COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on June 9, 2026
White Sands Municipal Office
#8 Front Street, White Sands, AB

Present: Dan Zembal, Mayor
Paul Ashford, Councillor
Leona Thorogood, Councillor
Melissa Beebe, CAO
Erin Weinzierl, Admin. Assistant
Brad Macdonald, MPS
Jane Dauphinee, MPS

Absent:

Public: (1)

1. **Call to Order:**

   Mayor Zembal calls the Council Meeting to order at 10:37 AM

2. **Agenda Review**
   - Mayor Zembal added: 3.3 Buffalo Ranch Estates Subdivision Development

3. **Discussion Items:**

   3.1. Draft Shoreline Management Plan
   - The majority of the meeting focused on reviewing the draft Shoreline Management Plan. Council expressed concerns that the current draft did not fully reflect the community's recreational character, long-standing shoreline use, or the balance between environmental stewardship and recreation that Council had envisioned. Council noted concerns regarding the overall tone of the document, the interpretation of environmental and recreational uses, dock and boat lift storage provisions, shoreline access, mapping accuracy, and how the plan aligns with previous Council discussions and provincial guidance. Council requested further review and refinement of the document to better reflect community values while remaining consistent with legislative and environmental requirements.

   3.2. Transition of the Multi-Purpose Hall Operations & Community User Groups
   - Council reviewed the ongoing transition of the White Sands Multi-Purpose Hall to municipal management. Discussion included recurring user groups, rental procedures, cleaning expectations, storage of exercise equipment, and how shared use of the facility will be managed moving forward. It was noted that user groups will be responsible for ensuring equipment is stored appropriately when rentals occur and that administration will continue refining operational procedures as the transition progresses.

   3.3. Buffalo Ranch Estates Subdivision Development
   - Council discussed historical and future subdivision development considerations for Buffalo Ranch Estates, including servicing requirements, planning policies, and potential infrastructure implications. Council expressed interest in obtaining additional information regarding the development history and applicable planning framework..

4. **Round Table Discussion**
   - Throughout the meeting, Council emphasized:
     - Balancing environmental protection with the recreational nature of the

community.
    - Ensuring future planning documents accurately reflect White Sands' history, character, and resident expectations.
    - Maintaining compliance with provincial legislation while preserving practical recreational use of municipal and shoreline areas.
    - Continuing to improve municipal services and facility operations in a practical and fiscally responsible manner.
- The discussion provided valuable feedback to Administration and consultants and will assist in refining future reports, policies, and planning documents for Council's consideration.

5. <u>Adjournment</u>

- Mayor Zembal adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.

Next Regular Council Meeting is June 15, 2026. Public Welcome.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer