

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 W3 on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Division 2 Carri Zeller

STAFF PRESENT:

Aaron Neilly, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (A/CAO)
Crystal Schaan, Deputy CAO
Dan Fedirko, Public Works Foreman @ 9:24 a.m.

DELEGATES:

Rick Allen, Prairie Ag @ 1:30 p.m.
Tyler Gladue, Prairie Ag @ 1:30 p.m.

CALLED TO ORDER:

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

1-1 JULY 8, 2026 AGENDA ADDITIONS:

2026-07-08-001 NOETH: That the following be added to the July 8, 2026 Agenda.
• 9-1 Right of Entry- NW 35-51-24W3M

Carried

1-1 JULY 8, 2026 AGENDA:

2026-07-08-002 LARRE: That the July 8, 2026 agenda be used as a guideline.

Carried

2-1 JUNE 25, 2026 MINUTES:

2026-07-08-003 LARRE: That the June 25, 2026 minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

4-1 JUNE 2026 BANK RECONCILIATION:

2026-07-08-004 PRIEST: That the June 2026 month end Bank Reconciliation be acknowledged and balances as follows:

Chequing Account Operating	\$ 8,559,771.93
St. Walburg Health Account	\$ 2,400.06
Turtleford Health Account	\$ 8,320.80
Online Banking Account	\$ 7,629.04
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 June 30, 2026	\$ 12,735,423.23
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00
Total Cash and Short-Term Investments	\$ 12,735,623.23

Carried

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

2026-07-08-005 NOETH: That the June 2026 month end Statement of Financial Activities is acknowledged – Detailed, which is attached to and forms part of these minutes as Appendix A.

Carried

5-1 COUNCIL REMUNERATION:

2026-07-08-006 LARRE: That the electronic payment of June 2026 Council Remuneration for the following amounts less deductions on July 17, 2026 be approved:

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| • Reeve Hougham | \$ 1,832.50 |
| • Councillor Larre | \$ 953.20 |


Reeve


A/CAO

• Councillor Zeller	\$ 385.90
• Councillor Trotzuk (May Indemnity)	\$ 1,699.80
• Councillor Trotzuk	\$ 1,151.00
• Councillor Gory	\$ 1,042.60
• Councillor Noeth (May Indemnity)	\$ 663.70
• Councillor Noeth	\$ 1,846.26
• Councillor Priest	\$ 591.20
	Carried

5-2 PAYROLL- PP2026-14:

2026-07-08-007 NOETH: That the payroll accounts for the pay period **June 14-27, 2026 Authorization #492, direct deposit dated July 3, 2026, totaling \$54,048.58 be approved.**

Further, that a schedule of these payments be annexed to and form part of these minutes as **Appendix B Salaries and Wages June 14-27, 2026.**

Carried

9:13 a.m. Councillor Priest declared a conflict of interest in the next agenda item and left Council Chambers.

13-2 EXTENDED WARRANTY:

2026-07-08-008 GORY: That Council authorize the purchase of the Basecare warranty package for 84 months for the 2026 Ford Super Duty F350 purchased from Novlan Bros. in the amount of \$6,930.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried

9:18 a.m. Councillor Priest entered Council Chambers.

9:19 a.m. Councillor Larre declared a conflict of interest in the next agenda item and left Council Chambers.

5-2 ACCOUNTS:

2026-07-08-009 TROTZUK: That the following payment dated July 8, 2026 be approved.

• Leonard & Joan Larre		
Cheque 34248	Totaling	\$1,000.00

Carried

9:21 a.m. Councillor Larre entered Council Chambers.

5-2 ACCOUNTS – JULY 8, 2026:

2026-07-08-010 GORY: That the following payments dated July 8, 2026 be approved.

• Cheques 34239 to 34259	Totaling	\$157,588.16
• Other Payments	Totaling	\$85,256.15
	Total AP	\$242,844.31

Carried

9:24 a.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers to discuss Public Works report.

10:20 a.m. Councillor Priest left Council Chambers.

10:32 a.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.

RECESS MEETING:

2026-07-08-011 NOETH: That this meeting recess.

10:33 a.m. Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

10:46 a.m. The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened by Reeve Hougham.

10:46 a.m. Councillor Priest entered Council Chambers.

10:47 a.m. Aaron Neilly presented the CAO report.


Reeve


A/CAO

RECESS MEETING:

2026-07-08-012 PRIEST: That this meeting recess.
12:00 p.m.

Carried

RECONVENED MEETING:

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

6-1 STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2026-07-08-013 TROTZUK: That the written and verbal report by A/CAO, Aaron Neilly, and Public Works Foreman, Dan Fedirko be acknowledged.

Carried

5-2 VOID CHEQUES:

2026-07-08-014 NOETH: That Council authorizes the voiding of the following cheques due to printing error:
• Cheques 34234-34238

Carried

6-3 SEASONAL HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 2026:

2026-07-08-015 PRIEST: That the hiring of the following seasonal heavy equipment operator for the 2026 season as per Human Resources and Compensation Policy 900-01 be acknowledged:

- Tacoma Fox; Salary Grid 13, Step 1, effective July 6, 2026;
- Richard Hewitt; Salary Grid 13, Step 6, effective July 7, 2026.

Carried

6-3a SUMMER STUDENT 2026:

2026-07-08-016 TROTZUK: That the hiring of the following summer student for the 2026 season as per Human Resources and Compensation Policy 900-01 be acknowledged:

- Lane Noeth; Salary Grid 14 Student/Casual, Step 3, effective June 29, 2026.

Carried

13-3 HAMLET MONTHLY WATER REPORT:

2026-07-08-017 TROTZUK: That the R.M. of Frenchman Butte No. 501 Council acknowledges the presentation of the Hamlet of Frenchman Butte Water Treatment Plant Monthly Report for June 2026 and instructs Administration to place a copy of the report on file for future reference.

Carried

13-5 ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TIME OFF REQUEST 2026-03:

2026-07-08-018 LARRE: That the A/CAO Time off Request 2026-02 be approved.

Carried

1:30 p.m. Rick Allen and Tyler Gladou from Prairie Ag entered Council Chambers.
1:30 p.m. Dan Fedirko entered Council Chambers.
2:01 p.m. Rick Allen and Tyler Gladue left Council Chambers.
2:05 p.m. Dan Fedirko left Council Chambers.
3:02 p.m. Council forum discussion.

14-1 CORRESPONDENCE – JULY 8, 2026:

2026-07-08-019 PRIEST: That the July 8, 2026 correspondence as information to be filed as presented to Council, outlined in Appendix C be accepted.

Carried

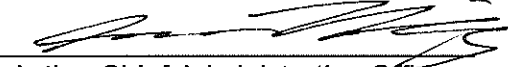
15-1 ADJOURNMENT:

2026-07-08-020 GORY: That this Regular Meeting of Council at 4:37 p.m. be adjourned.

Carried



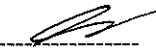
Reeve



Acting Chief Administrative Officer



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A/CAO