You and MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on March 16, 2026
White Sands Municipal Office
#8 Front Street, White Sands, AB and electronically
streamed to YouTube.

Present: Dan Zembal, Mayor
Paul Ashford, Councillor (Zoom)
Leona Thorogood, Councillor
Melissa Beebe, CAO
Erin Weinzierl, Admin. Assistant
S.Sgt. Cam Russell, Stettler RCMP Detachment

Absent:

Public: (0)

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Zembal calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:30 AM

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 26:03:01 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the agenda as amended:

- Move 5.1: Draft Strategic Plan to Business 7.3
- Add 7.4 Ambulance Information

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026

Motion 26:03:02 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026, as presented

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Public Hearing: None**

5. **Delegation/Presentation:**

5.1. Q3 Crime Statistics – S. Sgt. Cam Russell, Stettler RCMP Detachment

- Tour with councils at Edmonton call center
  - Hopefully another tour set up for other councillors to join.
  - Well received and informative
- Crime Reduction By Environmental Design
  - What residents can do at the properties to help prevent crimes
    - Fencing
    - How to cut shrubs
    - Lock your vehicles
    - Tie into Annual Information Meeting
- Pilot program for drones for communities
  - Drone can be launched by K Division and see what is happening before RCMP attends a scene.

- Stats are quite low
  - Rural crime has decreased slightly
  - Prolific Offenders
    - Checked on
    - Work with probation
  - Using less man-power
    - Provincial government has not increased their budget, but have not reduced
    - Asked to more with less (inflation, cost of living)
  - 5 new members will be coming to Stettler (4 experienced, 1 new recruit)
    - Will loose 3 current members
    - At the end will be 2 additional members at the Stettler detachment
  - Currently will not operate the RCMP boat this summer due to lake levels, but will use other means to meet emergencies for the lake.
  - Renovation at the detachment, no extra-space and but will extend longevity of building for an additional 10 years
    - No cells up to 6 months
      - Made partners with other detachments near Stettler
    - Proper secure room, bail hearing room, breathalyzer room
    - Victim Services Office
    - Upstairs will have better usable space.
    - All electric (solar, storage cells), no natural gas
    - Extra parking on the north side as well
    - Proper fencing around the detachment

S. Sgt Russell withdraws from the meeting at 10:00 AM

Motion 26:03:03 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to receive Q3 Crime Statistics – S. Sgt. Cam Russell, Stettler RCMP Detachment as information

MOTION CARRIED

6. <u>Bylaws & Policies:</u>

6.1. Bylaw 220-26: Dog Bylaw (Repeal and Replace Bylaw 152-15)

Motion 26:03:04 Moved by Mayor Zembal to approve second reading of Bylaw 220-26: Dog Bylaw as amended:

- Running at Large Section
- Schedule of Fines J $250, $500, $750
- 3.1.F “motorized” vehicle
- 4.1.a “motorized” vehicle
- Typos: 8.2 “given away”, section 13 grammar (spacing), commas, open

MOTION- CARRIED

Motion 26:03:04 Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve third reading of Bylaw 220-26: Dog Bylaw with the amendments.

MOTION- CARRIED

6.2. ADM 1.1 Tangible Capital Assets Policy (Housekeeping Amendments)

Motion 26:03:05 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve policy ADM 1.1 Tangible Capital Assets as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Business:**

7.1. RFD – Community Hall – Monitoring & Service Delivery Review

Motion 26:03:07 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve Option 2: Install Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat of a maximum budget $800.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:03:08 Moved by Councillor Ashford to create a policy to monitor all municipal buildings with a smart thermostat.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Draft 2026 Municipal Operating Budget

Motion 26:03:09 Moved by Mayor Zembal to have a Special Meeting for the Operating and Capital Budget on Friday, April 17, 2026, 9:30am at the Municipal Office.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. Draft Strategic Plan – Leann Graham, Gra-Core

Motion 26:03:10 Moved by Mayor Zembal approve the 2026 Municipal Strategic Plan with the following amendments:

- Renamed Recreation committee to Parks & Recreation Committee
- Remove “more” from Areas for Improvement & Future Focus > Increase Engagement with Younger Generation
- #6 – Safety, point 3: add “or south shore co-owned”

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Zembal calls for brief recess at 11:55 am
Mayor Zembal resumes meeting at 12:01 pm

7.4. Ambulance Information

Motion 26:03:11 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the ambulance information as information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Council Reports:**

8.1. Mayor Zembal (Verbal Report)

- RCMP tour
- Called ICF Meeting with County of Stettler
    - Leona and Dan
    - Boat Launch
        - County of Stettler interested to see the results of the report from WSP
    - Advocacy of Twn Rd 40-4
    - Red Willow Lagoon
        - Should be running by summer 2026
        - Access for haulers
    - Road Maintenance Agreement

        - Opportunities to negotiate, but found the reality of the situation
            - Average county road is maintained about 1 in every 3 weeks
            - Twn Rd 40-4 gets maintained every 7-10 days
            - Graveled every 1.5 years, opposed to average road is every 3 years.
        - Tree Branch/Organics Bin
            - Will charge us for only dumping
            - We asked for twice for this year: spring and fall
    - SWMA April 10th meeting

8.2. Councillor Thorogood (Verbal Report)

- ICF Meeting
    - Boat Launch
        - Secured some funds from Bar W to help with Boat Launch
    - Road Maintenance Agreement
        - Does not Range Road 20-2
        - Need to contact our MLA, Transportation, Tourism, etc, for advocacy
    - Red Willow Lagoon
        - Might not be available until fall due to sludging
- PRLB
    - Face to Face meeting on May 21, 2026.
    - Spoke about their services
        - Supernet
        - Loaning materials
        - Access to post-secondary material
        - Numerous types and formats of books
            - Program kits that can be ran here and will ask the Stettler Public Library
    - Promotion in newsletters
        - Free membership
        - E-magazine
    - Can host any events as long as it is not illegal
        - Suppose to be unbiases
    - Restriction of books
        - If not illegal, can be in the library
        - Some libraries exist in the school system; therefore, have to abide by school system if the library is in a school.
- Hall Society planning meeting on March 21, 2026.

8.3. Councillor Ashford (Written Report)

Motion 26:03:12 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept the council reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. <u>CAO Reports</u>

9.1. Written Report with Council Resolution Action List

Motion 26:03:13 Moved by Mayor Zembal to have administration create a Terms of Reference for the Parks and Recreation Committee for the next meeting:

- A call for express of interest max of 5: 1 council member, 1 Hall member, and 3 members at large
- Based on strategic planning with recommendations

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:03:14 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept CAO written report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Financial Reports:

10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as December 31, 2025

10.2. Bank Reconciliation as of February 28, 2026

Motion 26:03:15 Motion by Councillor Thorogood to approve 10.1 and 10.2. Financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Correspondence

11.1. **Preliminary 5-Year Estimate for SV White Sands – Renewed Police Funding Model**

11.2. **Letter from Trevor Daroux, Deputy Commissioner, Commanding Officer of Alberta RCMP, February 4, 2026**

11.3. **Buffalo Lake Public Access Enhancement 2026 – County of Stettler**

11.4. **Letter of Support: Invasive Species – Associations of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA), February 21, 2026**

Motion 26:03:16 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to table Letter of Support: Invasive Species – Associations of Summer Villages of Alberta (ASVA), February 21, 2026 until the next regular meeting with the conjunction with the Red Deer Watershed group.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:03:17 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept Correspondence items 11.1 to 11.3 as information.

MOTION CARRIED

12. Closed Meeting Session: None

13. Adjournment

Motion 26:03:17 Moved by Mayor Zembal adjourns the meeting at 1:04 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting is April 20, 2026. Public Welcome.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer