

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501, held at Council Chambers located at PT SW 11-53-24 W3M on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Reeve	Tom S. Hougham
Division 1	Leonard Larre
Division 2	Carri Zeller
Division 3	Doug Trotsuk
Division 4	Ronald Gory
Division 5	Gay Noeth
Division 6	Evan Priest

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO) via electronic means
Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO
Dan Fedirko, Public Works Foreman @ 9:47 a.m.

DELEGATES:

Lauryn Salzl, RM Ratepayer SW33-52-24W3M @ 1:30 pm
Brett Salzl, RM Ratepayer SW33-52-24W3M @ 1:30 pm

CALLED TO ORDER:

9:00 a.m. The Regular Meeting was called to order by Reeve Hougham.

1-1 AUGUST 19, 2026 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2026-08-19-001 LARRE: That the following be added to the August 19, 2026 Agenda.

- 13-9 Historical Signage Request
- 13-10 Tire Recycling
- 13-11 Community Achievement Excellence

Carried

1-1 AUGUST 19, 2026 AGENDA:

2026-08-19-002 NOETH: That the August 19, 2026 agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 JULY 29, 2026 MINUTES:

2026-08-19-003 ZELLER: That the July 29, 2026 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

2-2 JULY 29, 2026 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:

2026-08-19-004 TROTZUK: That the July 29, 2026 public meeting minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

4-1 JULY 2026 BANK RECONCILIATION:

2026-08-19-005 LARRE: That the July 2026 month end Bank Reconciliation be acknowledged and balances as follows:

Chequing Account Operating	\$ 8,041,793.21
St. Walburg Health Account	\$ 2,400.67
Turtleford Health Account	\$ 8,323.27
Online Banking Account	\$ 7,634.69
Term Deposits (2.85% Expiring 31-Dec-27)	\$ 657,301.40
Term Deposits (3.30% Expiring 30-Sep-26)	\$ 500,000.00
Term Deposits (3.40% Expiring 30-Sep-27)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Term Deposits (3.30% Expiring 30-Sep-28)	\$ 500,000.00
Term Deposits (3.30% Expiring 30-Sep-29)	\$ 500,000.00
Term Deposits (3.45% Expiring 30-Sep-30)	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Cash in Bank as of July 31, 2026	\$ 12,217,453.24
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Total Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 12,217,653.24

Carried

4-2 JULY 2026 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - DETAILED:

2026-08-19-006 PRIEST: That the July 2026 month end Statement of Financial Activities is acknowledged – Detailed, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes as Appendix A.

Carried

6-1 GRAVEL DONATION TO PARADISE HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2026-08-19-013 GORY: That Council approves the donation to the Village of Paradise Hill for gravel to be used for the new fire hall construction in Paradise Hill.

Carried

11:48 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2026-08-19-014 PRIEST: That this meeting recess.

12:05 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

1:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2026-08-19-015 NOETH: That the written and verbal report by A/CAO, Aaron Neilly, and Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko be acknowledged.

Carried

9-1.1 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – MERL ZWEIFEL SE-02-54-25-W3M:

2026-08-19-016 LARRE: That Council authorize the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 to enter into the Grant of Right of Entry with Merl Zweifel for access to SE 02-54-25-W3M to remove trees and debris impeding the culvert and to undertake related work; and further, that the Reeve and A/CAO be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

9-1.2 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – TRAVIS AND PENNY BAILEY SW-02-54-25-W3M:

2026-08-19-017 ZELLER: That Council authorize the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 to enter into the Grant of Right of Entry with Travis and Penny Bailey for access to SW 02-54-25-W3M to remove trees and debris impeding the culvert and to undertake related work; and further, that the Reeve and A/CAO be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

9-1.3 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – CHARLES JAMIESON MILLS NW-35-53-25-W3M:

2026-08-19-018 TROTZUK: That Council authorize the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 to enter into the Grant of Right of Entry with Charles Jamieson Mills for access to NW 35-53-25-W3M to remove trees and debris impeding the culvert and to undertake related work; and further, that the Reeve and A/CAO be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

9-1.4 RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT – MEGGAN LAIDLER NE-35-53-25-W3M:

2026-08-19-019 GORY: That Council authorize the Rural Municipality of Frenchman Butte No. 501 to enter into a Grant of Right of Entry with Meggan Laidler for access to NE 35-53-25-W3M to remove trees and debris impeding the culvert and to undertake related work; and further, that the Reeve and A/CAO be authorized to execute the agreement and acknowledge the signed Consent of Occupant required by the Ministry of Agriculture on behalf of the Municipality.

Carried

13-2 TAX ABATEMENT, ROLL # 400 500:

2026-08-19-020 PRIEST: That Council; pursuant to Sub-Section 274(2)(a) of *The Municipalities Act* and the Municipality's Policy #100-17; approve the tax abatement of Municipal Tax \$4053.99; School Tax \$745.58 for a total of \$4799.57 in regards to Roll # 400 500 Alternate #000522301; PT SE 22-51-24W3M.

Carried

13-5 ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TIME OFF REQUEST 2026-04:

2026-08-19-021 ZELLER: That the A/CAO Time off Request 2026-04 be approved.
Carried

13-8 HAMLET MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

2026-08-19-022 TROTZUK: That Council acknowledges the presentation of the Hamlet of Frenchman Butte Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for July 2026 and instructs Administration to place a copy of the report on file for future reference.
Carried

13-9 HISTORICAL SIGNAGE, 2026 FUNDING ALLOCATION:

2026-08-19-023 LARRE: That Council instructs Administration to purchase and install historical signage for the following sites as per 2026 Recreation and Culture Funding allocation:
• Pyramid Hill School District No. 5230, SW 26-51-24W3M.
Carried

1:25 p.m. Councillor Trotzuk asked for a recorded vote on the next agenda item.

13-1 DELEGATE LAURYN SALZL:

2026-08-19-024 LARRE: That Council acknowledges the delegation presented by Lauryn Salzl on July 29, 2026, regarding SW 33-52-24-W3M and considers the matters raised to have been heard and dealt with.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Reeve	
Division 1	
Division 2	
Division 3	
Division 4	
Division 5	
Division 6	

Carried

13-5 RECORDING OF DELEGATE:

2026-08-19-025 NOETH: That Council authorize Administration to audio-record the delegation of Brett and Lauryn Salzl appearing at the August 19, 2026 council meeting for the purposes of creating an accurate evidentiary record, assisting in the preparation of meeting minutes, and protecting the Municipality's legal interests in relation to any advice, claim, dispute, investigation or legal proceeding arising from the matter; that the delegate be advised of the recording before the presentation begins; and that the recording be securely stored, accessed, retained and disposed of in accordance with The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Municipality's records-retention requirements.
Carried

1:30 p.m. Delegates Brett and Lauryn Salzl entered Council Chambers.
2:18 p.m. Delegates Brett and Lauryn Salzl left Council Chambers.
2:30 p.m. Council forum discussion.
2:54 p.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers.
2:58 p.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

3:31 p.m. Councillor Trotzuk asked for a recorded vote on the next agenda item.

13-1 DELEGATE LAURYN SALZL:

2026-08-19-026 LARRE: That Council, having heard the delegation regarding RM dozer work at SW 33-52-24-W3M, acknowledges the information presented and considers the matter heard, investigated and dealt with.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Reeve	
Division 1	
Division 2	
Division 3	
Division 4	
Division 5	
Division 6	

Carried

3:33 p.m. Councillor Trotzuk asked for a recorded vote on the next agenda item.

13-1 SW 33-52-24W3M:

2026-08-19-027 LARRE: That Council directs administration to organize a meeting with adjacent landowners on SW 33-52-24W3M in regards to proposed asset disposal.

<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Reeve	
Division 1	
Division 2	
Division 3	
Division 4	
Division 5	
Division 6	

Carried

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – AUGUST 19, 2026:

2026-08-19-028 PRIEST: That the August 19, 2026 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted.

Carried

15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2026-08-19-029 GORY: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:06 p.m. be adjourned.

Carried


Reeve


Acting Chief Administrative Officer


Reeve


A/CAO