MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on April 20, 2026
White Sands Municipal Office
#8 Front Street, White Sands, AB and electronically
streamed to YouTube.

Present: Dan Zembal, Mayor
Paul Ashford, Councillor
Leona Thorogood, Councillor
Melissa Beebe, CAO
Erin Weinzierl, Admin. Assistant
Brandon MacDonald, Municipal Planning Services

Absent:

Public: (0)

1. **Call to Order:**

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

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 26:04:15 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the agenda as amended:

- 6.5 CNL 2.2 Reserve & Surplus Allocation Policy
- 7.5 Draft 2026 Municipal 5-Year Capital Budget Plan

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026

Motion 26:04:16 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026, as presented

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Public Hearing: None**

5. **Delegation/Presentation:**

1.1. **Draft Shoreline Management Plan – Municipal Planning Services (MPS), Brad Macdonald**

B. Macdonald withdraws from the meeting at 10:01 AM

Motion 26:04:17 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the draft shoreline management plan by MPS as information.

MOTION CARRIED

6. **Bylaws & Policies:**

6.1. Bylaw 221-26: Parks & Recreation Committee

Motion 26:04:18 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to table Bylaw 221-26: Parks & Recreation Committee and have Councillor Thorogood take the bylaw to the Hall Society to check their interest for participation and bring back for the June regular council meeting.

MOTION- CARRIED

6.2. Bylaw 222-26: Fees & Services – Repeal & Replace Schedule "A" (Bylaw 213-25)

Motion 26:04:19 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve first reading of Bylaw 222-26: Fees & Services with amendments:

- Add Hall "Events" Rentals
- In Hall services, remove times for day rate
- RV Permit Fees: 2027 - $450, 2028 - $600
    - Increase progressively to pre-Covid rates

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:04:20 Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve to second reading of Bylaw 222-26: Fees & Services.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:04:21 Moved by Mayor Zembal to proceed to the third reading of Bylaw 222-26: Fees & Services.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motion 26:04:22 Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve third and final reading of Bylaw 222-26: Fees & Services.

MOTION CARRIED

6.3. Bylaw 223-26: Community Standards Bylaw – Repeal & Replace (Bylaw 196-23)

Motion 26:04:23 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve the first reading of Bylaw 223-29: Community Standards Bylaw with amendments and bring back to the next regular council meeting in May:

- Graffiti definition
    - Place in nuisance
    - Spelling error Subsequent in fines
    - Noise – change hours for general 11 pm to 7 am

MOTION CARRIED

6.4. Policy HAL 5.1: White Sands Multi-Purpose Room Rental & Use

Motion 26:04:24 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to table Policy HAL 5.1 with the amendments, forward to the liaison of the Hall Society, review and comments from Hall Society and bring back to the May meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

6.5. CNL 2.2 Reserve & Surplus Allocation Policy

Motion 26:04:25 Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve as amended:

- 3. Public land reserve add "and/or subdivision development agreement"
- 5. Add in first point: "unless otherwise directed by council resolution."
- 7.1 How surplus is calculated
- 7.3 percentage changes

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Zembal calls for a 10-minute recess at 11:34 AM

Mayor Zembal calls meeting back in order at 11:43 AM.

7. <u>Business:</u>

7.1. RFD – Policing Solution for ASVA Advocacy

Motion 26:04:26 Moved by Mayor Zembal to approve the Police Funding Model Advocacy Resolution as presented and direct Administration to forward it to the Alberta Summer Villages Association (ASVA) regional representative for the area for consideration by ASVA.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. RFD – Grant Funding Opportunities: FCM & ATCO

Motion 26:04:27 Moved by Councillor Ashford to confirm its previous direction (Motion 26:02:12) and supports Administration proceeding with an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Climate Ready Plans and Processes program for a Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan; AND THAT Administration, in coordination with the municipal engineering consultant (APTUS), working with EXP, be authorized to prepare and submit the application and required supporting documentation

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:04:28 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to direct Administration to apply to the ATCO Community Energy Fund to complete energy audits of municipal facilities to identify efficiency improvements and support future energy planning initiatives; AND THAT Administration be authorized to prepare and submit the application and required supporting documentation.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. RFD – Township Road 40-4: Urban Road Approach Advocacy

Motion 26:04:29 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to administration to draft an advocacy letters and to request for a meeting to the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister of Public Affairs, the local MLA, surrounding municipalities (County of Stettler and Summer Village of Rochon Sands), and the Premier of Alberta requesting consideration of Township Road 40-4 being adopted into the Provincial Road Network as an Urban Road Approach. Once Mayor Zembal approves the letter, the letter can be sent as soon as approved.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4. RFD – Legislative Update: Council Communication Practices

Motion 26:04:30 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept Legislative Update: Council Communication Practices as information

MOTION CARRIED

7.5. Draft 2026 Municipal 5-Year Capital Budget

Motion 26:04:31 Moved by Mayor Zembal to table the 5-year capital budgets with the following recommendations provided by council, and bring back to the May regular meeting:

- Climate Risk – Apply to FCM
- Move $70k pump upgrade (as risk of Climate Plan) to 2027
- Boat Launch:
  - Apply $120k to MSI
  - 2026: $120k repair and apply to CCBF
  - 2027: $80k and apply to CCBF
- Withdraw water debenture application
- Conversion of Old Shop to Public Use (2026: $25k and apply to MSI)
- New Shop Bay
  - Concrete and insulate 1 bay
    - $50k 2026
    - $50k (2027-2028)
- Jack's Pond
  - $30k Cook shack from Public Lands Reserve for 2026
- Permanent Community Event Signs
  - 2026
  - Two signs
  - Apply $6k to CCBF

MOTION CARRIED

8. <u>Council Reports:</u>

8.1. Mayor Zembal (Verbal Report)

- Stettler Regional Waste Commission
  - Carboard issues
  - Buying a vehicle
  - Security issues about electronics being stolen (metals)
- Resident contact
  - Feedback on recent dog bylaw complaint
    - Where it's at, next steps, fines issued, etc.
- To have a south shore coffee with councillors meeting
  - Tentative: May Long @ Rochon Sands Hall 11am to 2 pm
  - Councillor Stevens (County of Stettler), Mayor Zembal, and a councillor from Rochon
  - General issues/topics
  - No administrative need to attend
- AGM – tentative July 4th
- Hall Society
  - Conversion of old shop
  - Want to accept a donated buffalo head (taxidermy) discussion, but cannot fit in the main Hall and office.
- Disc Golf
  - Peter and Emily Kendrick and their group volunteer at Rochon.
  - With Mayor Zembal, would like to set up a temporary course for this season.
  - Need approval on locations of temporary tees and baskets
- April 17th Special Council Meeting on Friday

8.2. Councillor Thorogood (Verbal Report)

- April 9th – SMRWSC

- June 5th
- Approved financial statements
- Elections, Chair: Larry Clarke, manager: Yvette Cassidy, Auditors 2026: Gitzel & Co.
- Bawlf & Rosalind Phase 7: $11.4 million.
- Compeer Phase 8: estimated cost $12 million
- Donalda Reservoir $3.96 million
- Infrastructure is relatively new

- April 10th – BLMT
  - Lake is down 4', and will be down more this spring
  - Pumping to Gull may not happen until later this Fall due to construction delays
  - Reapplied for pumping for Buffalo Lake
  - Look at putting out RFPs for Buffalo Lake Pump Station Expansion and Upgrading
  - Province will still cover the costs because not just a recreation lake, but also helps for agriculture, fisheries, etc.
  - Gull Lake 4 filter system
  - Buffalo Lake proposed 8 filter system
  - Feasibly pumping by 2027
    - ONLY will replace evaporation. Still need Mother Nature to fill the lake
- April 11th – Hall Society Meeting
  - As a liaison as council
  - Listed upcoming events
  - NEED volunteers to help with events
- April 17th – Special Council Meeting

8.3. Councillor Ashford (Written Report)

Motion 26:04:32 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the council reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. <u>CAO Reports</u>

9.1. Written Report with Council Resolution Action List

9.2. Strategic Plan Dashboard

Motion 26:04:33 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept CAO written reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

10. <u>Financial Reports:</u>

10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as December 31, 2025

10.2. Bank Reconciliation as of March 31, 2026

Motion 26:04:34 Motion by Councillor Thorogood to approve 10.1 and 10.2. Financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. <u>Correspondence</u>

11.1. Resident Correspondence – C. Cheetham Re: Council Suggestions

Motion 26:04:35 Motion by Mayor Zembal to have administration respond back to the resident about updated bylaws and current bylaws that reflect their concerns and comments.

MOTION CARRIED

11.2. Intermunicipal Collaboration Application Results (ACP), March 18, 2026

11.3. Ground Ambulance Emergent Issues – County of Stettler Request, March 13, 2026

11.4. PRLS Boad Meeting Minutes (Draft), February 26, 2026

11.5. Quarterly Update – ASVA, April 1, 2026

11.6. Alberta Public Libraries Condemn Act of Censorship Media Release – Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries, April 2, 2026

11.7. Introduction of Bill 28 The Municipal Affairs & Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026 – Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dan Williams, April 2, 2026

11.8. Assessment Model Review – Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dan Williams, April 1, 2026

11.9. Bill 26 Animal Protection Act Fact Sheet, March 31, 2026

11.10. Preliminary Analysis of Bill 28 – ABMunis, April 10, 2026

11.11. ASVA Representative on ABMunis' Committee

Motion 26:04:36 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept Correspondence items 11.2 to 11.11 as information.

MOTION CARRIED

12. <u>Closed Meeting Session:</u>

12.1. County of Stettler: Cost Analysis – Road Use Agreement, Alberta Information & Transparency Act (AITA), s. 24 Intergovernmental Relations

Motion 26:04:37 Motion by Councillor Thorogood to move into a closed session meeting for County of Stettler: Cost Analysis – Road Use Agreement, Alberta Information & Transparency Act (AITA), s. 24 Intergovernmental Relations at 1:41 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:04:38 Motion by Councillor Thorogood to move out of a closed session meeting for County of Stettler: Cost Analysis – Road Use Agreement, Alberta Information & Transparency Act (AITA), s. 24 Intergovernmental Relations at 1:53 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

13. <u>Adjournment</u>

Motion 26:03:39 Moved by Mayor Zembal adjourns the meeting at 1:53 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting is May 19, 2026. Public Welcome.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer