

The regular meeting of Council of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 was held in the Municipal Administration Building, Wainwright, Alberta on Tuesday, September 16th, 2025 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Reeve Mike Wildeboer, Councillors Oscar Buck, Richard Waddell, Robin Leighton, Bruce Cummins, Bill Lawson and Bob Barss. Staff present: Municipal Administrator Kelly Buchinski, Assistant Municipal Administrator Neil Loonen, from 9:00 a.m. to end and Director of Finance Tyson Boomhower, and Sukie Su from the Edge from 9:00 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. and Computer and Information Analyst Stephen Atkins, Municipal Intern Blake Jolliffe from 9:00 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. and then from 12:05 p.m. to end.

The public is in attendance via virtual means.

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Wildeboer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Reeve Wildeboer is in the Chair

This is the official record for the proceedings.

- 310.25

Moved by Clr. Leighton that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED
- 311.25

Moved by Clr. Waddell that the agenda be adopted as amended with the following changes:

Additions:

Agricultural Service Department:
c. Agricultural Service Disaster

Closed Session:
3. Land and Legal Discussion

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 312.25

Moved by Clr. Waddell that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED
- 313.25

Moved by Clr. Lawson that the minutes of the Council Meeting held August 19th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED
- 314.25

Moved by Clr. Buck that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held September 9th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Agriculture Service Department

Agricultural Fieldman, Shelby Oracheski, and Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Kaitlin Hirsekorn, attended the meeting from 9:02 a.m. to 9:20 a.m. and reported to Council on the activities of the Agricultural Services Department for the past month.

- 315.25

Moved by Clr. Cummins that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve the Agricultural Fieldman’s report as presented.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Agricultural Fieldman regarding the Northeast Regional ASB Conference attendance.

- 316.25 Moved by Clr. Barss that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize additional Councillors to attend the Northeast Regional ASB Conference hosted by Minburn County on November 3rd, 2025 at the Vegreville Social Center.

CARRIED

- 317.25 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 declare an Agricultural Emergency for the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61.

DEFEATED

- 318.25 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 engage with the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to highlight the dry pasture conditions in the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 and advocate for enhanced support in the upcoming year.

CARRIED

Public Works, Transportation, Utilities & Safety

The Director of Public Works, Preston Iverson, and the Director of Safety, Ray Morrison, attended the meeting from 9:21 a.m. to 9:47 a.m. The Directors reported on the activities of their departments for the past month.

- 319.25 Moved by Clr. Waddell that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve the Director of Public Works report as presented.

CARRIED

- 320.25 Moved by Clr. Lawson that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve the Director of Safety's report as presented including the Safety Management Meeting minutes.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Director of Public Works regarding Bridge File 70948 and Bridge File 70949 Unofficial Results.

- 321.25 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize Plains Constructors Canada to complete the construction work for Bridge File 70948 and Bridge File 70949 for a total cost of \$1,196,833.00 plus all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Recreation & Community Services

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the 2025 Runnin' Riverdale event.

- 322.25 Moved by Clr. Leighton that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 host the "Runnin' Riverdale" Cross County Race on September 23rd, 2025 and to use the Back 9 of the golf course at Riverdale from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. further that we authorize the use of three golf carts, all subject to proper insurance being in place and furthermore that we authorize the closing of the Back 9 for this event.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the Municipal Electricity Generation (MEG) Program Expression of Interest.

323.25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 obtain a quote from an installer and submit an Expression of Interest to the MEG Program to assess the feasibility of solar projects at the Riverdale Mini-Park and Arm Lake Recreational Area

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Catherine Peirce from the Battle River Watershed Alliance attended the Council Meeting from 9:48 a.m. to 10:21 a.m. to update Council on the work of the organization, learn more about the sustainability efforts we have initiated, and to discuss the shared priorities between the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 and the Battle River Watershed Alliance.

Scott Walker, Chair of Kidsport Wainwright, attended the Council Meeting from 10:25 a.m. to 10:27 a.m. to accept a cheque presentation from the RMA District 5 Charity Golf Tournament on behalf of the Municipal District of Wainwright and Council for a total amount of \$20,863.39.

Finance

324.25 Moved by Clr. Leighton that the accounts recorded on the attached list in the amount of \$1,471,840.76 covered by the following be approved and paid and that payroll payments as per the attached list totaling \$423,922.89 covered by EFTs be ratified.

Payment Type	Numbers	Total
Direct Debits	00033-0001 to 00033-0014	\$ 295,673.24
Cheques	89181 to 89229	\$ 352,562.93
EFT's	00031-0001, 00032-0001 to 00032-0018, and 00034-0001 to 00034-0073	\$ 832,604.59

CARRIED

325.25 Moved by Clr. Buck that the financial statement of receipts and disbursements for the month ending August 31st, 2025 be adopted as written and incorporated into these minutes.

CARRIED

A copy of the reserve statement as of August 31st, 2025 was received and distributed to Council.

Administration & Taxation

A copy of the monthly status report was received and distributed to Council.

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the Recycle Collection Agreement Renewals for the Villages of Irma, Edgerton and Chauvin.

326.25 Moved by Clr. Waddell that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 renew the Recycle Collection Agreements with the Villages of Irma, Edgerton and Chauvin for one (1) year from October 1st, 2025 to September 30th, 2026 for a total cost of \$6,600.00.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the appointment of an Access to Information Coordinator and Privacy Officer for the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61.

327.25

Moved by Clr. Lawson that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 appoint the Assistant Municipal Administrator as the Access to Information Coordinator and the Privacy Officer and further the position be delegated all the responsibilities and tasks as noted in the attachment to the RFD.

CARRIED

A copy of the RMA Member Bulletins was received and distributed to Council.

Protection to Persons and Property

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the Purchase of a Rescue Tender for the Edgerton Fire Area.

328.25

Moved by Clr. Waddell that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize the purchase of a rescue tender from Fort Garry Industries, the cost share arrangement of 75% M.D. and 25% the Village of Edgerton and deposits required for an approximate total cost of \$638,980.00 plus all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Municipal Property

Health & Social Services

Environment

Bylaws

Bylaw No. 1718 – A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61, in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of authorizing the removal of one (1) Texas Gates across a Municipal Road.

329.25

Moved by Clr. Waddell that Bylaw No. 1718 pass the first reading.

CARRIED

330.25

Moved by Clr. Cummins that Bylaw No. 1718 pass the second reading.

CARRIED

331.25

Moved by Clr. Lawson that Bylaw No. 1718 proceed to the third and final reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

332.25

Moved by Clr. Buck that Bylaw No. 1718 pass the third and final reading.

CARRIED

Development

The Director of Development Services, Dana Smith, attended the meeting from 10:59 a.m. to 11:03 a.m. to report to Council on the activities of the Development Department for the past month.

333.25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the Director of Development Services report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Director of Development Services regarding the Gravel Pit Activity Expansion located at SE 13-46-04 W4M.

334.25 Moved by Clr. Barss that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve the estimate for Bear North Consulting Ltd. to respond to the Supplemental Information Requests for an approximate total cost of up to \$9,000.00 plus all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

PAYSHEETS

335.25 Moved by Clr. Lawson that the paysheets be approved as presented.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

336.25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the following Committee Reports be accepted as presented: Wainwright Seed Cleaning Plant, Edgerton Seed Cleaning Plant, Family & Community Services, Battle River Foundation, Wainwright Landfill, East Central E911, Community Health Foundation, Ambulance, Northern Lights Library Systems, and Wainwright Economic Development Board.

CLOSED SESSION

337.25 Moved by Clr. Lawson that Council move to a closed session to discuss privileged information as per Access to Information Act (ATIA) Section (19) (1) (c) (i) – Contract Negotiation, Section (4) – Personnel and Section (19) (1) (b) – Land and Legal Discussion at 11:09 a.m. as per Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act 2000 and amendments.

CARRIED

338.25 Moved by Clr. Buck that Council reconvene to the open meeting at 12:05 p.m. as per Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act 2000 and amendments.

CARRIED

339.25 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 retain Day Enterprise Ltd. to complete the Phase III Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) – demolition and reclamation at the former Wainwright Chemical Container Collection Site located at pt. SW 28-44-6 W4M for a total cost of \$22,800.00 plus applicable taxes and furthermore, that the contract be extended to June 30th, 2026 should it be deemed necessary and the price be honored.

CARRIED

340.25 Moved by Clr. Cummins that this meeting be adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Reeve

Municipal Administrator

Assistant Municipal Administrator

(½ day)