MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SUMMER VILLAGE OF WHITE SANDS COUNCIL
held on September 21, 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
S.Sgt. Cam Russell, Stettler RCMP Detachment

Absent:

Public: (0)

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Zembal calls the Council Meeting to order at 9:32 AM

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion 26:09:01 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the agenda as amended.
-6.1 Swimming typo

MOTION CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Previous Minutes:**

3.1. Organizational Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2026
3.2. Regular Council Meeting of August 18, 2026
3.3. Special Council Meeting of August 25, 2026

Motion 26:09:02 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept the Organizational Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2026, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:03 Moved by Mayor Zembal to accept the Regular Council Meeting of August 18, 2026 as amended

- **Prussian Carp typo**
- **7.2 Boat Launch – ADD "know about the meeting."**

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:04 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the Special Council Meeting of August 25, 2026, as accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

4. **Public Hearing: None**

5. **Delegation/Presentation:**

5.1. S.Sgt. Cam Russell – Quarterly Crime Statistics Report

- Renovations at the detachments
- Coffee with a Cop at Rochon Sands in August.
- Man-Power: a couple soft vacancies, but looking good for staff members
- Blue shirts instead of grey for the uniform
- Black and White cars/decal
- RCMP end date for Alberta, unsure now
  - Guessing will be proactive to negotiate a new agreement
- No synergy between the RCMP and Sheriffs
- Grand Prairie are transitioning to city police and will have no RCMP after October.

S.Sgt. Russell withdraws the meeting 10:01 AM.

Motion 26:09:05 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept Quarterly Crime Statistics Report as information.

MOTION CARRIED

6. <u>Bylaws & Policies:</u>

6.1. RFD – P&R 4.3: Designated Public Swimming Area

Motion 26:09:06 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to direct administration to revise and draft P&R 4.3: Designated Public Swimming Area with additional public swimming accesses: 1, 2, and 4 to the current.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:07 Moved by Councillor Ashford to direct administration to review the previous historical buoys line for swimmers and boaters and make a draft a policy to manage that in the future years.

MOTION CARRIED

6.2. RFD – Procedural Bylaw 219-25

Motion 26:09:08 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council will not establish a separate Public Input Period and continue using the existing Delegation process.

MOTION CARRIED

7. <u>Business:</u>

7.1. RFD – Franchise Fee & Revenues

Motion 26:09:09 Moved by Mayor Zembal that Council maintain the Apex Utilities franchise fee at 0.00% for the 2027 calendar year.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. RFD – ACP Grant Partnership -BLIDP Wastewater Feasibility & Action Plan

Motion 26:09:10 Moved by Mayor Zembal THAT Council support the Summer Village of Rochon Sands' application under the 2026-27 Alberta Community Partnership - Intermunicipal Collaboration component for the Buffalo Lake Regional Wastewater Feasibility and Action Plan;

AND THAT Council approve the Summer Village of White Sands'

participation in the project and designate the Summer Village of Rochon Sands as Managing Partner on behalf of the participating municipalities;

AND THAT Council acknowledge that, if the ACP application is approved, the required $25,000 municipal contribution will be shared equally among the five participating municipalities, resulting in a $5,000 contribution from the Summer Village of White Sands, and approve the Summer Village's up to a $5,000 contribution to the project; AND

THAT Administration be authorized to participate in the Administrative Steering Committee, provide available municipal information, review project findings and deliverables, and provide jurisdiction-specific input throughout the project;

AND FURTHER THAT participation in the ACP-funded project does not commit the Summer Village of White Sands to a specific wastewater infrastructure concept, formation or membership in a regional services commission, mandatory property connections, future capital expenditures, or future infrastructure cost-sharing beyond the $5,000 municipal contribution approved through this resolution, with any such future commitment to be brought back to Council for separate consideration and approval.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. RFD – Heartland Regional Fire Commission

Motion 26:09:11 Moved by Councillor Ashford THAT Council of the Summer Village of White Sands, having completed the required public notice, hereby resolves to establish a Regional Services Commission pursuant to Part 15.1 of the Municipal Government Act to be known as the Heartland Regional Fire Commission, for the purpose of providing regional fire and rescue services, with the members of the Commission to be the County of Stettler No. 6, Village of Big Valley, Village of Donalda, Summer Village of Rochon Sands, and Summer Village of White Sands;

AND THAT the first Board of Directors be constituted as Janet Adam, Shaleah Fox, Allan Gano, Dan Hiller, Wade Hunter, Elaine Macdonald, and Leona Thorogood;

AND THAT the interim Chair of the Board of Directors be Allan Gano;

AND THAT Administration be authorized to provide a certified copy of this resolution and any required supporting municipal documentation for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs as part of the establishment process;

AND FURTHER THAT Council's approval of the establishment of the Heartland Regional Fire Commission does not constitute approval of the final member service agreement, operating cost allocation formula, annual requisition, capital contribution, debt, reserve contribution, service fees or other binding financial commitment, and that any such matter requiring municipal approval be returned to Council for consideration prior to execution or commitment.

MOTION CARRIED

7.4. RFD – Draft Boat Launch Preliminary Design Report – Options for Council Direction

Motion 26:09:10 Moved by Councillor Ashford that Council accept the September 16, 2026 WSP Boat Launch Preliminary Design Report as information and direct Administration to have WSP to comment on the durability of each option with seasonal the ice movement, timeline regulatory approvals and designs, funding options, funding commitments subject to further Council approval and possible public forum dates with the engineers present.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:11 Moved by Mayor Zembal to request being a delegation at the next County of Stettler Regular Council Meeting and provide our concepts at that meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:12 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to invite Bo Cassidy at the public forum, if he wishes to set up his own information session and receive feedback

MOTION CARRIED

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

8.1. Mayor Zembal (Verbal Report)

- Sign Meeting
  - Looked at options
  - More a sign maker than construction concept
  - Ms. Dawson is reaching out to sign makers and will bring back proposals
- BLIDP
  - Boat launches
    - Rochon Sands was rejected that the provincial boat launch
  - Sampling of water had no concerns. It will continue in the future and watch for trends
  - Wastewater systems plan
- SWMA
  - OH&S met and corrections needed to be made (Aug 11th)
    - Needed better documentation
    - Looking at CORE
  - Equipment expenses came up (regulatory requirement)
    - Budget items
  - Potential increase to requisitions

8.2. Councillor Thorogood (Verbal Report)

- Aug 24th No Stone Left Alone
- Aug 18th Parks and Rec Committee
- Aug 25th Special Meeting
- September 18th with Lorne Thurston, Lee Chapman
  - Additional replacement crosses
    - Budget at White Sands
  - Crosses at Memorial Drive
  - Lee Chapman committed to help out and will have others help out.
    - Erskine School to help, possibility school can create a program to put in large poppies on crosses

- Target date Oct 14th or 23rd to place crosses
- Chapman may be able to store in the future

Motion 26:09:13 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to approve up to $200 for cross replacements.

MOTION CARRIED

8.3. Councillor Ashford (Written Report)

Motion 26:09:14 Moved by Councillor Ashford will consider funding the IV pumps when it comes from a formal request from the Stettler District Ambulance Association (SDAA).

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:15 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the resignation of Kathy Schultz from the Parks & Recreation Committee. The position will be left vacant, and no action is required at this time.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:16 Moved by Councillor Ashford to approve to have an open house for Jack's Pond concepts with a budget up to $100.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:17 Moved by Councillor Ashford to the Parks & Recreation Committee to investigate pricing of purchasing & installing a bench by the post office boxes and bring back to the next council meeting for approval. As mended to approve up to $400 from Parks and Recs Reserves.

Mayor Zembal states he has a conflict of interest due to a family connection to the business and is abstaining from voting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:18 Moved by Councillor Ashford to direct administration to investigate the repairs for tennis court fencing identified in the September 8th Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:19 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept the council reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

9. <u>CAO Reports</u>

9.1. Council Resolution Action List & CAO Report

Motion 26:09:20 Moved by Councillor Thorogood fix the well at Jack's Pond electrical issue, install a lockable switch and a 120V exterior reciprocal.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 26:09:21 Moved by Councillor Ashford to accept the CAO reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Zembal calls for a recess at 12:25 PM.
Mayor Zembal calls the meeting back at 12:30 PM.

10. Financial Reports:

- **10.1. Council Revenue and Expenditures as of August 31, 2026**
- **10.2. Capital Revenue and Expenditures as of August 31, 2026**
- **10.3. Bank Reconciliation as of July 31, 2026**
- **10.4. Tax Trial Balance (Debit Balance) as of September 2, 2026**

Motion 26:09:22 Motion by Councillor Ashford to approve 10.1 to 10.4. Financial reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

11. Correspondence

- **11.1.** Proposed Changes to Cell Tower Siting Process – ASVA
- **11.2.** TEC Municipal Engagement Response

Motion 26:09:23 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to have administration investigate some dates to book with Stuart Richardson.

MOTION CARRIED

- **11.3.** Fire Commission Advertisement – August 27, 2026
- **11.4.** Alberta Municipal Public Participation Comparison Summary
- **11.5.** Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise – SREMA
- **11.6.** Response Recreation Boating – BLIDP
- **11.7.** Comparison of Preliminary 2027 EA to Current 2026 EA
- **11.8.** Resident Research Letter – B. Cassidy - Boat Launch Alternative Information
- **11.9.** Resident Letter – J. Peelar – Re: Dust Control

Motion 26:09:24 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to have administration to respond to J. Peelar's letter that Council will investigate the product used for dust abatement for 2027.

MOTION CARRIED

- **11.10.** Climate Risk Assessment & Climate Adaption Plan Decision Letter

Motion 26:09:25 Moved by Councillor Thorogood to accept Correspondence as information.

MOTION CARRIED

12. Closed Meeting Session: None

13. Adjournment

Motion 26:09:26 Moved by Mayor Zembal adjourns the meeting at 12:46 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Council Meeting is @ October 19, 2026, 9:30 am. Public Welcome.

Original Signed
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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer