



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Pyziak, Deputy Reeve Abas, Councillors Gagaluk, Nevakshonoff, Tanchak and Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Marykuca
Regreets: Councillor Lindal

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakashonoff

18/26 **WHEREAS** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council has been circulated for them to review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

7. Estate of Wayne Archer

New Business:

14. Drainage

15. Handi Van

16. Road 1E Brushing

17. Hodgson Well

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

18/26 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting held January 7, 2026 have been circulated for their review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegates:

9:30

RCMP

Provided Council with local crime stats. Increase in traffic stops proven effective.

10:00

Ken Stadnek

Municipal Hydraulic survey stated that he will have to change the way he needs to do drainage surveys. New requirements for the Province. Fees will now be \$700.00 per mile.

11:00

Fisher Branch Recreation Board

Karen Abas and Danya Ferris attended Council to request funding. Board is exhausted trying to run the rink. This year the rink is in a deficit of \$10,624.00. They would like the RM to hire a rec director to help keep the doors open and do programming.

Council stated that an increase in taxes will be required of at least 1 mill rate.

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

19/26 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 8338 to 8397

Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3153 to 3155

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$415,305.65.

CARRIED

2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

20/26 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated January 31, 2026 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Councillor Nevakshonoff– West Interlake Watershed District

Narcisse Project in the works.

Deputy Reeve Abas – Vet Clinic was inspected

Reeve Pyziak – East Interlake Watershed – annual meeting

Community Futures

Communications:

1. Board of Revision/Meet the Assessor Open House

Meet the Assessor open house June 25 3pm-7pm

2. Canada Housing and Infrastructure Grant

Grant was not approved.

3. Peguis Fire Department Letter of Support

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

21/26 **RESOLVED THAT** the RM of Fisher provide a letter of support to Peguis Fire Department to support an Emergency Medical Responder Course.

CARRIED

4. MMAA Professional Development Credits

CAO Kelly Marykuca is a member of the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association and will require a total 120 credits in a three year period to stay in good standing.

Unfinished Business

1. Whitetail Woods

Teams meeting February 11, 2026

2. Utility Operator

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

22/26 **WHEREAS** the position of Utility Operator has become vacant

AND WHEREAS advertisement for position has been completed with two resumes received.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Janelle Flett be hired for the position of Utility Operator.

CARRIED

3. Ambulance Tender

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

23/26 **WHEREAS** 2 tenders were received and reviewed at a public meeting for the 2001 E - 350 Super Duty Base V8

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT James Furlotte tender for \$4,050.00 be accepted.

CARRIED

4. Hydro Project Marble Ridge Colony

Council spoke to Chase Prasnek on the phone regarding hydro project by Marble Ridge Colony. Council recommended a secondary pole and have no guy wire in the ditch as this will create a hazard. Also, no overhead support wire as the equipment at the colony is too large.

5. AMM Cottaging Initiative draft letter

Council reviewed letter and Reeve to submit suggestions.

6. Conservation

Info Only

7. Estate of Wayne Archer

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

24/26 **WHEREAS** a request to donate land to the municipality was made, from the executor of the estate of Wayne Archer being Lot Roll 407400 Lot 16 Block 4 Plan 570 WLTO (P Div)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Rural Municipality of Fisher accept the donation of Lot 16 Block 4 Plan 570 WLTO (P Div) and all costs associated with donation and transfer be the responsibility of the estate.

CARRIED

New Business

1. Trapping Course

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Council Gagaluk

25/26 **WHEREAS** in partnership with East Interlake Watershed District, MB Trappers Association and the RM of Fisher, a trappers course will be held in the RM of Fisher **AND WHEREAS** the RM will rent the hall, provide lunch, and advertise for the event.

CARRIED

2. Clean Water Pro

Invite Clean Water Pro as a delegate at future meeting. CAO to ask Tetra Tech with potential 8" headspace of lagoon how many homes does that accommodate.

3. Review of Medical List

Medical List to be reviewed every two years and new doctors notes will need to be provided.

4. Town Hall

May 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Invite:

School Board

RCMP

Fire

Conservation

Warren Toderan

LUD

5. Council Code of Conduct Review

Yearly Review

6. AMM Spring Convention In Brandon

Shannon, Robert, Kelly, Ron (undecided)

7. Tax Service Engagement Renewal

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

26/25 **WHEREAS** The Municipal Act requires the municipality to conduct tax recovery proceeds every year;
AND WHEREAS Council for the municipality deems it to be in the municipality’s best interest to hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;
NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the RM of Fisher hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipality’s behalf for a term of 3 (three) years.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the administrator be and is hereby authorized to sign Taxervice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the municipality.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any fee changes must be discussed by Council and negotiated ahead of time.

CARRIED

8. Zbaraz Highway Sign

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

27/25 **WHEREAS** a request for installation of a town marker for the community of Zbaraz was made;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Rural Municipality of Fisher authorizes the use of the name “Zbaraz” as a town marker and be placed on Provincial Highway 329.

CARRIED

9. Tax Arrears

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

28/25 **WHEREAS** a request to write off balance of tax bill for roll 378400.00 being \$28.03 (\$27 tax bill and \$1.03 interest)
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will write off the interest and remaining balance to be paid by ratepayer.

CARRIED

10. Return of LGD Administered Parcel NE 32-25-3W

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

29/26 **WHEREAS** NE 32-25-3W (roll #440000) is presently under the administration of the Real Estate Services Branch formerly Crown Lands and Property Agency;
AND WHEREAS the Council of the RM of Fisher deems it in the best interest of the municipality to administer said property.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher hereby request direct return of the RM of Fisher vested lands NE 32-25-03W.

CARRIED

11. School Bus Routes

Info only

12. 2025/2026 MIT Infrastructure Investment Strategy

Info only

13. Fire Department Water Tanker Rack Quote

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

30/26 **WHEREAS** the water tanker requires a rack to accommodate the portable water tote
AND WHEREAS a quote from Ashton Desjardin was obtained
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT quote for \$4,000.00 from Ashton Desjardins for a water tanker rack be accepted.

CARRIED

14. Drainage

Budget 2026 drainage will be required to be allocated at the beginning of the year and any new requests be put on the list.

15. Handi-Van

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

31/26 **RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher sponsor the Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program in 2026.

CARRIED

16. Brushing 1E

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

32/26 **WHEREAS** brushing is required on Road 1 E between 154W and 153W
AND WHEREAS a quote was obtained from a bid-hourly contractor
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Phil Yoder and Sons be hired to brush road 1E between 154W and 153W.

CARRIED

17. Hodgson Fire Well

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

33/26 **WHEREAS** an alternate power source is required at the Hodgson Well in the event of a power outage
AND WHEREAS a quote from Dave Chudy Electric has been obtained
AND WHEREAS a price for a portable generator has been obtained from Costco and CO-OP
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT quote for installation of an emergency power hook up be accepted
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT generator from CO-OP for 799.99 be approved.

CARRIED

In Camera

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

34/26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council recess the Regular meeting and go into “In Camera” as per Section 152(3) of The Municipal Act to discuss the following item:

Legal

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all matters discussed are to remain confidential as per Section 83(1)(d) of The Municipal Act.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

35/26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

Request meeting with Water Resources and Drainage to meet with Council and affected ratepayers.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

36/26 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer
(Subject to errors and/or omissions)