

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL  
held on January 15, 2025  
White Sands Municipal Office  
#8 Front Street, White Sands, AB and  
electronically streamed to YouTube.**

**Present:** Lorne Thurston, Mayor  
Dan Zembal, Councillor  
Paul Ashford, Councillor  
Melissa Beebe, CAO  
Erin Weinzierl, Administrative Assistant  
Rhonda O’Neill, Stettler Public Library  
Gord Lawlor, Parkland Region Library System, Advocacy Committee

**Absent:**

**Public: (2)**

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:32 AM

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 25:01:01** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve the agenda as amended

- 7.4 Municipal Recreation Plan Community Opportunities

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

**3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024**

**Motion 25:01:02** Moved by Councillor Zembal to adopt the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of December 12, 2024, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**4. Public Hearing: None**

**5. Delegation/Presentation:**

**5.1.** Rhonda O’Neill – Stettler Public Library & Gord Lawlor – Parkland Regional Library Systems

- Stable internet use via Super-net
- Looking at having some services come to White Sands.

O’Neill and Lawlor withdraw from the meeting at 10:13 am

**Motion 25:01:03** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept Ms. O’Neill and Mr. Lawlor’s delegation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**6. Bylaws & Policies:**

### **6.1. Bylaw 210-24: Golf Cart Pilot Project**

**Motion 25:01:04** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve the first reading of Bylaw 210-24: Golf Cart Pilot Project as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:01:05** Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve the second reading of Bylaw 210-24: Golf Cart Pilot Project with the following amendments:

- Include “Valid” Placard in Schedule A 7(d) for Violation Tag and 7(d) Violation Ticket
- Remove red on the map on beach accesses trails as they are not roadways.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.2. Snow Removal Policy X**

**Motion 25:01:06** Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve the revise Snow Removal Policy X with the following amendments as followed:

- Change 3 to a, b, c, d
- E will be 4, and change subsequent numbering.

MOTION CARRIED

### **6.3. Bylaw 208-24: Natural Gas Franchise Agreement**

**Motion 25:01:07** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve second reading of Bylaw 208-24: Natural Gas Franchise Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:01:08** Moved by to approve Councillor Ashford third and final reading of Bylaw 208-24: Natural Gas Franchise Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:01:09** Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve a two-minute recess at 11:13 AM.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:01:10** Moved by Mayor Thurston to resume the meeting at 11:17 AM.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7. Business**

### **7.1. RFD – Outstanding AR Invoice 202450067**

**Motion 25:01:11** Moved by Mayor Thurston to write off the honourarium balance owing of \$802.07 for the year-end account purposes for 2024 (AR

202450067).

MOTION CARRIED

## **7.2. RFD – White Sands Hall Society Budgetary Items Review**

**Motion 25:01:12** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept and defer the White Sands Hall Society Budgetary Items Review to future discussion at budget time and admin add the \$17 000 on the total for the digital sign.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7.3. RFD – Review Parkland Regional Library Agreement, Libraries Act, and Electronic Community Survey Results**

**Motion 25:01:13** Moved by Councillor Ashford to continue to be in the Parkland Regional Library Systems Agreement, make efforts this year to reach out with the Stettler Public Library to have programs, such as a children’s program in the summer, within the community of White Sands, and after general elections new council will reassess in October 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

## **7.4. Municipal Recreation Plan Community Opportunities**

**Motion 25:01:14** Moved by Mayor Thurston to have admin to create a Park and Recreation Committee Bylaw and lay out the guidelines for the next regular council meeting on February 12, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

## **8. Council Reports:**

### **8.1. Mayor Thurston (Verbal Report)**

- SMRWSC
  - Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: water rates with inter-structure (ie: Castor, Erskine, etc.) \$2.91 from \$2.83 per cube. Truck fill increased to \$4.10 from \$4.00 per cube.
  - Donalda Reservoir (pipe-stand) has been given a grant of 75%/25% and accepted by SMRWSC and assumed responsibility, not the Village of Donalda. Plan to install a 400m<sup>3</sup> underground tank.
    - over \$1 million will have to be debentured to the communities in the commission. Approx. \$17 000 debenture for SVWS if this is approved. Not being debentured in 2025.
      - Debentures are based on usage for each community in the commission.
  - Service agreement is with the County of Stettler and has increased. No idea on amount yet. Comparable to other commissions in the province. SVWS pays debentures not administration.

Public withdrew at 12:02PM

### **8.2. Councillor Zembal (Verbal Report)**

- No committees attended (no meetings).
- Jack’s Pond Ice flooding
- 3 on 3 hockey tournament was well attended.
- 90% finished for outdoor curling if the weather holds.

### **8.3. Councillor Ashford (Written Report)**

**Motion 25:01:15** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the Councillor Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## 9. CAO Reports

### 9.1. Written Report

- Additions:
  - SVRS passed golf-cart bylaw and \$80 fee.
  - Working with Craig Teal at COS for the road closure at the bulk water station. Will bring a new bylaw to work in closure of that bulk water station. Will need public consultation when applicable in the timeline of the bylaw.
    - Once done need an agreement with the SMRWSC
  - Budgetary items
    - Postage increased 25%
    - Bulk water increased 2.5%
    - Increase of \$0.21/L for fuel
    - Projected increase on utilities
    - Working on increased recycling with EPR

### 9.2. CAO Action List

**Motion 25:01:16** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the CAO reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## 10. Financial Reports:

**10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as December 31, 2024**

**10.2. Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of December 31, 2024**

**Motion 25:01:17** Moved by Mayor Thurston to have administration bring an expanded GL budget and actual report (Actual vs Budget Variance Report) for the next regular council meeting on February 12, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:01:18** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve items 10.1 to 10.2 of Financial Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## 11. Correspondence

11.1. Donation Request for Big Jack Classic

11.2. Brownlee Emerging Trends

- Currently Mayor Thurston has registered at Calgary

**Motion 25:01:19** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept items 11.1 to 11.2 of Correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

## 12. Closed Meeting Session: None

## 13. Adjournment

**Motion 25:01:20** Moved by Councillor Ashford to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

*Next Regular Council Meeting will be February 12, 2025. Public Welcome.*



**Mayor**



**Chief Administrative Officer**