event Liquor Licence for Grand Opening
- 14.d Fortis Alberta – Annual Franchise Fees Calculator

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOTION #123-26

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2026:

MOTION #124-26

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on June 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING TO HOLD A MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

MOTION #125-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that the meeting adjourn to hold a Municipal Planning Commission Meeting at 7:03 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING RECONVENED:

Councillor Muir reconvened the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS & CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

ACCEPTANCE OF CAO REPORT ACTION LIST:

MOTION #126-26

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FINANCIAL REPORTS: None.

BYLAWS & POLICIES: None.

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COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS:

MAYOR ELWOOD:

Mayor Elwood reported on the following meetings:

Summer Village of Val Quentin Picnic in the Park held on July 11, 2026.

Fire Rescue International meeting regarding bay rentals held on July 13, 2026.

Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community Association Mamawihitowin Summer Gathering held on July 25, 2026.

Parade Float Decorating held on July 29, 2026.

Alberta Beach Ag Society Polydays Parade held on August 1, 2026.

DEPUTY MAYOR DUROCHER:

Deputy Mayor Durocher reported on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach & District Museum & Archives meeting held on August 12, 2026.

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society meeting held on July 28, 2026.

Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society WQ2 meetings held in July 2026.

COUNCILLOR WEBER:

Councillor Weber reported on the following meeting:

Trivillage Regional Sewer Services Commission meeting held on July 9, 2026.

COUNCILLOR MUIR:

Councillor Muir reported on the following meetings:

Alberta Beach Ag Society Agliplex Operations Committee meeting held on June 17 & July 15, 2026.

Alberta Beach Ag Society Polydays Parade & judging for business decorating contest held August 1, 2026

Fire Services meeting with the Fire Commissioner's Office held on August 14, 2026.

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REPORT:

Administration submitted a report for information on the 2026 Development Permits issued to date.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

MOTION #127-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that the Council, committee and staff reports be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION ITEMS:

ALBERTA JOBS, ECONOMY, TRADE & IMMIGRATION – EXPANDING PRESUMPTIVE PTSD COVERAGE TO PEACE OFFICERS:

A response letter was received from Alberta Jobs, Economy, Trade & Immigration to advise that the Alberta Government does not intend to make changes to the workers' compensation legislation to expand presumptive PTSD coverage to Community Peace Officers at this time, and although they are ineligible for presumptive coverage they may still access workers compensation through the standard claims process, and if the psychological injury diagnosis is work related, benefits are provided to support recovery.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MINISTER WILLIAMS AT ABMUNIS FALL CONVENTION:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipal Affairs to advise on the opportunity for municipal councils to meet with the Minister, Honourable Dan Williams at the 2026 Alberta Municipalities Fall Convention being held at the Edmonton Convention Centre from September 23-25, 2026. Also attached was the completed request for meeting submitted with the following topics: Emergency response along Provincial Highways – Fire & EMS; and Provincial grants for municipal water distribution systems.

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS – 2026 GRANT ALLOCATION LETTER

A letter was received from Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs to confirm the 2026 funding allocations as follows; 2026 Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) Capital allocation is \$267,727.00; 2026 LGFF Operating allocation is \$42,420.00; and 2026 Building Communities Strong Fund-Community Stream (BCSF-CS) allocation is \$101,981.00.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – BRIEFING NOTE TO SUPPORT MUNICIPALITIES IN ESTABLISHING A LEVEL OF FIRE SERVICE:

Correspondence was received from Alberta Municipalities regarding tools and resources to support municipalities in establishing a level of fire service.

ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES – FEEDBACK ON COUNCILLOR ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK:

Alberta Municipalities forwarded their discussion guide questions and feedback regarding the new Councillor Accountability Framework required to be established through Bill 28, *Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act*, which included provisions establishing the new Councillor Accountability Framework, reflecting the Government of Alberta's expectation that elected officials act professionally, make decisions in the public interest, and are accountable for their conduct.

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**ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC CORRIDORS – WILD WATER COMMISSION
WATER FOR LIFE GRANT APPROVAL:**

Correspondence was received from Alberta Transportation & Economic Corridors advising on the approval of the WILD Water Commission application for funding under the Water for Life Grant for the Phase 5B, System Upgrades project.

COMMUNITIES CHOOSE WELL – A PAUSE IN PROGRAMMING UPDATE:

Correspondence was received from Communities Choose Well to advise that due to the uncertainty of future funding a difficult decision was made to pause operations and regrettably let go of staff members who have played an important role in delivering and growing the program, a thank you was sent to staff and participants of the program.

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – EMS & FRI MEDICAL REPORT FOR 2025:

Fire Rescue International forwarded the EMS & FRI Medical Report presentation for 2025.

FIRE RESCUE INTERNATIONAL – 2025 EMERGENCY CALL REPORTS:

Fire Rescue International forwarded the 2025 Emergency Call Reports presentation.

KRISTIN PICHOSKIE – PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS AWARENESS DAY REQUEST:

Correspondence was received from Kristin Pichoskie to request consideration to proclaim October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Day.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – HIGH-ACUITY HIGHWAY DISPATCH FOR MEDICAL FIRST
RESPONSE:**

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County in response to Alberta Beach's request for re-instatement of the automatic dual dispatch callout for Medical First Response to high acuity highway incidents to advise that Lac Ste. Anne County Council has considered the proposed dual dispatch approach; remains committed to supporting efficient and effective emergency services for residents and travelers within our region; is confident that the current mutual aid model continues to meet the needs of our communities and supports the timely delivery of emergency services throughout the region; and does not support the implementation of dual dispatch or automatic aid.

MOTION #128-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that a letter of response be sent to Lac Ste Anne County regarding their denial for re-instatement of the automatic dual dispatch callout for Medical First Response to the high acuity highway incidents and further that the letter be referred to the ICF Committee for further discussions and review with Lac Ste. Anne County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – RECREATION FACILITY PROGRAM GRANT – BALL DIAMOND
MAINTENANCE:**

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to advise on the approval of a 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the ball diamond maintenance.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – RECREATION FACILITY PROGRAM GRANT – MAIN BEACH:

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to advise on the approval of a 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the main beach.

LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – RECREATION FACILITY PROGRAM GRANT – BOAT LAUNCH:

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to advise on the approval of a 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the boat launch.

**LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY – RECREATION FACILITY PROGRAM GRANT – BEACHWAVE
PARK:**

A letter was received from Lac Ste. Anne County to advise on the approval of a 2026 Recreation Facility & Program Assistance Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00 for Beachwave Park.

LILSA – LILSA WQ2 PROJECT PRESENTATION:

The Lake Isle & Lac Ste. Anne Stewardship Society forwarded a municipalities and stakeholder project update presentation on the WQ2 Project for a lake management plan.

**NATIONAL POLICE FEDERATION – CALL TO ACTION - STRENGTHENING PUBLIC SAFETY IN
ALBERTA:**

Correspondence was received from the National Police Federation to invite municipalities and stakeholder groups to support the Call to Action - Strengthening Public Safety in Alberta, which urges the Government of Alberta to pause further investment in an Alberta Sheriffs Police Service (ASPS) until a comprehensive, independent, and publicly available feasibility study is completed, it also calls for evidence-based investments in policing, the justice system, mental health and addiction support, and community-based crime prevention. Also attached was their latest public opinion polling results.

POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION – PRC UPDATE JUNE 2026:

Correspondence and a PRC update of June 2026 was received from the Police Review Commission.

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POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION – PRC QUARTERLY DATA REPORT:

Correspondence was received from the Police Review Commission which included the PRC Quarterly Data Report of April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 which provides an updated overview of police oversight activities and key performance metrics across jurisdictions for the first quarter of 2026-2027.

TVRSSC – TVRSSC MEMBER BYLAW REVIEW AND SEWER INSPECTION PROGRAM:

Correspondence was received from the Trivillage Regional Sewage Services Commission to advise that the commission is undertaking a review of the sewer bylaws used by its member municipalities and is preparing for a property inspection program in 2027. A cover letter was attached to explain the project, also attached was a summary of changes, the current sewer bylaw, proposed member sewer bylaw and the board approved bylaw review and 2027 inspection program timeline and communication plan.

ALBERTA HOSPITAL & SURGICAL HEALTH SERVICES – FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO DAVE IVES REGARDING DISPATCH OF MFR:

Dave Ives, Fire Chief of Fire Rescue International forwarded a copy of a follow-up letter he received from Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Alberta Hospital & Surgical Health Services regarding the dispatch of medical first response (MFR) advising that the Government of Alberta recognizes that MFR resources are critical in assisting emergency health services, however the agencies choose which local MFR agencies respond to incidents and which EHS events they attend, further that MFR resources are largely provided by the fire departments and remain under municipal jurisdiction.

MOTION #129-26

MOVED BY Mayor Elwood that a letter be sent to Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Alberta Hospital & Surgical Health Services in response to her follow-up letter to Dave Ives regarding the dispatch of medical first response (MFR).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NORTH SASKATCHEWAN WATERSHED ALLIANCE – SRWA COORDINATOR RETURNS:

Correspondence was received from the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance to advise that the SRWA Coordinator, Kelsie Norton has returned from maternity leave and is resuming her role as coordinator.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION AB-NWT COMMAND – CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

A letter and certificate of appreciation was received from the Royal Canadian Legion Alberta-NWT Command to acknowledge the support of their Veterans through advertising in the Military Service Recognition Book which recognizes Veterans in Alberta and the Northwest Territories who have served our country so valiantly.

ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION ITEMS:

MOTION #130-26

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION ITEMS:

ABADASA & BLAKEMAN DRILLING – 26TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

MOTION #131-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council support the Alberta Beach & District Amateur Softball Association (ABADASA) & Blakeman Drilling 26th annual fundraising golf tournament and approve golf registration for 2 Councillors to attend as well approve the donation of promotional products for 4 golfers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SUMMER VILLAGE OF VAL QUENTIN – RURAL WATER DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING RESOLUTION:

MOTION #132-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Alberta Beach supports the Summer Village of Val Quentin to proceed with submission of a resolution titled Rural Water Distribution Infrastructure Funding Reform for the advocacy through the Association of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA) to support regional water infrastructure funding & advocate for the establishment of enhanced and dedicated funding opportunities specifically targeted toward regional rural water infrastructure projects including distribution systems.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ALISON HOKANSON, HOKANSON FAMILY FARMS – SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENCE FOR GRAND OPENING:

MOTION #133-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council approves the request from Alison Hokanson, of Hokanson Family Farms for a special event liquor licence for a one night only grand opening event being held in September 2026.

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FORTIS ALBERTA – ANNUAL FRANCHISE FEES CALCULATOR:

MOTION #134-26

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council approves that the Fortis Alberta Electric Distribution Franchise Fees for 2027 remain at 8%.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS: None.

QUESTION PERIOD:

A brief discussion was held on the following topics: enforcement of bylaws; patrol ride alongs; and the 58 Street ditches.

CONFIDENTIAL – CLOSED MEETING SESSION:

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED MEETING:

MOTION #135-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that as per Section 197(2) of the MGA and Division 2, Section 19 and 30 of the Access to Information Act the meeting be closed to the public at 8:10 p.m. to discuss agenda item #17 Land Sale.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Present for the closed meeting session:

Mayor Tara Elwood, Deputy Mayor Debbie Durocher, Councillor Kelly Muir, Councillor Daryl Weber, Development Officer Paul Hanlan, C.A.O. Kathy Skwarchuk and Assistant CAO Cathy McCartney were in attendance for the closed meeting session.

MOTION TO RE-OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

MOTION #136-26

MOVED BY Councillor Muir that Council move to come out of closed meeting at 8:32 P.M.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SALE OF LAND – TAX FORFEITURE PROPERTIES:

MOTION #137-26

MOVED BY Councillor Weber that Council approves to proceed in advertising the list of tax forfeiture properties for sale on our website and social media and further that any offers received be subject to approval of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PURCHASE OF LAND:

MOTION #138-26

MOVED BY Councillor Durocher that Council authorize the CAO to make a purchase offer on the two parcels of land being offered for sale described as Lot P3, Block 26, Plan 8506ET and Lot 3, Block 26, Plan 8506ET as discussed in closed session.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Mayor – Tara Elwood

C.A.O. – Kathy Skwarchuk