MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on July 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

Absent:

Public: (0)

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Zembal calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:39 AM

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 26:07:01 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026

Motion 26:07:02 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026, as amended:

-Councillor Thorogood Report Prussian carp eggs are filtered out, and left to dry and decompose in the drainage ditch.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Public Hearing: None**

5. **Delegation/Presentation: None**

6. **Bylaws & Policies:**
6.1. Policy ADM 1.14: Donation Acceptance & Receipting Policy

Motion 26:07:03 Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve Policy ADM 1.14: Donation Acceptance & Receipting Policy as

- Section 1:
  - § Add in "….services including Contractors"

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Business:**
7.1. RFD – Circular Materials – Depot Operations Agreements

Motion 26:07:04 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council approves the Circular Materials Master Services Agreement and Statement of Work for participation in the Depot Operations Only service model effective October 1, 2026,

and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement and any related documents on behalf of the Summer Village of White Sands.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. RFD – Regional Transportation Advocacy Minister Response & Grant Opportunities

Motion 26:07:05 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council receive the correspondence from the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, dated July 2, 2026, as information and direct Administration to:

1. Forward the Minister's correspondence to the County of Stettler for its information;
2. Initiate discussions with the County of Stettler regarding the Minister's response and potential regional transportation funding opportunities, including the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP);
3. Engage with Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors to obtain additional information regarding program eligibility, funding requirements, and future application opportunities
4. Respond back to the Honourable Devin Dreeshen requesting a meeting with him to discuss the programs perhaps ASVA or RMA, or at another time or venue.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. RFD – White Sands BLIDP Advocacy Letter Re- Establishment of Navigable Access to the Rochon Sands Provincial Park Boat Launch

Motion 26:07:06 Moved by Mayor Zembal for Council endorse the Buffalo Lake Intermunicipal Development Plan Committee Regional Advocacy Letter requesting Provincial support for the re-establishment of navigable access through the existing channel serving the Rochon Sands Provincial Park Boat Launch, substantially in the form presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the letter on behalf of the Summer Village of White Sands;

AND FURTHER THAT Administration be authorized to make minor administrative, formatting, and non-substantive amendments prior to final circulation and submission, provided such amendments do not materially alter the intent of the advocacy

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:07:07 Moved by Mayor Zembal to receive the “Results of Water Samples” from the County of Stettler as information.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4. RFD – Community Event Signs – Request for Proposal Results and Next Steps

Motion 26:07:08 Moved by Mayor Zembal to appoint Tamara Dawson as a project manager to work with interested parties to come up with a design & construction proposal for two event signs to the maximum budget of $6,000.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5. RFD – Community Hall Expansion – Exercise Area Request for Proposal Results and Next Steps

Motion 26:07:09 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to contact Tremmel Construction to provide clarity of the quote and revise with:

- the removal of the bathroom addition
- Reposition of plumbing
- User friendly grate
- 2 exterior 1 interior
- Negotiate down to budget
- Project completion by December 1, 2026

MOTION CARRIED

7.6. RFD – Parks & Recreation Committee – Extension of Volunteer Recruitment Deadline

Motion 26:07:10 Moved by Mayor Zembal to appointment:

- 2 members at large: Kathy Schultz and George Trotter
- 2 hall members: Tamara Dawson and Leona Thorogood
- 1 Council member: Paul Ashford

And then send out a letter of information and request to set up the schedule for the committee minutes.

MOTION CARRIED

7.7. RFD – No Stone Left Alone – Regional Committee Discussion

Motion 26:07:11 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to respond to the Summer Village Rochon Sands, County of Stettler, Lorne Thurston, the Erskine Cemetery Club, and any interested party to invite their attendance for a meeting during August 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Summer Village of White Sands Summer Village Office.

MOTION CARRIED

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

8.1. Mayor Zembal (Verbal Report)

o Nothing to report

8.2. Councillor Thorogood (Verbal Report)

o June 29th Ambulance Meeting

- Audit
- Request for three IV pumps. Hospital foundation to commit to one. Requesting donations for the other two. Tabled to September. Asked if we would be able
  - § White Sands portion could be $482.95 for two pumps.
- Land lease to put a wifi access station outside of town
- Awarded a long-term contract
- Continuity

o SMRWSC

- Taps on Ceremony delayed. Could not get a minister there. Since 90% was provided by the government, they wanted a minister there
- Project updates (included in the package)
- Put up plaques up from 4-8
  - § $4300/each (Paid by the commission)

o BLIDP
- Toured Pipelines
- Alix Lake will have to come up more before it can go over the spillway
- Mirror has quite a bit of flow and getting some of it into Buffalo Lake
- We are receiving rain from Ponoka and their water paths that eventually come to Buffalo Lake

Motion 26:07:12 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to request Councillor Ashford to bring back additional information regarding the IV pumps for the Ambulance Donation Request.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Councillor Ashford (Written Report)

Mayor Zembal calls for a short recess at 11:21 AM

Mayor Zembal called the meeting back in order at 11:31 AM

Motion 26:07:13 Moved by Councillor Ashford to schedule the Regular Council Meeting August 17th meeting to the August 18th meeting with scheduling the Organization Meeting start at 9:30 AM and the council meeting to follow.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:07:14 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the council reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. CAO Reports

9.1. Written Report with Council Resolution Action List

9.2. Buffalo Ranch Estates Subdivision Status Update

Motion 26:07:15 Moved by Mayor Zembal to instruct administration to provide the Parks & Recreation Committee with the framework and questions for scope of work for a cook shack at Jack's Pond. (check video)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:07:16 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approved 9.1 to 9.2 CAO reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Financial Reports:

10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as of June 30, 2026

10.2. Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of June 30, 2026

10.3. Financial Report Update

Motion 26:07:17 Motion by Councillor Ashford to approve 10.1 to 10.3. Financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Correspondence

11.1. Resident Correspondence – T. Eagle

Motion 26:07:16 Moved by Councillor Ashford for administration to provide the resident a response letter that we are reviewing the bylaw and we are

returning to the pre-covid rates at a gradual increase.

MOTION CARRIED

11.2. 2026 Funding Allocations – Municipal Affairs
11.3. Bill 28 – Government of Alberta
11.4. Quarter 2 Update – ASVA
11.5. Request for Donation Silent Auction Item – ASVA Conference
11.6. National Police Federation – Call to Action

Motion 26:07:16 Moved by Mayor Zembal to approved to send the Call of Action letter on our letter head.

MOTION CARRIED

11.7. 2026 Referendum October 19, 2026 – Elections Alberta

Motion 26:07:17 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept correspondence 11.2 to 11.5 and 11.7 as information.

MOTION CARRIED

12. <u>Closed Meeting Session:</u> None

13. <u>Adjournment</u>

Motion 26:07: Moved by Mayor Zembal adjourns the meeting at 12:55 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting is August 18, 2026, following the Organization Meeting schedule on August 18, 2026 @ 9:30 am. Public Welcome.

Original Signed
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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer