

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS  
COUNCIL**

**held on July 9, 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 (electronically)  
Melissa Beebe, CAO  
Erin Weinzierl, Administrative Assistant

**Absent:**

**Public: ()**

**1. Call to Order:**

Mayor Thurston calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:33 AM

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion 25:07:01** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve the agenda as amended:

- 7.4 Hall Society Correspondence for the Summer Village to Take Over the Hall Rentals

MOTION CARRIED

**3. Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

**3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025**

**Motion 25:07:02** Moved by Mayor Thurston to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2025, as amended.

- 5.2 add “provincial and federal government” for clarity
- 5.3 clarity amendment – Town of Stettler not interested in a commission.

MOTION CARRIED

**3.2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2025**

**Motion 25:07:03** Moved by Mayor Thurston to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2025, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**4. Public Hearing: None**

**5. Delegation/Presentation: None**

**6. Bylaws & Policies: None**

**7. Business**

**7.1. RFD – 1-Day Spring/Fall Vegetation Collection**

**Motion 25:07:04** Moved by Councillor Ashford to have administration investigate and present at the next regular council meeting for cost for 1 day or 1 weekend bin rental for vegetation cleanup, and monitoring for the above event mentioned.

MOTION CARRIED

### **7.2. RFD – Investigation of Operational Hours of Municipal Office**

**Motion 25:07:05** Moved by Councillor Zembal accepts investigation of operational hours of municipal office as information and Friday tracking interactions of office (emails, voicemails, appointments, etc.) and bring tracking for strategic planning discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

### **7.3. RFD – Request for Council Feedback on Draft Shoreline Management Plan**

**Motion 25:07:06** Moved by Councillor Ashford to review the comments provided by council for CPP, and schedule a delegation meeting to council at a regular scheduled fall meeting.

- 4.3: which beach assess? Is it Beach Access 8?
- 5.6: limit impact “to” foot traffic? Keeping vehicles off? Clarity needed - If controlling foot traffic, there will be lots of foot traffic.
- Invasive species needed, aquatic and vegetation.
- 7.2.22: separate section for invasive species and how it incorporates under 7.2, 7.5? Coordinated with policy and budget
- 9. 7.2: “Silver Sands”
- 7.4.16.d: not mentioned, policy of clearing vegetation of storage of equipment
  - Re-review of Use of Public Lands Bylaw and direction from council for Admin to create a policy for removal of vegetation of trees, shrubs, etc.
- 7.5.21 aquatic vegetation control: clarification of burms
- What is minimal maintenance?
- Ask CPP to review Buffalo Lake Intergraded Shore Line Plan: created May, 2010.
- 1.2: Nov '21
- Planning Area: No designations for lots/properties
- Clearer map, make bigger, plot, something. Whole page?
- 3.2: Typo: The Land Stewardship Act provides a means for the province of **Labert**
- 3.9 Integrated shoreline plan needs to go in there or clarify.
- 3.13: need clarity on ER. Is there 3 or 4?
- 3.14: This Shoreline Management Plan is intended to form part of the agreement of a new lease between the Summer Village and Province – should be fluid so future councils can change . Guidance Doc?
  - Need something about weeding, mowing, mapping
- 4.2 map needs clarification, or reference maps should be appendix to be bigger
- 4.4: 10 m from a wetland: outhouse on 7 and 8 that were previously approved to put there.
- 5.2: suppose to have a new document from Alberta Environment but not released
  - picture there: make sure from White Sands...This is at Rochon Sands
- 6.2: no marina?
- 7.2.5b: needs clarity
- 7.6.26:

MOTION CARRIED

#### 7.4. Hall Society Correspondence for the Summer Village to Take Over the Hall Rentals

- AGM of Hall Society
  - They have concerns about booking

**Motion 25:07:07** Moved by to have admin review what Rochon Sands, Erskine, Donalda, etc. does with their halls and request to have 2 delegates from the White Sands Hall Society to attend a fall regular council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor calls a 5-minute recess at 11:43 am.

Mayor calls meeting to order at 11:48 am.

### 8. Council Reports:

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

- Fire and Flood at Red Deer: willing to come and do an assessment with us and set something up or the manager may look for used equipment for the municipality to purchase.
- Luella Lee is speaking to Rob Lane (WS Community Fire (look up name)) about Hour Zero strategies and ideas.
- The two flat grills
  - Two propane tanks and hoses for grills are missing
  - Lorne Thurston to donate a couple tanks and will put in cold storage.
  - Need hoses replaced and clean (pumas stone) because before were oiled and plastic bags over them.
  - Could be \$500 to fix it all up
  - Take to meeting with hall socite
- Could arrange a tour for new council members, Pete Andrews (resident), and CAO for the transfer station for SMRWSC and the one by the river, and the pumphouse for the stabilization of the lake (Denis Johnson).
- Resident made aware of an invasive species (Cowboy Toilet Paper) near 24 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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

- Waste Management:
  - Rene retired and hired part-time under contract. Will not impact cost. He will be training his replacement when hired and focus on that in his contract.
  - Increased aggression at the transfer sites
    - Looking at a course/speaker to help with how to deal with customers for training. They will come as a delegation for the one at Rocky View and Airdrie and may implement to their customers.
  - AIM/Town Hall: good turnout, good questions
  - Canada Day: Success. Well attended.
  - Golf tournament is this Saturday.

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

**Motion 25:07:08** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve Lorne Thurston to continue the discussion with Fire and Flood and to submit a written report back to council for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:07:09** Moved by Councillor Zembal to approve Lorne Thurston to arrange a tour of the SMRWSC water distribution station, Town of Stettler treatment plant, Buffalo Lake Stabilization pumphouse and gate system with province (Denis Johnson) for new council, CAO, and resident (Pete Andrews)

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:07:10** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the Councillor Reports 8.1 to 8.3 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **9. CAO Reports**

### **9.1. Verbal Report**

- Council & Governance
  - Road Closure Bylaw emailed to Bemocco to finalize survey plan and registration with land titles. Then need to schedule meeting with County of Stettler to formalize draft lease agreement.
- Administrative Updates
  - Conversation with Camrose CEO about boat launch issues and people not using boat launches and using beach area and damaging the beaches. Marina at Pelican Point is closed, boat launch is open but shallow due to lake levels (same problem for others around the lake). Alberta Environment is meeting with CEO and Camrose County could be charged because of the damages being caused by a few and will go back on tax payers.
  - Education of polices

### **9.2. CAO Action List**

### **9.3. Nomination Day Results – Returning Officer, Erin Weinzierl**

**Motion 25:07:11** Moved by Councillor Zembal to have administration create a dead-standing tree removal policy in regards to municipal and environmental reserves and bring back to the next regular council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:07:12** Moved by Mayor Thurston to accept the CAO report 9.1 to 9.3 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **10. Financial Reports:**

- 10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as June 30, 2025**
- 10.2. Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of June 30, 2025**

**Motion 25:07:13** Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve items 10.1 to 10.2 of Financial Reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

## **11. Correspondence**

- 11.1. Resident Letter – AR 2025140**
- 11.2. Dead Falling Tree 42 Front Street Resident Letter**
- 11.3. Service Alberta & Red Tape Reduction – Proclamation of the Access to Information Act and Regulations**

**Motion 25:07:14** Moved by Councillor Zembal to deny the request for a reduction on AR20255140 based on the Fire Bylaw and justified on the emergency event that happened in May.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:07:15**

Moved by Mayor Thurston to have administration respond explaining council has directed administration to review and create a policy for dead-standing tree removal in relation to municipal and environmental reserves that will be reviewed by Council at the next regular council meeting. Admin will advise to meet with the resident to review trees in question.

MOTION CARRIED

**Motion 25:07:16**

Moved by Mayor Thurston to approve Correspondence 11.3 as information.

MOTION CARRIED

**12. Closed Meeting Session: None**

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion 25:06:20**

Moved by Mayor Thurston adjourn the meeting at 1:10 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

*Next Regular Council Meeting will be held after the 2025 General Election and will announce the date later. Public Welcome.*

Original Signed

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**Mayor**

Original Signed

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**Chief Administrative Officer**