REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 23rd, 2026

The Regular Meeting of Council was held on Monday, February 23rd 2026 at 6:30pm

Present: Mayor Jameson, Deputy Mayor Dohey, Councillors Gagnier, Duford, Lakusta, Squirrel, Bouchard, and Wall

Staff: SAO – Glenn Smith, Director of Recreation – Stephane Millette, Director of Corporate Services – Blair Porter, Director of IPS – Keith Straub and Supervisor of Finance and Admin – Crystal Walsh

1. CALL TO ORDER:

This Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with Mayor Jameson presiding.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#26-044 MOVED BY CLLR DUFORD
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALL

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no Declaration of Interest for Monday, February 23rd, 2026

4. ANNOUNCMENTS, AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

DM Dohey – Congrats to the Hay River Sr. Ladies curling team, and her worship
Cllr Squirrel – Congrats to the 16 Chief Sunrise kids that brought home a 2nd place banner from the hand games in Fort Resolution

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of Council, January 26th, 2026

#26-045 MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD
SECONDED BY: CLLR BOUCHARD
CARRIED

b. Special Meeting of Council – February 16th, 2026

#26-046 MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALL
CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ONLY – N/A

7. ADMINISTRATIVE ENQUIRIES

Verbal Reports were given by SAO Glenn Smith, Director of Recreation– Stephane Millette, Director of Corporate Services – Blair Porter, Director of IPS – Keith Straub

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-047 **MOVED BY: CLLR BOUCHARD**
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALL

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER excuses Cllr Squirrel and Cllr Gagnier from the Regular Meeting of Council and Special Meeting of Council on Monday, February 16th, 2026.

CARRIED

b. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-048 **MOVED BY: CLLR WALL**
SECONDED BY: CLLR BOUCHARD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Infrastructure and Planning Services Monthly Report for January 2026 as presented.

CARRIED

c. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-049 **MOVED BY: CLLR WALL**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the report entitled "Recreation and Community Services Monthly Report" for January 2026 as presented.

CARRIED

d. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-050 **MOVED BY: CLLR DUFORD**
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALL

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the Emergency Services Activity Report for January 2026 as presented.

CARRIED

e. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-051 **MOVED BY: CLLR WALL**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER accepts the Municipal Enforcement Report for January 2026 as presented.

CARRIED

f. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-052 **MOVED BY: CLLR WALL**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER review and approve at their discretion, Development Permit Application No. D26-004, to allow the converting of an existing space to a Takeout Pizza Place at 910 Mackenzie Highway (Caribou Building), Lot 614, Plan 365.

WHEREAS all requirements of the Zoning and Building Bylaw 2469/IPS/25 are met.
AND WHEREAS the applicant undertakes to conform to all relevant Municipal, Territorial and Federal policies and regulations.

CARRIED

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-053 **MOVED BY: DM DOHEY**
SECONDED BY: CLLR GAGNIER

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER excuses Cllr Willows from the Regular Meeting of Council Monday, February 23rd, 2026.

CARRIED

b. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-054 **MOVED BY: CLLR BOUCHARD**
SECONDED BY: CLLR WALL

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER appoints as Members to the 2026 Board of Revision the following:

- **Roger Candow**
- **Lynn Readman**
- **Annette Rupert**
- **Doug Swallow**
- **Sharon Williams**

CARRIED

c. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-055 **MOVED BY: CLLR GAGNIER**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the proposed phased implementation approach outlined in this report, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

d. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-056 **MOVED BY: CLLR GAGNIER**
SECONDED BY: CLLE BOUCHARD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves the 2025 Q4 unaudited consolidated Statement of Operations as presented, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

e. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-057 **MOVED BY: CLLR GAGNIER**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approve the 2025 Q4 Capital Report as presented, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

f. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-058 **MOVED BY: DM DOHEY**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approve an increase to the 2026 Capital Plan budget for the AQUATIC CENTRE HOT TUB PUMP REPLACEMENT at the Don Stewart Aquatic Centre from $25,000 to $35,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

g. RECOMMENDATION:

#26-059 **MOVED BY: CLLR GAGNIER**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER approves an increase to the 2026 Capital Budget for the Lift Station 1 Mitigation & Repair project in the amount of $125,000, increasing the total approved project budget from $5,760,000 to $5,885,000, with funding to be provided from previously approved Insurance proceeds and MACA mitigation and repair funding, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

CARRIED

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were no notice of motions for the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, February 23rd, 2026.

11. BYLAWS

a) Bylaw 2475/CS /26 – Half Day Civic Holiday - Kamba Bylaw – Third and Final Reading

3rd READING
#26-060 **MOVED BY: DM DOHEY**
SECONDED BY: CLLR DUFORD

CARRIED

12. IN CAMERA

There were no IN CAMERA for the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, February 23rd, 2026.

13. ADJOURNMENT

#26-061 **MOVED BY: CLLR LAKUSTA**

That the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:19pm.

CARRIED

Certified Correct as Recorded on the 23rd Day of February 2026

These minutes were accepted by motion #_____