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 15th, 2026 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Reeve Mike Wildeboer, Councillors Oscar Buck, Richard Waddell, Robin Leighton, Bruce Cummins and Shaun Rue. Staff present: Municipal Administrator Kelly Buchinski from 9:00 a.m. to end, Assistant Municipal Administrator Neil Loonen, and Computer and Information Analyst Stephen Atkins, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 11:31 a.m. to end, and Director of Finance Tyson Boomhower, and Sukie Su from the Star Edge from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Absent: Councillor Garnet MacKay

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.

304.26 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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

Additions:

3. Recreation & Community Services

    b. Surface Mounts for Riverdale Solar Arrays.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

306.26 Moved by Clr. Rue that the minutes of the Council Meeting held August 18th, 2026 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 9:08 a.m. and reported to Council on the activities of the Agricultural Services Department for the past month.

307.26 Moved by Clr. Buck 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 Assistant Agricultural Fieldman regarding the 2026 Bursary Recipients.

308.26 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve Ryan Trefiak as the $1,000.00 2026 Agricultural Service Board Bursary recipient, Everett Campbell as the $1,000.00 2026 Education Bursary recipient, and Destiny Fuder as the $1,000.00 2026 Staff Bursary recipient.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Agricultural Fieldman regarding the Predator Reduction Incentive Program.

309.26 Moved by Clr. Leighton that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize the continuation of the Predator Reduction Incentive Program for the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 with the same conditions as approved in motion 47.26, with the program running from October 1st to April 30th yearly.

CARRIED

Public Works, Transportation, Utilities & Safety

The Director of Public Works, Preston Iverson, attended the meeting from 9:08 a.m. to 9:26 a.m. The Director of Safety, Ray Morrison, attended the meeting from 9:08 a.m. to 9:58 a.m. The Directors reported on the activities of their departments for the past month.

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

CARRIED

311.26 Moved by Clr. Rue that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve the Director of Safety's report as presented.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the Irma Walking Trail.

312.26 Moved by Clr. Leighton that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 send a letter of support to the Irma Wildlife Society for the walking trail project.

CARRIED

Recreation

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Director of Safety regarding the 2026 Runnin' Riverdale event.

313.26 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 host the "Runnin' Riverdale" Cross County Race on September 22nd, 2026 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 Director of Safety regarding the Surface Mounts for Riverdale Solar Arrays.

314.26 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize the M.D. of Wainwright to change the work scope to surface mounts for the solar array at the Riverdale Site, with the increase in cost being approximately $17,185.00 plus all applicable taxes.

CARRIED

Finance

315.26 Moved by Clr. Waddell that the accounts recorded on the attached list in the amount of $3,195,132.67 covered by the following be approved and paid and that payroll payments as per the attached list totaling $436,497.68 covered by EFTs be ratified.

Payment Type	Numbers	Total	
Direct Debits	82-0001 to 82-0014	$	321,411.35
Cheques	89667 to 89672, and 89674 to 89707	$	393,860.64
EFT's	80-0001 to 80-0017, 81-001 to 81-0082	$	2,479,860.68

CARRIED

316.26 Moved by Clr. Buck that the financial statement of receipts and disbursements for the month ending August 31st, 2026 be adopted as written and incorporated into these minutes.

CARRIED

A copy of the reserve statement as of August 31st, 2026 was received and distributed to Council.

DELEGATION Robert Carey and Christina Harvey, attended the Council meeting to discuss the Riverdale campground from 9:26 a.m. to 9:58 a.m.

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.

317.26 Moved by Clr. Buck 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, 2026 to September 30th, 2027 for a total cost of $6,600.00.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the Alberta Community Partnership Grant.

318.26 Moved by Clr. Cummins that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize administration to apply for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant, for the Intermunicipal Collaboration category, for a community Health focused working group, with the Town of Wainwright, Village of Irma, Village of Edgerton, and Village of Chauvin.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding Grazing Lease Renewals.

319.26 Moved by Clr. Waddell that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 authorize administration to renew the two grazing leases at three parcels located at PT NW & SE 18-43-3 W4M (120 acres and 105 acres) and Pt NW 18-43-3 W4M (9 acres) for a three year term.

CARRIED

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

Protection to Persons and Property

Municipal Property

Health & Social Services

Bylaws

Bylaw No. 1728 – A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the procedure of Meetings by Electronic Means as per the Municipal Government Act. No Action.

The Director of Development Services, Dana Smith, and the Assistant Director of Development Services, Blake Jolliffe attended the meeting from 10:50 a.m. to 10:51 a.m.

Bylaw No. 1732 – A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 in the Province of Alberta, for the purpose of closing public travel and disposing of portions of a public highway in accordance with Section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M26.1, Revised Statues of Alberta, 2000, as amended.

320.26 Moved by Clr. Cummins that Bylaw No. 1732 pass the second reading.
CARRIED

321.26 Moved by Clr. Waddell that Bylaw No. 1732 pass the third and final reading.
CARRIED

Bylaw No. 1734 – A Bylaw of the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61, in the Province of Alberta, authorizing the erection or removal of “Stop” signs for traffic control at a designated location.

322.26 Moved by Clr. Waddell that Bylaw No. 1734 pass the first reading.
CARRIED

323.26 Moved by Clr. Rue that Bylaw No. 1734 pass the second reading.
CARRIED

324.26 Moved by Clr. Leighton that Bylaw No. 1734 proceed to the third and final reading at this meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

325.26 Moved by Clr. Cummins that Bylaw No. 1734 pass the third and final reading.
CARRIED

Environment

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding the Garbage Bin Supply Request.

326.26 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 purchase 24 three-yard bins with plastic lids from Environmental Metal Works Ltd. at an approximate cost of $28,824.00 plus all applicable taxes.
CARRIED

Development

The Director of Development Services, Dana Smith, and the Assistant Director of Development Services, Blake Jolliffe, attended the meeting from 10:53 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. to report to Council on the activities of the Development Department for the past month.

327.26 Moved by Clr. Buck that the Director of Development Services' report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

328.26 Moved by Clr. Rue 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 Society, Northern Lights Library Systems, and Wainwright Economic Development Board.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

329.26 Moved by Clr. Rue that Council move to a closed session to discuss privileged information as per the Access to Information Act (ATIA) Section 19 and Section 20 – Contract Negotiation and Agreement at 11:00 a.m. as per Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act 2000 and amendments.

CARRIED

330.26 Moved by Clr. Waddell that Council reconvene to the open meeting at 11:31 a.m. as per Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act 2000 and amendments.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding a Tax Penalty Cancellation.

331.26 Moved by Clr. Rue that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 take no action on Roll #245507's request.

CARRIED

A Request for Decision form was submitted by the Municipal Administrator regarding a Tax Penalty Cancellation.

332.26 Moved by Clr. Leighton that the Municipal District of Wainwright No. 61 approve a tax agreement for roll number's #2383000, 44370006, 44370016, 44370017, and 97880002.

CARRIED

333.26 Moved by Clr. Waddell that this meeting be adjourned at 11:34 a.m.
CARRIED

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Reeve

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Municipal Administrator

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Assistant Municipal Administrator

(½ day)