

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Piney held on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, Vassar, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve: Wayne Anderson  
Councillors: Ken Prociw (Ward 1)  
Dale Edbom (Ward 2 Via Video Conference)  
David Beaudry (Ward 3)

Recording Secretary: Martin Van Osch, Chief Administrative Officer

Reeve Wayne Anderson took the chair at 10:03 A.M. and called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Amended Agenda Resolution 87  
Resolution No. 87

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the regular meeting amended agenda. Carried

2. Minutes

- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Resolution 88
- b) Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Resolution 89
- c) Minutes of the Special Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Resolution 90

Resolution No. 88

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 89

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 are hereby adopted. Carried

Resolution No. 90

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 are hereby adopted. Carried

3. Delegations: N/A

4. Cheques & Online Payments

Resolution 91

Resolution No. 91

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending April 13, 2026 have been found to be in order;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques no's. 20260159 to 20260183 amounting to \$225,909.52 be approved for payment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT online payments amounting to \$33,733.05 be approved for payment. Carried

5. Council Indemnities: March 2026

Resolution 92

Resolution No. 92

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

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 March 2026

Resolution 93

Resolution No. 93

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney approve as submitted the Chief Administrative Officer attendance report for the month of March 2026. Carried

7. Financial Statement:

a) March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Financial Statement

Resolution 94

Resolution No. 94

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statement for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 be adopted as circulated. Carried

8. By-Law & Policies: N/A

9. Unfinished Business: N/A

10. General Business:

a) Transfer of Rebate Agreement for 35 Sandhill Drive in Sandilands Resolution 95

b) Appoint Senior Election Official Resolution 96

Resolution No. 95

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney approves transferring the Rebate Agreement for Lot 1, Block 4, Plan 69013, known as 35 Sandhill Drive, currently under Ivar and Laurie Riise, to the new landowner, 74291789 Manitoba Ltd. upon transfer of ownership. The original agreement expiry date of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028 will remain in effect. Carried

Resolution No. 96

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

WHEREAS Section 10(1) of the Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act requires each municipality to appoint a senior election official (SEO) who will be responsible to manage and conduct all aspects of municipal elections;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Martin Van Osch is hereby appointed to the position of SEO for the Rural Municipality of Piney. Carried

11. Correspondence:

a) PRCC Donation Request for Youth Entrepreneur Challenge Resolution 97

b) AMBM Annual Contribution Resolution 98

c) AMBM 3M Top Up Project Resolution 99

Resolution No. 97

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney provide a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Piney Regional Chamber of Commerce for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PRCC Youth Entrepreneur Challenge being held May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Carried

Resolution No. 98

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

WHEREAS the RM of Piney council adopted By-Law No. 155/2024, the By-Law Adopting the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) for Bilingualism by Resolution No. 159 on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney council accepts the contribution in the amount of \$7,500.00 to support the gradual improvement of our local administration's organizational infrastructure concerning the provision of municipal services in both official languages, including the implementation of By-Law No. 155/2024, the By-Law Adopting the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) for Bilingualism; Carried

Resolution No. 99

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Piney plays an essential role in the promotion, protection and strengthening of Canada's two official languages;

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Piney, together with all bilingual municipalities in Manitoba, represents nearly 80% of individuals able to communicate in both of Canada's official languages;

WHEREAS the Rural Municipality of Piney has undertaken formal and recognized commitments with respect to official languages, notably through the adoption of the regulatory framework of the Municipal Maturity Model (3M), pursuant to By-law No.155/2024, By-Law adopting the Municipal Maturity Model for Bilingualism, in accordance with municipal responsibilities and governmental policy directions;

WHEREAS the Government of Canada modernized the *Official Languages Act (OLA)* in 2023, and Part VII of the *Act* provides that federal institutions must take positive measures to support the development of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs), including by creating favourable conditions to encourage and support provinces, territories and municipalities in the delivery of services in both official languages;

WHEREAS the *Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) – Community Stream*, formerly the *Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF)*, constitutes a stable, predictable and indexed funding mechanism based on a per capita formula, aimed at strengthening municipal capacity to plan and carry out strategic investments, particularly in essential services and infrastructure;

WHEREAS the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) is a recognized government planning tool that strengthens the capacity of Manitoba's bilingual municipalities to improve the delivery of services in both official languages and to contribute in a tangible manner to the development of the Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs) they serve;

WHEREAS the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) enables the assessment of municipal progress in key areas, including infrastructure, land use planning, community services and economic development, using criteria adapted to the realities of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs), and is officially recognized by the Government of Manitoba as a territorial innovation lever fostering complementarity among the different orders of government in matters of official languages;

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM), in collaboration with the Government of Canada, proposes the development of a three-year targeted enhancement pilot program (2025–2028), distinct yet aligned with the structure of the *Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) – Community Stream*, in order to provide an additional financial lever exclusively for Manitoba's bilingual municipalities, and meeting the criteria for positive measures under Part VII of the *Official Languages Act (OLA)*;

WHEREAS this targeted enhancement would be allocated according to a simple, objective and equitable formula based on the proportion of the Francophone and bilingual population of each bilingual municipality in Manitoba, as determined by official Census of Population data;

WHEREAS the calculation of this additional funding would be as follows: *Base funding under the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) – Community Stream × Percentage of the municipality's Francophone and bilingual population = Enhanced funding amount*;

WHEREAS for the Rural Municipality of Piney, this targeted financial lever would represent an estimated total amount of \$36,023.82 under the pilot program, as detailed in the attached schedule;

WHEREAS aligning this targeted enhancement with the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) would support the continuous improvement of municipal services in both official languages, while responding in a structured manner to the specific needs of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs);

WHEREAS this pilot program constitutes a structuring mechanism to strengthen the capacity of Manitoba's bilingual municipalities to design and implement projects fostering vitality, prosperity and linguistic duality, particularly in areas such as core services, infrastructure, affordable housing, active transportation and land use planning;

WHEREAS Manitoba's bilingual municipalities, located along strategic economic and commercial corridors, are experiencing sustained demographic and economic growth—particularly among their Francophone and bilingual populations—and therefore play a key role in the competitiveness and industrial strategy of a strong Canada;

WHEREAS the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) provides a recognized government planning framework that enables Manitoba's bilingual municipalities to fully assume their role in local development, infrastructure planning and the implementation of initiatives with a direct impact on Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs), while aligning with the objectives of the *Prosperity Framework for Manitoba's Bilingual Municipalities*;

WHEREAS the *Prosperity Framework for Manitoba's Bilingual Municipalities* recommends optimizing the *Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) – Community Stream*, or any other financial mechanism, in order to maximize a measured, targeted and sustainable impact for the Official Language Minority Communities (OLMCs) served by bilingual municipalities;

WHEREAS this same framework also recommends the establishment of a stable and predictable long-term intergovernmental funding mechanism to support bilingual municipal services, grounded in the results of the Municipal Maturity Model (3M) and recognizing both investments already made and the ongoing progress achieved in the active offer of bilingual services;

WHEREAS Manitoba's bilingual municipalities, including the Rural Municipality of Piney, invest significantly to maintain and enhance the quality of municipal services delivered in both official languages, making official bilingualism a strategic lever for development and service quality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Piney fully supports the targeted enhancement pilot program proposed by the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM), aligned with the implementation of the Municipal Maturity Model (3M), and aimed at equitably enhancing funding for Manitoba's bilingual municipalities based on their Francophone and bilingual population;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Piney formally requests the support and accompaniment of the Association of Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (AMBM) in order to pursue, in collaboration with the Governments of Canada and Manitoba, the steps required to develop, structure and implement the said targeted enhancement pilot program, based on an existing or new financial mechanism, exclusively for Manitoba's bilingual municipalities that have adopted the Municipal Maturity Model (3M). Carried

12. Correspondence for Information only:

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| a) Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure Wildfire Seminars | Noted |
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13. General Discussion:

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| a) Bill 21 – The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act | Noted |
| b) Dust Control and Speed Zones near St. Labre       | Noted |
| c) 2026 Forest Tours                                 | Noted |
| d) Road Conditions                                   | Noted |
| e) 14N Dead End Road Sign                            | Noted |
| f) Sign Inventory                                    | Noted |

14. In Camera:

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| a) Legal Matters | Resolution 100/101 |
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Resolution No. 100

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Piney meet in Camera during a Regular Meeting to discuss Legal Matters, time 11:30 A.M. and further all matters are held in confidence as per section 18.9 of Procedure By-Law No. 129/2018. Carried

Resolution No. 101

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council return from the in Camera session and the meeting resume, time 11:41 A.M. Carried

15. Next Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 102

Resolution No. 102

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney next Regular Meeting be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers in Vassar, Manitoba. Carried

15. Adjournment

Resolution 103

Resolution No. 103

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting be adjourned, time 11:43 A.M. Carried

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Head of Council

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Chief Administrative Officer  
(Subject to errors and omissions)