



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF FISHER

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Council of the Rural Municipality of Fisher held on Wednesday, September 3, 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: 9:01 a.m.

Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Lindal

180/25 **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 amended.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business:

4. Ratified State of Agriculture Disaster Resolution 179/25

New Business:

24. Road 16W Ditch Cleanout

25. Resolution RM of St. Laurent

Confirming of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Lindal

181/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 2, 2025 have been circulated for their review;

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

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal

182/25 **WHEREAS** the minutes for the Special Meeting of Council held on July 21, 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 Council with local crime stats. Discussion on Highway Traffic Act, ATV Safety

10:30

Allan and Denise Caners

NW 23-23-2W

Councillor Nevakshonoff – complaint made by ratepayer about water on field. Former Councillor installed culvert to try to alleviate the water situation. Solution was to potentially move culvert between two quarters.

Ratepayer is ok with solution to move culvert as per phone conversation with Councillor.

Allan Caners offered to use box scraper to fill in hole on property instead of paying to move culvert. He will only do this if he obtains written permission.

Reeve Pyziak stated it is not a Council decision what happens on private property. Deputy Reeve Abas stated that it is an agreement between two parties which can potentially save the ratepayers money. If Mr. Caners can write out an agreement – Council can then present it to ratepayer.

Councillor Nevakshonoff then requested that perhaps Deputy Reeve Abas should now take over and chair meeting. Reeve Pyziak left the room 10:23.

Mr. Caners said he would require written permission from landowner, renter and water licencing.

CAO presented license for existing culvert.

Reeve Pyziak Returned as Chair 10:35

Moving the culvert was discussed and decided upon.

Reeve Pyziak stated that illegal works have been made in the RM right of way and Council has made others remedy the landscape.

Deputy Reeve Abas stated that Council has decided to treat that as a separate issue.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

183/25 **RESOLVED THAT** culvert on Road 136N located by the NW 23-23-2W be relocated by RM of Fisher Public Works to GPS coordinates as stated on Water Control License 16-WCW-1778.

CARRIED

Financial:

1. Approval of Accounts

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

184/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 7941 to 8017

Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3132-3134

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$237,681.92.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff

185/25 **WHEREAS** the following items have been submitted for approval of payment:

Cheque Nos. 8018 to 8065

Electronic Payments EFT to PayWorks 3135-3138

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT payments be approved for an amount not to exceed \$731,525.97.

CARRIED

2. Budgetary Control Report

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

186/25 **RESOLVED THAT** the draft Budgetary Control report dated August 31, 2025 be hereby accepted as presented.

CARRIED

Committee Reports:

Robert – Fisherton rodeo this weekend

Allan – LUD meeting updates

Boyd – Hodgson Community Center hosted Hodgson Days to help raise money. September 8, Percy Moore Meeting.

Tom – WIWD survey for 419 was done. Waiting for resolutions from Council. GRO Committee – Riparian fences/perimeter fences

Shannon – EIWD tour of multi crop/cover crops. Wind panels as an allowable application to graze cattle on harvested fields. Awards night for Community Futures.

Communications:

1. Ag in the Classroom

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

187/25 **RESOLVED THAT** \$250.00 be donated to Ag in the Classroom Manitoba.

CARRIED

2. Interlake Woman's Resource

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

188/25 **RESOLVED THAT** \$300.00 be donated to the Interlake Woman's Resource Center.

CARRIED

3. 9 Lilac Fisher Branch

A request to place house trailer on 9 Lilac Street in Fisher Branch. Council has no objections and will start the conditional use process to schedule a Public hearing.

4. Fisherton Horse Club

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

189/25 **RESOLVED THAT** \$500.00 be donated to the Fisherton Horse Club for their Fisherton Rodeo.

CARRIED

Unfinished Business

1. Whitetail Woods

Deputy Reeve Abas would like to know what funds will be used once the grant money runs out. Councillor Nevakshonoff to inquire to Barnes and Duncan about test holes be done to find bedrock depth as well to inquire about title to Public Reserve. CAO to report to Province on grant.

2. Animal Alliance

Animal Alliance to do private clinic here in the RM.

3. Sleeve Lake

Moved to in camera

4. Ratified State of Agriculture Disaster Resolution 179/25

Council carried a motion for state of Agricultural Emergency via email on July 21, 2025 once draft was presented to them after the special meeting and sent to Manitoba EMO and ministers.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Lindal

179/25 **WHEREAS** due to the much below normal precipitation/rainfall in 2025 has caused immense damage to the agriculture industry within the Rural Municipality of Fisher and Interlake region;

AND WHEREAS a lack of moisture has caused low hay yields, dug outs and wells to dry up and pasture capacity have been substantially reduced;

AND WHEREAS crop yields are anticipating being below average in the region;

AND WHEREAS farmers are forced to incur additional costs, providing feed and hauling water;

AND WHEREAS these drought conditions have an extreme negative impact on all agriculture sectors within the RM, in turn affecting the rest of the economy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for The Rural Municipality of Fisher declare a state of agricultural emergency due to drought conditions within the RM of Fisher;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the R.M. of Fisher requests immediate assistance be provided by the Provincial and Federal government programs to our residents and to declare a state of agricultural disaster within the Interlake region.

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
190/25 **RESOLVED THAT** Resolution 179/25 be ratified that was carried as of July 21,2025 at a Special Meeting that was held to declare a local Agricultural Emergency due to drought.

CARRIED

New Business

1. Board of Revision October 8, 2025 at 10 am

Reeve Pyziak and Councillors Lindal and Gagaluk to sit on the board.

2. Broad Valley

Original Request was pulled. Elevator Way to be used.

3. Napier Invoice

Napier to provide date for exercise.

4. South Interlake ATV Update

Info Only

5. ATV MB

Moved by Councillor gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Lindal
191/25 **RESOLVED THAT** RM of Fisher become a member to ATV Manitoba for a fee of \$100.00 per year.

CARRIED

6. Lagoon Desludge

Info Only

Provide Reeve with cost of Lagoon and lift station.

7. Assessment Annual Report

Info Only

8. MB Highways Restructuring info Only

Info Only

9. Subdivision SE 13-22-1W

Property owner must apply for variance before subdivision can be approved.

10. Staff Wages Info Only Discussion at Quarterly

Council to discuss at quarterly

11. Fire Department Lynn Lake

Info only

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

192/25 **WHEREAS** Deputy Fire Chief and Firefighter Rori Lindal assisted in the Provincial State of Emergency for Wildfires 2025

AND WHEREAS expenses were reimbursed for their efforts from Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that out of pocket expenses be reimbursed to the Fisher Fire Department Budget and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the remaining funds be deposited to the Fire Reserve Fund.

12. Resolution Required for Mastercard through Access Credit Union Limited

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

193/25 **WHEREAS** a request from Council to apply for a Canadian Funded credit card is to be made

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT application be made for a Mastercard from Access Credit Union for use on municipal expenditures,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT authorized representative and users for credit card be Chief Administrative Officer, Kelly Marykuca and Accounts Payable, Lynette Boitson.

CARRIED

13. Spot Gravel

a.) Road 13W between 151 and 152

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

194/25 **RESOLVED THAT** 2 loads of gravel be deposited on road 13W between 151N and 152N.

CARRIED

b.) Road 145N between Road 9W and 10W (West End)

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

195/25 **RESOLVED THAT** 1 load of gravel be deposited on Road 145N between Road 9W and 10W and the west end.

CARRIED

c.) Bus Turn Around at McKays

Moved by Councillor Tanchak and seconded by Councillor Lindal

196/25 **RESOLVED THAT** 1 load of gravel be deposited at the bus turn around for McKay on Road 15W .

CARRIED

14. Stars

Info Only

15. Ministers Meeting August 1 Ashern

Info Only

16. Fire Department

a.) Light Bar

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

197/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote for \$3,248.00 be approved from Pro Upfitters to purchase and install Lightbar on Fire Department Tact Truck.

CARRIED

b.) Lock for Hodgson Well

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

198/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote from Interlake Lock Service Ltd. for \$1,736.90 to install a lock on the Hodgson Fire Well be accepted.

CARRIED

Get quotes to install guards around building from Tria Products.

17. Floor Polish Quote

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

199/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote from Eshine for \$1,575.00 for contract services (scrub and recoat office floors) be accepted.

CARRIED

18. St. Nicholas Cemetery

CAO Kelly Marykuca, filed a complaint with her Councillor for Ward 4. Steven and Kelly Marykuca are the caretakers of the St. Nicholas church in Poplarfield . There has been an increase in ATV activity that have been leaving destructive ruts on purpose in the parking lot, and the caretakers have been patching them up after they happened. So to deter the activity a gate was closed on the border of the road and municipal property. Recent activity has been a truck wrapped a chain around all the fence posts and ripped the fence posts out and cut all the wire. The caretakers placed signage up and reestablished the fence posts. Councillor Nevakshonoff discussed the road with Donny Wallack of Manitoba Highways and he stated that in fact the Fisher River Road is a Provincial Road and requires full access at all times to all. Council ordered the caretakers to keep the gate open and remove all signage that was placed. The grass and property outside the cemetery gate will no longer be maintained by the caretakers.

19. Lots in Hodgson

Moved by Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

200/25 **RESOLVED THAT** quote from Weik Construction for contract services cleanup of municipal lots in Hodgson be accepted.

CARRIED

20. Valley Fiber

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

201/25 **WHEREAS** a scope change was requested from Valley Fiber for a fiber optic line in the town of Fisher Branch from Valley Fiber;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the scope change to alternate the route via the gravel road connecting Leroux and Spruce be approved.

CARRIED

21. Driveway application

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Councillor Tanchak

202/25 **WHEREAS** an application for driveway/access permit was submitted for the SW 18-24-1W

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT application for driveway on the SW 18-24-1W be approved and that landowner be responsible for purchase of new 18" CSP and installation

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT that administration file all necessary paperwork for water rights license on newly installed culvert.

CARRIED

22. Tractor Update

Obtain Quotes for Window Protector. Obtain reference for Window protector from Schulte.

23. Tenders GMC Truck/ Van

Van

2 tenders were received and opened at a public meeting

Micheal Eyolfson - \$199.00

BlackRidge Excavation (John Kuszla) - \$212.00

Moved by Councillor Gagaluk and seconded by Deputy Reeve Abas

203/25 **WHEREAS** 2 tenders were received for 1986 GMC Van and opened at a public meeting

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT tender be awarded to John Kuszla for the amount of \$212.00.

CARRIED

Truck

9 tenders were received and opened at a public meeting.

Dale Grocholski - \$3000.00

Gord Wevursky - \$1800.00
Greg Fontaine - \$525.00
Jerry Flett - \$1925.00
BlackRidge Excavation (John Kuszla) - \$431.00
Bob Davis - \$1283.00
Fred Skoropet - \$1650.00
Micheal Eyolfson - \$3003.00
Duncan Black - \$4040.40

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Gagaluk
204/25 **WHEREAS** 9 tenders were received for 1990 GMC Truck and opened at a public meeting
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT tender be awarded to Duncan Black for the amount of \$4040.40.

CARRIED

24. Road 16 W ditch cleanout

Moved by Councillor Nevakshonoff and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
205/25 **WHEREAS** a quote was obtained for ditch cleanout and transport of material to land owner of SW16-22-3W field for the amount of \$10000.00
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT quote for \$10,000.00 for ditching and removal of material be approved.

DEFEATED

25. RM of St. Laurent Resolution

Tabled till quarterly

In Camera

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
206/25 **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 Deputy Reeve Abas and seconded by Councillor Tanchak
207/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** as per Section 152(4) of The Municipal Act Council does now re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

October Meeting – Invite Legal for conference call
Get update from Drainage and Water Licensing
Hire appraiser to provide price for municipal property

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Lindal and seconded by Councillor Nevakshonoff
208/25 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the regular business has concluded and this meeting does hereby adjourn at 1:50 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

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

