

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the R.M. of Piney held on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers, Vassar, Manitoba.

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

Recording Secretary: Candace Hiebert, Project Lead

Reeve Wayne Anderson took the chair at 10:01 A.M. and called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Amended Agenda Resolution 134

Resolution No. 134

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

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

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Resolution 135

Resolution No. 135

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 are hereby adopted. Carried

3. Delegations: N/A

4. Cheques & Online Payments

Resolution 136

Resolution No. 136

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

WHEREAS the accounts of the RM of Piney for the period ending May 26, 2026 have been found to be in order;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT general cheques no's. 20260235, 20260237 to 20260239, 20260241 to 20260244, 20260246, 20260248 to 20260260 amounting to \$38,521.72 be approved for payment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT online payments amounting to \$50,736.02 be approved for payment. Carried

5. Council Indemnities: N/A

6. Financial Statement: N/A

7. By-Law & Policies:

a) Fire Prevention and Emergency Services By-Law 153/2026 -  
Second and Third Readings

Resolution 137

Resolution No. 137

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney gives second and third readings to By-Law #153/2026 "A By-Law of the Rural Municipality of Piney to provide for fire fighting, fire prevention, rescue services, the related regulation of fire and other hazards, the adoption of the fires prevention and emergency response act, and for establishing, continuing, and operating an emergency service for the municipality".

	For	Against	Abstain	Absent	
Councillor K. Prociw	<u>X</u>	---	---	---	
Councillor D. Edbom	<u>X</u>	---	---	---	
Councillor D. Beaudry	<u>X</u>	---	---	---	
Councillor M. Bernard	<u>X</u>	---	---	---	
Reeve W. Anderson	<u>X</u>	---	---	---	Carried

8. Unfinished Business:

- a) Burn Ban Noted

9. General Business:

- a) Conditional Use/Variance Order for 24ft Storage Container in Sandilands Resolution 138  
b) Exclusive Listing Contract for Lot 2 Block 3 Plan 16331 in Menisino Resolution 139  
c) Godlewski Conditional Use Renewal: Hobby Farm in Residential Area Resolution 140  
d) Rescheduling July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 COTW Meeting Resolution 141  
e) Summer Council Meeting Resolution 141  
f) Road Restrictions Resolution 142  
g) AMM June District Meeting Resolution 143

Resolution No. 138

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney Council approves the Conditional Use for 82 Sandilands Drive in Sandilands, Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 69013, to allow a twenty-four (24) foot storage container to be placed on the subject property;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the conditional use have the following conditions:

1. The exterior of the storage container must be painted one color or finished with siding, within 90 days of placement on the property.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney Council approves the Variance Order for 82 Sandilands Drive in Sandilands, Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 69013, to vary the frontage requirement of 125 feet to 88 feet. Carried

Resolution No. 139

Moved by Councillor Dave Beaudry

Seconded by Councillor Mark Bernard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney enter an exclusive listing contract with Delta Real Estate, for Lot 2 Block 3 Plan 16331 in Menisino, Manitoba, Roll No. 163000;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list price is set according to lot size, as outlined in the agreement and does not include G.S.T. and applicable costs; offers received below the set list price will not be accepted;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the listing contract will run from May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Carried

Resolution No. 140

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney Council renew the Conditional Use for 83 Main Street in South Junction, MB known as Lot 3 Block 7816 in NE 15-1-13 EPM to add a hobby farm in a General Development area.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the conditional use have the following conditions:

1. Livestock to include only domestic broiler chickens;
2. Permitted livestock to a maximum of a hundred (100) domestic broiler chickens;
3. Broiler chickens may only be kept from May 26<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year;
4. No adult roosters will be permitted;
5. All dead chickens will be disposed of and buried off the property and outside of any settlement centre;
6. The approval is for three years, with an opportunity to renew by resolution for an additional term as determined by council; Carried

Resolution No. 141

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney move the Regular council meeting from Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and move the Committee of the Whole Meeting from Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, and cancel the July 28<sup>th</sup>, and August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Council Meetings. Carried

Resolution No. 142

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney lift all Road Restrictions as of Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, that were passed by Resolution No. 69 on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Carried

Resolution No. 143

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard

Seconded by Councillor Dave Beaudry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney authorize Council and the Acting CAO to attend the AMM 2026 Eastern District Meeting at the St. Clements Activity Centre in Narol, Manitoba on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney absorb all out of pocket expenses to attend. Carried

10. Correspondence:

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| a) AMBM Leadership Meeting June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2026   | Resolution 144             |
| b) Bill 21 – The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act  | Resolution 145             |
| c) June District Resolutions  | Resolutions 146/147<br>148 |
| d) Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators<br>Annual Conference June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | Resolution 149             |

Resolution No. 144

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney authorize David Beaudry to attend the Manitoba Bilingual Municipal Leadership Meeting: Our Bilingual Advantage AMBM meeting on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00pm to 4:30pm at the Rural Municipality of Alexander (Saint-Georges);

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney spokesperson for this event be Martin Van Osch;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney absorb all out of pocket expenses to attend. Carried

Resolution no. 145

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

WHEREAS Bill 21, The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act, allows a Director to classify water sources as private, semi-public, or public and assign responsibility;

AND WHEREAS such classification may impose significant administrative, operational, and financial obligations on municipalities and landowners;

AND WHEREAS many water sources within the Rural Municipality of Piney, including artesian wells and community access points, were not designed or intended to function as regulated drinking water systems;

AND WHEREAS the proposed legislation allows unilateral designation without clear requirements for system design suitability, municipal consultation, or cost responsibility;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Piney formally opposes Bill 21, The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act, in its current form;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council calls on the Province of Manitoba to amend or withdraw Bill 21 to ensure that:

1. Classification is based on system design and capability;
2. Municipalities are meaningfully consulted prior to designation; and
3. Responsibility is not imposed without appropriate support or compensation; Carried

Resolution No. 146

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

WHEREAS Bill 21, The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act, allows a Director to classify water sources as private, semi-public, or public and assign responsibility;

WHEREAS such classification may impose significant administrative, operational, and financial obligations on municipalities and landowners;

WHEREAS many water sources within rural municipalities were not designed or intended to function as regulated drinking water systems;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) advocate on behalf of its members in opposition to Bill 21, The Drinking Water Safety Amendment Act, in its current form;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT AMM urge the Province of Manitoba to amend or withdraw Bill 21 to ensure that:

1. classification is based on system design and capability;
  2. municipalities are meaningfully consulted prior to designation; and
  3. responsibility is not imposed without appropriate support or compensation;
- Carried

Resolution No. 147

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

WHEREAS Cellular service is essential infrastructure for public safety, economic activity, and access to emergency services, particularly in rural and remote areas;

AND WHEREAS cellular coverage across rural Manitoba remains inadequate, leaving large geographic areas without reliable service and creating significant safety risks for residents and travelers;

AND WHEREAS limited cellular connectivity places first responders at a disadvantage by restricting communication and response capabilities during emergencies;

AND WHEREAS Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) implementation relies on modern telecommunications networks, increasing the urgency for expanded cellular infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has invested significantly in broadband expansion, while comparable dedicated funding for cellular network expansion has not been provided at the same scale;

AND WHEREAS equitable access to reliable cellular service is necessary to ensure rural Canadians have the same level of safety and opportunity as urban residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) lobby the Government of Canada and work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to establish dedicated federal funding for the expansion of cellular infrastructure in rural and underserved areas;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT such funding be provided at a level equal to or greater than federal funding for broadband and internet connectivity programs;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the federal government, in partnership with the CRTC, prioritize policies and investments that accelerate reliable cellular coverage across rural Canada;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT all levels of government and telecommunications providers collaborate to ensure timely expansion of cellular service in underserved regions. Carried

Resolution No. 148

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw

Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

WHEREAS under The Highway Traffic Act and associated regulations in Manitoba, municipal fire apparatus are currently classified as commercial vehicles based on vehicle weight and design; and

WHEREAS this classification subjects municipal fire vehicles to the same Periodic Mandatory Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) requirements as commercial transport vehicles; and

WHEREAS municipal fire apparatus are purpose-built emergency response vehicles and are not used for commercial transport purposes, unlike other regulated commercial vehicles such as trucks and freight carriers; and

WHEREAS many municipal fire vehicles accumulate very low annual mileage, often well below 5,000 kilometers per year, due to their limited and emergency-only use; and

WHEREAS municipalities, as a level of government, already maintain high internal standards of fleet maintenance and safety oversight, ensuring vehicles are always kept in safe operating condition; and

WHEREAS fire apparatus are designed, maintained, and operated in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, which in many cases exceed provincial vehicle safety requirements; and

WHEREAS the cost of annual or semi-annual safety inspections represents a significant financial burden to municipalities, particularly smaller rural municipalities with limited tax bases; and

WHEREAS funds expended on mandatory vehicle safety for fire apparatus reduce available resources for critical priorities such as:

- firefighter training
- acquisition of protective equipment
- operational readiness and response capabilities

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has already established precedent for exemptions from periodic mandatory inspections for certain vehicle classes, including farm vehicles and trailers, recognizing differences in usage and operational context;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) advocate to the Province of Manitoba to amend the relevant regulations under The Highway Traffic Act to:

1. Provide an exemption, or establish a modified inspection framework, for municipal fire apparatus and emergency response vehicles from standard PMVI requirements; or
2. Create a separate classification for municipal emergency vehicles that reflects:
  - their limited annual mileage
  - their specialized design and operational purpose
  - existing NFPA-compliant maintenance practices

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, fire service representatives, and industry experts to develop an appropriate, risk-based inspection model that maintains public safety while reducing regulatory and financial burden. Carried

Resolution No. 149

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom

Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney authorize Candace Hiebert to attend the Manitoba Association of Municipal Emergency Coordinators (MAMEC) Annual Conference on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Canad Inn Destination Centre Polo Park;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the RM of Piney absorb all out of pocket expenses to attend. Carried

11. Correspondence for Information Only:

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| a) RM of Reynolds June District Resolutions         | Noted |
| b) Support Request for Historical Book on Woodridge | Noted |
| c) 2026 Board of Revision Dates                     | Noted |

12. General Discussion:

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| a) FCM Itinerary                     | Discussed |
| b) Short Term Rentals Update         | Discussed |
| c) CBC French Radio – Housing Survey | Discussed |
| d) Public Works Truck                | Discussed |
| e) SECSC – Sprague Assisted Living   | Discussed |

13. In - Camera

- a) Legal Matters Resolutions 150/151

Resolution No. 150

Moved by Councillor Ken Prociw Seconded by Councillor Dale Edbom

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Piney meet in Camera during a Regular Meeting to discuss Legal Matters, time 2:25 P.M. and further all matters are held in confidence as per section 18.9 of Procedure By-Law No. 129/2018. Carried

Resolution No. 151

Moved by Dale Edbom Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVE THAT the Council return from the in Camera session and the meeting resume, time 2:33 P.M. Carried

14. Next Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 152

Resolution No. 152

Moved by Councillor Mark Bernard Seconded by by Councillor Dave Beaudry

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

15. Adjournment

Resolution 153

Resolution No. 153

Moved by Councillor Dale Edbom Seconded by Councillor Ken Prociw

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting be adjourned, time 2:34 P.M. Carried

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Head of Council

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Chief Administrative Officer  
(Subject to errors and omissions)