



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 Council Chambers in Fisher Branch, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Pyziak, Deputy Reeve Abas, Councillors Tanchak, Gagaluk, Lindal, Nevakshonoff and Chief Administrative Officer Kelly Marykuca
Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
128/25 **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 presented.

CARRIED

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
129/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 15, 2025 have been circulated for their review;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes are hereby adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Delegates:

9:30

RCMP

Provided an update of monthly stats for the RM of Fisher.

10:00

CPAWS

CPAWS came to do a presentation to Council and provided answers to questions Council had. They received the letter that the municipality wrote to the Minister outlining all the conservation efforts and water retention in the RM. They said they are adapted to each experience they have at open houses. Currently they are meeting with leadership but potentially looking at an open house here in the RM. They are focused on preservation of forests and waterways. CPAWS is providing management to the first nations groups on the topic. Ultimately they will provide a proposal to the Provincial government for consideration.

10:30 Valley Fiber

Conley Kehler from Valley Fiber attended the Council meeting to talk about the new fiber optic install. They are spending 4 million dollars here in the municipality. They took concerns down and will rectify them asap. They will and can service anyone who is along highway 17 north of 329.

12:00 Ed Ledohowski

Mr. Ledohowski came to discuss the hard time he is having with the project of moving the St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Poplarfield. Funded by Mr. Leo Ledohowski they first planned on moving the heritage site to the Arborg Heritage Village. They encountered great opposition and in turn the heritage village did not want to accept the church due to bad publicity. He opened with his background and connection to Poplarfield and that he grew up in Poplarfield and his background is with the Provincial Heritage Department. St. Nicholas is a small church and is spectacular inside. The exterior used to be wood siding which they plan on bringing back during the restoration. He helped the municipality back in 1997 to make it a municipal heritage site.

He plans to move the church on to a lot on the north side of PR 68. They approached one land owner who is in opposition and now they are talking to another who is very interested in doing a land swap as it would join up to her existing business. He posed the question what the municipality will do – go with the ratepayers or go with what the parish wants to do. The Reeve said that the RM has not made any decision as people have very strong emotional ties to the church and the area. The residents and former parishioners should have a say in what happens to the church.

Mr. Ledohowski stated that no one has supported the building in many years, why now do people care so much.

Councillor Nevakshonoff stated that the town should be consulted and that Mr. Leo Ledohowski is prepared to come out to discuss with the public. A public Hearing is needed for town.

Mr. Ledohowski stated that people who were not baptized in that church should not have a say. They are not members of the parish. He then showed the certificate of title from Land titles that stated the owners of the land being in the name “The Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. Nicholas at Poplarfield, Manitoba” a copy of such was provided to the office. Opinions about the church move should be put in writing and a valid reason.

Councillor Nevakshonoff stated that he represents the people of Poplarfield and what they want to say. He said the church should be fixed on site and if a move is still wanted to be discussed later. This way Mr. Leo Ledohowski can see what his donation has provided.

A public hearing will be held so the people of Poplarfield can have a say. A mediator and a transcriber will be hired so the CAO can attend as a resident of Poplarfield instead as a municipal employee.

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

130/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 7819 to 7877

Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3125-3127

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$157,720.17.

CARRIED

2. Authorization for Online Payments

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

131/25 **RESOLVED THAT** authorization be granted to pay for invoices through online banking during the postal disruption.

CARRIED

3. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

132/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated May 31, 2025 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. By-Law 1213/25 Levying of Taxes 3rd reading

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

133/25 **WHEREAS** as per Section 304(1) of *The Municipal Act* a municipality must by By-Law adopt an annual financial plan/budget;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed and approved that By-Law No. 1213/25, being a by-law of the RM of Fisher to adopt the 2025 Financial Plan/Budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 1213/25 be hereby given the third and final reading;

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Tabled

Communications:

1. Kelly Webb – Street Name Request

Tabled

2. Yolanda Reimer – Zoning Amendment

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

134/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the zoning by-law for the urban residential lot in the town of Fisher Branch be followed and that a letter be sent to homeowner.

CARRIED

3. Honorable Glen Simard

Tabled

4. Fisher Flyers Soccer

Tabled

5. Fisher Branch Collegiate gift card order

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

135/25 **RESOLVED THAT** Christmas Co-op gift cards be ordered through the fundraiser of Fisher Branch Collegiate.

CARRIED

6. Canadian Fallen Heroes

Tabled

7. Peguis Child and Family Services Golf Tournament

Donation will be made when the fundraiser is held at the Fisher Branch Golf course.

8. The Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association

Tabled

9. St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish Church of Fisher Branch

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

136/25 **WHEREAS** a request was made to remove the second driveway on Spruce Street
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the RM of Fisher hire a bid-hourly contractor to remove said culvert and driveway.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

1. Whitetail Woods

Tabled

2. Animal Alliance

Tabled

3. Sleeve Lake

Councillor Tanchak presented minutes from 2012 and 2014 of the RM of Fisher regarding Sleeve Lake.

Councillor Tanchak spoke to landowner in the area about high water issue. Province has been notified and a complaint has been filed. He went up in a plane to see that it was evident of what happened in the area.

As of June 2025, ditches in Kilkenny are full and flowing (drought year). The Minister's letter written by Robert was reviewed and requires changes. CAO to make changes and send around for approval before sending.

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

137/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the Reeve and Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher forward a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, The honorable Ron Kostyshyn, describing the current status of the investigation into the unauthorized construction of drainage, berms and redirection of water flow resulting into the Fisher Watershed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Fisher Requests the Minister of Agriculture to investigate the unauthorized works in township 24 range 4W in the RM of Fisher and townships 24 and 25, range 4W in the RM of Grahamdale.

CARRIED

4. Hodgson Transfer Site

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

138/25 **WHEREAS** due to staffing shortage Hodgson Transfer site has been temporarily closed

AND WHEREAS ratepayers requested that the disposal site re-open

THEREORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Fisher temporarily open Hodgson Transfer site on Wednesdays from 12-8 till staffing issues can be resolved.

CARRIED

5. Chmil Beavers

Tabled

6. NW -23-23-2W

Tabled

7. Fire Medals

Tabled

8. Interlake Weed District Financials

Tabled

9. Asset Management

Tabled

New Business

1. Gravel Tender

Councillors to lessen miles by Friday June 6, 2025.

Advertise and pick up packages on June 13, 2025.

2. SW 9-24-1E Fire Fine

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk

139/25 **WHEREAS** on May 28, 2025 unauthorized burning took place resulting in the fire getting out of control;

AND WHEREAS 911 was called and Fisher Fire department and Arborg Fire Department were dispatched

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a failure to comply be sent to the renter of the SW 9-24-1E.

CARRIED

3. Staff Life Insurance

Tabled

4. June 16-20 Public Service Week

Catered Lunch on June 20th at noon for staff, fire, council and LUD.

5. WSP Invoice 20245396

Discussed at approval of accounts.

6. Ward 4 Stanley Wallach 5 requests

1. Culvert request – The existing culvert is sufficient and is a leveling culvert
 2. Beaver Dams north of Mark Troschuk – RM to fly drone
 3. Drain on 12W to clean out – no licenses can be obtained, culvert is dry and nearby is a class 4 wetland
 4. Road to be built to his farm – the municipality is not into building roads. Policy is one field access.
 5. 13 and 129 wants brushing. Road clearance is already 20 feet in length.
- Councillor Nevakshonoff to take Phil to nearby area.

7. Update Snow Clearing Policy

Tabled

8. Road 150N and 15W

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

140/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the RM of Fisher hire a bid hourly contractor to repair Road 150N and Road 15W.

CARRIED

9. Ward 6 Tree Removal Request Town/Forest Center

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

141/25 **WHEREAS** a request to remove trees from municipal right of way in the town of Hodgson was made;

AND WHEREAS trees require trimming at Interlake Forest Center

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Sherlock Tree Removal be hired to cut trees in the town of Hodgson and the Interlake Forest Center as per quote provided.

CARRIED

10. Lee Gregory

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

142/25 **WHEREAS** a request was made to receive authorization from Council for property maintenance in the RM right-of-way.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT authorization be granted to follow tree removal as per municipal policy as well as no excavation allowed which will affect the watercourse.

CARRIED

11. June 9th Reception Center Training

Council, staff and the public will be taking reception center training at the Ukrainian Hall June 9th from 1:00-3:30

12. MB Tax Credit

Tabled

13. Magnesium Chloride Flakes

Tabled

14. Light Bar for Graders

Tabled

15. Hitrac Quote

Tabled

16. Clean Up Hodgson Lots

Tabled

17. Building Inspector

With the absence of a Building Inspector, the municipality will take on liability of new builds. Ratepayer is still to take out permit and pay for fees, take pictures of the build and submit to municipal office.

18. Manitoba Wildlife Resolution

Tabled

19. Masks and Light Bars

Provide more quotes for a light bar

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
143/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote 5000271934 for mask for the fire department for the amount of \$2,788.94 be approved.

CARRIED

9. In Camera

Nil

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded Councillor Lindal
144/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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