



September 16, 2025

**Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622
Regular Meeting of Council held in the RM Council Chambers
159 Main Street, Pierceland, Saskatchewan
Tuesday September 16, 2025, at 8:30 AM**

Present:

Reeve: Kevin Turchyn
Councillors: Div. 1 – Matthew Wiatr Div. 2 – Brian Sawatzky
Div. 3 – Dwayne Degenhardt Div. 4 – Ken Hammett
Div. 5 – Lorne Wyss Div. 6 – Wayne Rewega
Administrator: Debbie Johnson

A quorum being present, Reeve Turchyn called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

- 250-25 Minutes **Degenhardt:** That the minutes of August 21, 2025, regular meeting of Council be amended by adding (Breaching Code of Ethics) to the statement - Councillor Sawatzky exited the meeting due to conflict of interest on Page 3, Removing “Due to conflict of Interest” in the statement - Councillor Sawatzky returned to the meeting on Page 3. In resolution 242-25, changing the first Plan # “102035494” to 102035484, and changing the word “paid” to pail in resolution # 243-25, and that the minutes be adopted as amended.
Carried.
- 251-25 Financial State **Hammett:** That the monthly financial statement for August 2025 be approved as presented. (**Attachment “A”**)
Carried.
- 252-25 Accounts Payable **Wiatr:** That the accounts payable listed on (**Attachment “B”**) in the amount of \$ 398,639.71 being cheque numbers 24239 to 242166 inclusive and including online payments and August 2025 payroll be approved as presented. Carried.
- 253-25 WTP Log **Hammett:** That August 2025 Lauman’s Landing Water Treatment Plant Log report be accepted as presented. (**Attachment “C”**)
Carried.

Delegation #1 – RM Maintenance Supervisor – Jordan Ehnes – 9:00 AM

Jordan Ehnes attended the meeting to discuss various maintenance plans and ongoing projects in the RM.

Jordan Ehnes exited the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Administrator Johnson exited the meeting at 9:21 am
Administrator Johnson returned to meeting at 9:25 am

- 254-25 Corresp. **Sawatzky:** That the Correspondence for August 2025, be accepted as presented and filed. (**Attachment “D”**)
Carried.
- 255-25 Fire Retainer City of Cold Lake **Degenhardt:** That the R.M. send a letter to the City of Cold Lake, stating that the R.M. does not wish to have a formal agreement with the City of Cold Lake regarding fire services. The R.M. understands that there will be no guarantee of service, no annual retainer, and response calls would be billed per Alberta Transportation guidelines. Fire Services as First Responders to Emergency Calls, Alberta Municipalities.
Carried.

Delegation #2 – Northbound Planning – Robin Boski (via Zoom) – 10:00AM

Robin Boski presented the August Development Report for discussion.

Public Hearing Bylaw 05-25

Reeve Turchyn declared the public hearing for Bylaw 05-25 open at 10:15 AM.

Robin Boski exited the meeting at 10:16 A.M.

On August 21, 2025 and August 28, 2025, an advertisement was posted in the Northern Pride Newspaper, on the R.M. website, Facebook page, in the R.M. office and 5 other public places stating that at their regular meeting on September 16th, 2025, council would hear any written correspondence or in person comments, with regards to the adoption of **Bylaw 05-25** being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 04-24 which amends Bylaw No. 57 known as the Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

INTENT: Change site area and site frontage

As follows:

1. Part IV – Schedule E: LD2 – Lakeshore Development 2 District. B. Regulations 1. Site Area Single Detached Dwellings – is amended by changing the Minimum Site Size to the following:
 - (a) Single Detached Dwellings” Minimum – 750.00 Sq Meters (8073 Sq Ft)
2. Regulations, 2 Site Frontage (b) Single Detached dwellings, is amended by changing the Minimum Site Frontage to the following:
 - (a) Single detached dwellings: Minimum – 18 Meters (60 feet)

The Administrator noted that there were no written comments received regarding this application.

There were no attendees present for the public hearing.

Reeve Turchyn declared the public hearing for Bylaw 05-25 closed at 10:30 AM.

Public Hearing Bylaw 06-25

Reeve Turchyn declared the public hearing for Bylaw 06-25 open at 10:31 AM.

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INTENT:

1. The Zoning District Map, referred to in PART IV ZONING DISTRICTS MAP & SUBSECTION 6.3 ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, is amended by:
 - a) Zoning as A- Agricultural District, all of the lands as described in detail below:
 - a. Rezoning from A – AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO C – COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, all of that portion of S.E.¼ SEC.34-TWP.62-RGE.23-W.3Mer., identified as Parcel D, Plan 101945684,

The Administrator noted that there were no written comments received regarding this application.

There were no attendees present for the public hearing.

Reeve Turchyn declared the public hearing for Bylaw 06-25 closed at 10:47 AM.

256-25 Bylaw **Sawatzky:** That **Bylaw 05-25**, being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 04-24 which amends Bylaw No. 57 known as the Zoning Bylaw to Change site area and site frontage of LD2 land be read for the second time.
Carried.

257-25 **Wiatr:** That Bylaw 05-25 be read for the third time and adopted.
(Attachment “E”)
Carried.

258-25 Bylaw **Rewega:** That **Bylaw 06-25**, being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 57 known as the Zoning Bylaw (ZB) to change property from agricultural to commercial be read for the 2nd time.
Carried.

259-25 **Degenhardt:** That Bylaw 06-25 be read for the third time and adopted. (Attachment "F")
Carried.

Delegation #3 – Lac Des Isles Utility Commission – Joanne Thompson (via Zoom) – and Heather Pollock 10:30AM

Lac Des Isles Utility Commission chair, Joanne Thompson and Secretary Heather Pollock attended the meeting to discuss proposals for increasing the capacity of the water treatment plant and request support from the RM

260-25 WTP- **Hammett:** That the RM support the Lac Des Isles Utility Commissions' CHIF application for CHIF grant funding for the planning and execution projects to increase the capacity in the Water Treatment Plant.
Carried.

Delegation #4 – Dean and Janda Kuypers – Buck Country Outfitters (11:00 AM)

Dean and Janda Kuypers, owners of Buck Country Outfitters, attended the meeting to discuss taxation on their seasonal business and commercial property.

261-25 Admin **Sawatzky:** That the Administrator Report and attachments be accepted as Report presented. (Attachment" G")
Carried.

262-25 In-camera **Rewega:** That the Council go to an in-camera session for the purpose of discussing code of ethics complaint.
Carried.

Names of the parties present during closed session: Kevin Turchyn, Matthew Wiatr, Brian Sawatzky, Ken Hammett, Dwayne Degenhardt, Lorne Wyss, Wayne Rewega and Debbie Johnson.

Closed session authority as per Section 16 of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Councillor Sawatzky declared conflict of interest and exited the in-camera session at 11:30 AM.

Due to alleged breach of code of Ethics

263-25 Out-cam. **Wiatr:** That the Council return to the regular Council meeting (11:45 AM).
Carried.

Councillor Sawatzky entered the meeting at 11:45M.

264-25 Recess **Rewega:** That Council recess for lunch break (11:46 AM).
Carried.

Reeve Turchyn reconvened the meeting. (12:15 PM)

265-25 Employee **Wiatr:** That the lay off date for Sheldon Frolick be determined by Jordan Layoff Ehnes, the Maintenance Supervisor.
Carried.

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- 266-25 Code Ethics **Wyss:** Whereas there was code of ethics complaints filed against Councillor Sawatzky and the investigation was completed by Council, that Councilor Sawatzky be required to issue a written apology (reviewed and approved by council) to RM Staff, Council, Ratepayers affected and the general public with regards to the breach of the Code of Ethics as to his involvement in contacting ratepayers regarding payment of their outstanding taxes.
In favor – Turchyn, Wiatr, Degenhardt, Hammett, Wyss, Rewega
Abstained – Sawatzky
Carried
- 267-25 SARM **Sawatzky:** That the R.M. of Beaver River No. 622 co-sponsor the following resolution that was submitted to the SARM Mid Term Convention by the R.M. of Browning No. 34:
WHEREAS alternative energy projects such as wind and solar require extensive amounts of infrastructure to facilitate.
WHEREAS there are concerns that this infrastructure will be abandoned at the end of the project life due to clean up costs.
WHEREAS abandoned alternative energy infrastructure would become a nuisance, liability and an undue burden on both the landowners and municipalities where abandoned infrastructure is located.
WHEREAS the oil and gas industry are required to allocate funds for decommissioning of infrastructure, and there is a provincially managed orphan fund to clean up abandoned oil and gas sites.
BE IT RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to mandate alternative energy projects to allocate funds for end-of-life decommissioning in a similar format to the oil and gas industry.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SARM lobby the Government of Saskatchewan and the Government of Canada to establish an orphan fund for the alternative energy industry to clean up abandoned alternative energy infrastructure.
Carried.
- 268-25 Tax Cancel **Wiatr:** That the following taxes be cancelled for 2025:
Roll # 1996 NE 34-62-23-W3 Municipal base tax \$500.00
– Base tax was charged twice on the same property
Carried.
- 269-25 Subdiv- Mike Roth **Degenhardt:** That the RM approve the subdivision application from Michael Roth for NE 10-62-24-W3 providing the applicant signs a servicing agreement and pays the required fees of \$1,440.00.
When the servicing agreement is signed, the RM also agrees to the removal of the parcel ties. There are no land uses in the vicinity that would be incompatible with the intended agricultural use of the property. There are no facilities that could be affected by the proposed development.
Carried.
- 270-25 Building Permit Fee **Hammett:** That the proposed building Bylaw #10-24 have the following Section 6. 9) d) iv) added:
Maximum Building permit fee \$300.00
In favor – Wyss, Rewega, Hammett, Turchyn
Opposed – Wiatr, Degenhardt, Sawatzky.
Carried.
- 271-25 Adjourn **Sawatzky:** That the meeting be adjourned (2:35 P.M).
Carried.



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ADMINISTRATOR