MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on August 18, 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 9:47 AM

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 26:08:24 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the agenda as presented.

- 7.8 signs project
- Amend the date

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

3.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026

Motion 26:08:25 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026, as amended

- **3.1 amendment -** Prussian carp eggs are being dried out in drainage ditch

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Public Hearing: None**

5. **Delegation/Presentation: None**

6. **Bylaws & Policies:**
6.1. RFD – Accessible Shoreline Access

Motion 26:08:26 Moved by that Mayor Zembal Council direct Administration to investigate the accessibility, legislative, operational, environmental, and considerations associated with the potential development of an Accessible Shoreline Access Policy and report back to Council with findings and recommendations and incorporated in the Shoreline Management Plan Recreation Lease renewal.

MOTION CARRIED

7. **Business:**
7.1. RFD – Heartland Regional Fire Commission

Motion 26:08:27 Moved by Mayor Zembal to direct Administration to advertise notice of the Summer Village of White Sands' intention to consider a resolution establishing the Heartland Regional Fire Commission pursuant to Part 15.1 of the Municipal Government Act.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:08:28 Moved by Councillor Thorogood that Council appoint Councillor Thorogood as the Summer Village of White Sands' representative on the inaugural Board of the Heartland Regional Fire Commission, effective prior to and inclusive establishment upon the Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:08:29 Moved by Councillor Thorogood that Council direct Administration to continue participating in and participating the inclusion of appointed council representation to the development of the Heartland Regional Fire Commission and return the final service agreement, applicable bylaws, funding model and implementation information to Council for consideration prior to entering into a binding service agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. RFD – Boat Launch Preliminary Assessment – Project Update and Meeting Date

Motion 26:08:30 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council accept the Boat Launch Preliminary Assessment project update as information and schedule a Special Council Meeting for August 25, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. for WSP Canada Inc. to present the Boat Launch Preliminary Assessment and for Council to provide further direction, with the report being provided by August 21, 2028, for council to review, and let the two individuals who expressed interest about the meeting know about the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:08:31 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to direct administration to bring the Procedural Bylaw back to the September meeting for discussion review for the ability for public to provides input/issues at a designated times during a council meeting and review what other municipalities provide.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. RFD – Community Hall Expansion – Exercise Area Project Update and Direction

Motion 26:08:32 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council authorize Administration to accept and award the Community Hall Expansion – Exercise Area project to Tremmel Construction upon receipt of a revised proposal, provided the proposal meets the scope requirements established by Motion 26:07:09, does not exceed $25,000 excluding applicable GST, and confirms project completion by December 1, 2026; and further, that any proposal not meeting these requirements be brought back to Council for further consideration and direction.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4. RFD – Shoreline Management Plan and Recreational Lease – Project Update

Motion 26:08:33 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council receive the Shoreline Management Plan and Recreational Lease project update for information; and will add this to the special meeting agenda that was scheduled for August 25, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

7.5. RFD – 2026 Alberta Municipalities Convention – Minister of Transportation Meeting Request

Motion 26:08:34 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council ratify the submission of the meeting request with the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, regarding the Buffalo Lake South Shore Access Corridor; and further, Council ratifies the meeting request but defers the attendance decision until confirmation of the ministerial meeting, registration requirements and associated costs is received.

MOTION CARRIED

7.6. RFD – Municipal Office Hours Pilot Program – Interim Review and Direction

Motion 26:08:35 Moved by Councillor Thorogood that Council receive the Municipal Office Hours Pilot Program interim review for information and continue the five-day office hours pilot through September 30, 2026, as originally approved under Motion 26:05:28, with Administration to provide final usage and operational results following completion of the pilot.

MOTION CARRIED

7.7. RFD – FCM Grant Application Update – Revised Council Resolution

Motion 26:08:36 Moved by Councillor Ashford that Council confirms its support for the Summer Village of White Sands' application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund – Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative for the Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan – Summer Village of White Sands; AND THAT Council commits a municipal cash contribution of $3,668 toward the project, should the grant application be approved; AND FURTHER THAT Administration be authorized to submit the revised Council resolution and supporting documentation required by FCM for Application No. LLCA-26-0984.

MOTION CARRIED

7.8. Sign Business

- At the last meeting Tamara Dawson was appointed by council to work on the Community Event Signs. Any final approval must go through council.

Motion 26:08:37 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the Sign Business as information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. **Council Reports:**

8.1. Mayor Zembal (Verbal Report)

- No committee meetings
- Spoke with Councillor Stevens from the County of Stettler
  - Working on Twn Rd 40-4 (Hwy 56 to entrance to Summer Village) this year
    - Reshape (narrower, crowning)
  - Approved to decrease the speed limit between our boat launch to Bar W to 50 km/h
- Positive feedback about the newsletter
- Waste meeting coming up
- On October 1st we will be moving with Circular Materials for additional recycling

Mayor Zembal calls a short recess at 11:09 AM
Mayor Zembal resumes meeting at 11:12 AM

8.2. Councillor Thorogood (Verbal Report)

- Hall Society
  - Aug 29th Brisket Cook Off and Music Bingo
  - August Long Weekend Scream (Halloween) was successful
- No Stone Left Alone meeting
  - 1 confirmed, but administration has sent the invites

8.3. Councillor Ashford (Written Report)

- Parks and Rec Committee meeting tonight

Motion 26:08:38 Moved by Councillor Ashford to direct administration to bring back information regarding potentially joining the Red Deer River Watershed Alliance for the 2027 budget and ask for information back for education resources and lake sampling.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:08:39 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the council reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. **CAO Reports**

9.1. Council Resolution Action List

- Will be moving forward with some tree removals as per the policy and budgets
- Meeting at the RCMP at AUMA
- LGFF: revised to Operating LGFF. May go up or down.
- Municipal internship program: admin stream to host an intern and the Summer Village cannot apply for the program.

Motion 26:08:40 Moved by Mayor Zembal to approved 9.1 of the CAO reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

10. **Financial Reports:**

10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as of July 31, 2026
10.2. Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of July 31, 2026
10.3. Bank Reconciliation as of June 30, 2026
10.4. Tax Trial Balance (Debit Balance) as of August 12, 2026

Motion 26:08:41 Motion by Councillor Ashford to approve 10.1 to 10.4. Financial reports

as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. <u>Correspondence</u>

11.1. Alberta Community Partnership Launch Information

Motion 26:08:42 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept 11.1 of Correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

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

13. <u>Adjournment</u>

Motion 26:08:43 Moved by Mayor Zembal adjourns the meeting at 11:42 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting is @ September 21, 2026, 9:30 am. Public Welcome.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer