

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Carrot River held on the
21st day of April 2026, in the Carrot River Council Chambers**

Present:

Mayor Carrie Neigel

Councillors:

Donald R. Anthony

Chris Bergen

Kendall Friske

Neal Wasko

Evan Wolowski

Andrew Kavanagh

Administrator Taryn Bryson

Regrets: n/a

Delegates:

Observer: Jordan Sinclair 6:24 to 8:08 pm

Mayor Carrie Neigel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2026-079 Wasko

Approval/Additions of Agenda

That the agenda for this regular meeting be accepted, with the addition of New Business Items: Request for Decision – Lisa Schiller Art Letter of Request, Pasquia Trust Grants & Bursaries; and Old Business Item: Outdoor Rink Location.

Carried

2026-080 Wolowski

Approval of Minutes

That Motion 2026-076 be repealed.

Carried

2026-081 Kavanagh

That the minutes from the March 17, 2026 Regular Meeting be accepted as amended.

Carried

General Correspondence

The General Correspondence items 2025/2026 Arena Usage, 2026 Fire Department Training Schedule, Canada Summer Jobs Grant Contribution, Notice of Bridge Construction, Tisdale Landfill Fee Update, Public Health Air Quality Letter, GFL Follow-up, RM Public Notice for Discretionary Use Permit Application, and RM Letter on Funding Review were accepted for information purposes.

2026-082 Bergen

That the 2025 Fire Department Financial Statements be accepted as presented.

Carried

2026-083 Wasko

The Education Property Tax Mill Rates for 2026 were presented to Council, acknowledged, and attached to these minutes.

Carried

2026-084 Anthony

Consent Agenda

Financial Statements & Bank Reconciliation Reports

That the March 2026 bank reconciliation report be accepted as presented and attached hereto.

Carried

2026-085 Bergen

Payment of Wages

That March 2026 direct payroll deposits totalling \$41,371.36 be approved and attached hereto.

Carried

2026-086 Kavanagh

List of Accounts for Approval

That bills and account payments for cheques 8809 – 8862 and online banking payments totalling \$84,138.04 be approved and attached hereto.

Carried

2026-087 Wolowski

That additional bills and account payments for cheques 8863 - 8870 and online banking payments totalling \$ 11,070.06 be approved and attached hereto.

Carried

2026-088 Wasko

Staff, Committee and Board Reports

That staff reports and outside board/committee reports provided to the Administrator be accepted as presented.

Carried

2026-089 Bergen

New Business

Wapiti Library Board – Town Representative Appointment

The Council of the Town of Carrot River appoint Samantha Luciano as the Town Representative for the Wapiti Library Board for a one-year term starting April 9, 2026.

Carried

2026-090 Wolowski

Federal Canada Community-Building Fund

That Council authorize the Administrator to invest the first two installments of CCBF funding received in September 2025 and March 2026 in the amount of \$ 30,082.80 each into a redeemable GIC through Prosperity Credit Union.

Carried

2026-091 Bergen

Removal of Phone Lines

That Council approve the cancellation of Sasktel phone lines (306) 768-3144 and (306) 768-2552 from Account numbers 7741027-2 and 7740165-4.

Carried

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2026-092 Bergen

Wholesale Energy Gas Protection Offer
That Council authorize the Administrator to proceed with forwarding the last 12 months of SaskEnergy bills to Wholesale Energy for a detailed offer regarding the SUMA Members Natural Gas Price Protection Plan.

Denied

2026-093 Anthony

Office Building Soffit Repair

That Council authorize the Administrator to proceed with repairs and replacement of the soffit on the building located at 5 Main Street with the stipulation that 1/3 of the cost is being contributed from Casper's Early Learning Centre. Further, that two additional quotes be obtained in addition to Riverside Co-operatives quote prior to work beginning.

Carried

2026-094 Bergen

Tax Abatement for Vacant Lot Prior to Build

That Council approve the crediting of \$ 679.13 to Municipal Tax Roll 00052207 000 to account for vacant lot status from February – August 2025 prior to the new building being constructed after loss due to the fire on January 31, 2025.

Carried

2026-095 Friske

Utility Account Interest Write-offs

That Council approve the writing-off of the following interest amounts due to Employee error:

Account # 039301 0020	\$	19.20
Account # 041704 0020	\$	60.16
Account # 056804 0000	\$	2,173.85

Further, that the credit on Tax Roll 41704 be applied to the remaining utility balance on Account 041704 0020 of \$502.13 and that cheque # 8871 be issued in the amount of \$ 1,208.96 to refund tax prepayments made prior to sale of the property.

Carried

Councillor Andy Kavanagh left Council Chambers at 7:19 PM

Mayor Carrie Neigel declared a conflict of interest with the upcoming agenda item and removed herself from Council Chambers at 7:20 PM

Andy Kavanagh returned to Council Chambers at 7:21 PM

2026-096 Wasko

Arena Concession Lease April-September 2026

That Council set a rate of one hundred dollars (\$ 100.00) per month for storage use of the Arena Concession located at 3220 Third Avenue from April 1st through September 30th, 2026.

Carried

Carrie Neigel returned to Council Chambers at 7:23 PM

Councillor Chris Bergen left Council Chambers at 7:40 PM and returned at 7:41 PM

2026-097 Wasko

Request for Decision – Lisa Schiller Art

That Council approve the Administrator to flag the property located at 19 Main Street for SAMA reassessment in 2027. Further, that the increase in assessment for 2027 taxes based on the addition of the shed value be abated.

Carried

2026-098 Bergen

Pasquia Trust Grants & Bursaries

That Council approve the following grants and bursaries recommended by the Pasquia Trust:

Community Grants Totalling \$ 19,500.00:	
Town of Carrot River – <i>Ec. Dev. Potted Plant Program</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Town of Carrot River – <i>Rec Board Kearns Sound System</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Town of Carrot River – <i>Rec Board Kid City</i>	\$ 4,100.00
Pasquia Regional Park – <i>Mini Golf</i>	\$ 1,000.00
Casper's Early Learning Centre – <i>Summer Childcare</i>	\$ 7,500.00
CR Senior Citizen Home – <i>Roof Replacement</i>	\$ 5,000.00

Thirty-two Bursary Applications totalling \$ 189,656.93.

Carried

2026-099 Kavanagh

Old Business

SMB Amended Application

That application be made to the Local Government Committee for permission to borrow the sum of seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$780,000), in 2026 repayable over a period of ten (10) years, for the purpose of Sewer Lift Station #1 Upgrades and Force Mains;

AND that the amount of the said debt shall be payable in ten (10) installments of eighty one thousand two hundred and forty four dollars and eighty cents (\$ 81,244.80) in the years 2027 to 2037 inclusive, with interest at a rate of 4.16% per annum, payable at least annually.

Carried

2026-100 Bergen

2026 Budget Amendment

That Council amend the approved budget to reflect the change in borrowing and capital projects with regards to Sewer Lift Station #1 Upgrades/Repairs.

Carried

2026-101 Friske

Winter Roads Policy

That Council amend the Snow Removal policy to include additions for spring thaw and street widening. Further that the Snow Removal Policy be renamed to Winter Roads Policy.

Carried

2026-102 Kavanagh

Outdoor Rink Location

That Council set the location for the Outdoor Rink at the Northwestern corner of the Arena parking lot, Utility lines permitting, site plan attached to these minutes for reference

Carried

2026-103 Friske

Bylaw 2026-01 Utility Rate Bylaw

That Bylaw 2026/01 being a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent or service for the use of the sanitary sewer and to establish an annual utility infrastructure fee for the Town of Carrot River be read a first time.

Carried.

2026-104 Wasko

That Bylaw 2026/01 being a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent or service for the use of the sanitary sewer and to establish an annual utility infrastructure fee for the Town of Carrot River be read a second time.

Carried.

2026-105 Anthony

That Council unanimously agrees to consider third reading of Bylaw 2026/01 being a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent or service for the use of the sanitary sewer and to establish an annual utility infrastructure fee for the Town of Carrot River.

Carried.

2026-106 Kavanagh

That Bylaw 2026/01 being a bylaw to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent or service for the use of the sanitary sewer and to establish an annual utility infrastructure fee for the Town of Carrot River be read a third time and adopted.

Carried.

2026-107 Bergen

Adjournment

That this Regular Council meeting now be adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Carried



Carrie Neigel - Mayor



Taryn Bryson – Administrator