

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Piney held on Wednesday, October 15th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, Vassar, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve:	Wayne Anderson
Councillors:	Ken Prociw (Ward 1)
	Dale Edbom (Ward 2)
	David Beaudry (Ward 3)
	Mark Bernard (Ward 4)

Recording Secretary: Martin Van Osch, Chief Administrative Officer

Reeve Wayne Anderson took the chair at 10:00 A.M. and called the meeting to order.

<u>1. Approve Amended Agenda</u>	Resolution 639
<u>Resolution No. 639</u>	

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw	Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the regular meeting amended agenda. Carried

2. Minutes

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| a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 23 rd , 2025 | Resolution 640 |
| b) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on
October 1 st , 2025 | Resolution 641 |
| c) Minutes of the Special Meeting on October 1 st , 2025 | Resolution 642 |

Resolution No. 640

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom	Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on September 23rd, 2025 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 641

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw	Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 1st, 2025 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 642

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom	Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of October 1st, 2025 are hereby adopted. Carried

3. Delegations: N/A

4. Cheques & Online Payments

Resolution 643

Resolution No. 643

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw	Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom
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WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending October 15, 2025 have been found to be in order;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques no's. 20250436 to 20250487 amounting to \$288,935.23 be approved for payment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT online payments amounting to \$34,844.84 be approved for payment. Carried

5. Council Indemnities: September 2025

Resolution 644

Resolution No. 644

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom	Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw
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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council's Indemnities submitted during the Regular Meeting be paid as presented. Carried

6. CAO Attendance Report for the month of September 2025

Resolution 645

Resolution No. 645

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney approve as submitted the Chief Administrative Officer attendance report for the period of September 2025.

Carried

7. Financial Statement:

a) September 30th, 2025

Resolution 646

Resolution No. 646

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the period ending September 30th, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

8. By-Law & Policies: N/A

9. Unfinished Business:

a) Board of Revision

Resolution 647/648

Resolution No. 647

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assessment on the following rolls for the Assessment Year 2026 be as follows:

0039000.000 Be Confirmed
0045600.000 Be Confirmed
0053500.000 Be Changed to \$82,300
0170100.000 Be Confirmed
0045800.000 Be Confirmed

Carried

Resolution No. 648

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Assessment on Roll No. 0157900.000 for the Assessment Year 2026 be changed to \$130,200.00.

Carried

10. General Business:

- a) Council Meeting Changes to November 11th and November 25th
- b) Sandilands Community Club Third Extension Request
- c) RM Office Holiday Closure

Resolution 649

Resolution 650

Resolution 651

Resolution No. 649

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney are moving the Regular Council Meetings scheduled for November 11th and November 25th, 2025 to Wednesday, November 12th, 2025 and Monday, November 24th, 2025;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meetings will be held at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers in Vassar, Manitoba.

Carried

Resolution No. 650

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

WHEREAS the Sandilands Community Club was previously granted a secondary extension for the 2024 Cultural and Community Identity Grant, 'Community Signage Project', to be completed by September 30th, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the Sandilands Community Club has not been able to secure the final approval for permits to complete the signage project in the extended timeline and is requesting a third grant extension;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney Council approve this third and final request to extend the 2024 Cultural and Community Identity Grant 'Community Signage Project' for the Sandilands Community Club, to now be completed by October 30th, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 651

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney close the Municipal Administration Office in Vassar, Manitoba from December 24, 2025 to January 2nd, 2026.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney office will resume regular operations on January 5th, 2026. Carried

11. Correspondence:

a) Federal Government Plan: Canada Post Corporation Review

Resolution 652

b) 2024 Deficit Recovery

Resolution 653

Resolution No. 652

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced a planned Canada Post Corporation Review from October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 as follows: "Notionally, public consultations may be undertaken to consider the Canadian Postal Service Charter (2009) and to get a pulse on Canadians' needs and use of the postal service. Should engagement be necessary, the goal would be obtain [sic] views from Canadians and stakeholders to redefine the government's service-oriented vision for Canada Post, in a context where the postal industry landscape has changed, the needs of Canadians have evolved, and the volume of mail and letters has declined significantly to the point where Canada Post's sustainability has been undermined";

WHEREAS the current plan does not ensure that there will be any public consultation or engagement with all stakeholders, and the process and terms of reference for the mandate review have yet to be announced;

WHEREAS the recent Industrial Inquiry Commission report recommended service cuts in the form of post office closures and the reintroduction of the community mailbox conversion plans of the last Federal Conservative government;

WHEREAS it will be crucial for the mandate review to hear the views from municipalities on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, improving postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure that good jobs stay in their communities and that Canada Post can remain financially self-sustaining;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Piney formally writes the Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Joël Lightbound, to demand that no mandate review takes place until Canada Post returns to stabilized operations, until the full impact of the stamp price increase is realized, and until parcel volumes reflect sectoral demand;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Piney will include in its letter to Minister Lightbound that any review of Canada Post and the Canadian Postal Service Charter must be done through a full and thorough transparent public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Piney will make a written submission and/or participate in hearings to provide input in the upcoming mandate review of Canada Post.

Carried

Resolution No. 653

Moved By Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

WHEREAS the 2024 Audit has identified a deficit in the 2024 Audited Financial Statement;

WHEREAS Section 165 Subsection 1 of the Manitoba Municipal Act, states that the Rural Municipality of Piney is notifying the Department of Municipal and Northern Relations of a deficit incurred in the fiscal year 2024, as outlined in our audited financial statements;

WHEREAS the deficit is a result of a cornerstone investment of a long-term growth strategy and is expected to significantly enhance the economic stability and viability of the municipality over the next 15 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the municipality will utilize available Nominal Surplus funds and implement subsequent taxation measures in the 2025 fiscal year. Carried

a) Acceptance into the 2025 Wildfire Disaster Financial Assistance Program	Noted
b) DFA Webinars	Noted
c) AMBM AGM October 23 rd	Noted
d) Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District AGM November 17 th	Noted
e) Manitoba Health Response Letter	Noted
f) Property Assessment Services Information on 2026 Assessment Notices	Noted
g) Request for a Formal Cemetery Committee	Noted

a) RM Recycling	Noted
b) Contractor Operations	Noted

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney next Regular Meeting be held on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chamber, Vassar, Manitoba. Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting be adjourned, time 12:30 P.M. Carried

Chief Administrative Officer
(Subject to errors and omissions)