

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MORRIN
HELD IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE PROVINCE
OF ALBERTA, CANADA.**

Attendance MAYOR: LORRAINE MACARTHUR
DEPUTY MAYOR: NICK DRAGANI
COUNCILLOR: M'LISS EDWARDS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: ANNETTE PLACHNER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor MacArthur called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C26-036
C26-037

Motion Mayor MacArthur motioned to amend the agenda 8.5 Village Website.

Motion: Councillor Edwards motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report

None

4. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Sharon Walker – Trustee Prairie Land School Division

Ms. Walker attended the meeting to introduce herself to Council and Administration. She discussed the school working together with the Village
Ms. Walker thanked council and left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

5 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

5.1 February 18, 2026 – regular meeting

C26-038 **Motion:** Councillor Edwards motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting February 18, 2026 Carried.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 March 2026

C26-039 **Motion:** Mayor MacArthur motioned that the financial report for March 2026 be approved as presented. Carried

7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

7.1 CAO reported to Council

- CAO reported that the Municipal MAP review will be held this Friday at 10:00 A.M., if any of Council wish to attend, they are welcome.
- The Final Municipal Audit has been completed, and we are still waiting for the Regional Water Authority Audit to be completed in order for the Village to submit our audit to Municipal Affairs prior to the deadline of April 30., 2026

- I am waiting for quotes for the sidewalk program before submitting grant applications.

. **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- 8.1 Trees for the Park
- 8.2 Bylaw Officer
- 8.3 Website
- 8.4 Insurance on Community Buildings
- 8.5 Sale of Village Trucks

8.1 – Trees for the Park

Council discussed the trees for the Park, Freson was ordering trees for the Village. The Village have requested flowering trees.

C26-040

Motion: Mayor MacArthur motioned that the Village spend \$ 1,500. For the Park Trees. Carried.

8.2 By Law Officer

A letter was previously forwarded to the Drumheller Mayor and Council inquiring if The Village could hire one of their bylaw Officers part time.

The Village have not received any communication from them to date.

Council discussed contacting the town of Hanna requesting a part time Bylaw Officer, as they do patrols in the Village of Delia.

8.3 Village Website

Mayor MacArthur related to Council that the Village website is now completed.

8.4 Insurance on Community Buildings – Hall and Arena

CAO will contact the Village's Municipal insurance company requesting a quote to Insure the Community Hall and Arena.

8.5 Sale of Village Truck

Council discussed the sale of the Village's 2011 Dodge Truck. It was decided that the asking price would be \$3,000. as the truck requires multiple repairs.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Appoint new Library Board Members
- 9.2 Morrin Community Hall – grant request
- 9.3 Water Treatment Plant Addition of Monitor
- 9.4 Quote for sidewalk repair
- 9.5 Grant for Fire Hall Expansion

9.6 Cab for small tractor sidewalk clearing, brush attachment

9.7 Back hoe repairs

9.8 Lynda Loades – water run off

9.1 Appoint new Library Board Members

C26-041 **Motion:** Mayor MacArthur motioned that Mackenzie Sherwood, Serena Michie, Joan Noble and Jana Meyer all be appointed to the Morrin Municipal Library Board. Carried.

9.2 Morrin Community Hall – grant request

Correspondence was received from the Community Hall requesting a grant for Up-grades to the Community Hall.

C26-042 **Motion:** Deputy Mayor Dragani motioned that the Village grant the Community Hall The sum of \$1000.00 for upgrades as requested. Carried Unanimously

9.3 Water Treatment Plant addition of Monitor

Alberta Environment – Larry West advised the Village that a Process Monitor was required at the Village Water Plant. This monitor checks the inflow of water and Outflow from the water plant and also monitors the chlorine levels.

C26-043 **Motion:** Mayor MacArthur motioned that the Village purchase the monitor for the Water plant for the price of \$8,850. Plus GST and installation. Carried Unanimously.

9.4 Quote for Sidewalk Repair

Two quotes have been received for the Village sidewalk repair project. Calgary Paving and Etal -Can. Both quotes are \$ 200,000.

C26-044 **Motion:** Mayor MacArthur motioned that CAO apply for a \$200,000. Grant for the Sidewalk repair project. Carried Unanimously.

9.5 Grant for Firehall Expansion

CAO advised Council that a grant was available for the Firehall addition. The Community Enhancement grant CFEP for the amount of \$ 125,000.

9.6 Cab for Small Tractor

Council discussed the purchase of a cab for the small tractor for street cleaning. Deputy Mayor Dragani advised that a cab with attachments would be the best for street cleaning, and that he would check on prices.

9.7 Backhoe Repairs

Deputy Mayor Dragani will purchase and install the hydraulic hoses on the Backhoe.

9.8 Lynda Loades – water run-off in yard

Ms Loades was asked to speak at the meeting regarding her Email of the water In their back yard from the alley run-off due to the quick snow thaw.

Council asked why they do not pump the water out of their yard, she answered that they were pumping and draining the water down the Village sewer system. She was told that this was against the Village Bylaw.

Ms Loades left the meeting.

10 COUNCIL REPORTS

COMMUNITY FUTURES

Mayor MacArthur reported on Community Futures

- Financial statements were reviewed and approved
- Budget and calculation of surplus from previous year
- Seven grants approved
- No current loan recommendations

DRUMHELLER DISRICT SOLID WASTE

Mayor MacArthur reported on the Drumheller Solid Waste Ass.

- Motion to direct Landfill Manager to apply for grants
- Committee reports
- Landfill Managers report, action items, masterplan update
- Operations and safety report
- Management, Land Fill Operator Certificate Health and Safety Manual update

STARLAND REGIONAL FCSS

Mayor MacArthur reported on the Starland FCSS

- Minutes and Agenda approved
- Reviewed the proposed Budget Programming with Drumheller FCSS
- \$25,000. Programs for Communities within Starland County
- \$40,000 – Prairie Land School Division – Student Council
- \$10,000 – Prairie Sky – Marriage & Personal Council
- Budget was approve, Community Reports given.

VILLAGE OF MORRIN LIBRARY BOARD

Mayor MacArthur reports on the Village of Morrin Library Board

- Agenda and minutes were approved
- Treasurer's report \$29,873.99 bank balance
- Marigold report was given
- Poster printer and supplies were received
- Serena Michie joined the Board
- Community Well Being grant was discussed
- A fund raising idea was discussed for a bad art night

11 COUNCIL INQUIRIES

12 CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND /OR COUNCIL

13 CLOSED SESSION - Park Enterprises / Starland Regional Water Authority

C26-045 Motion: Mayor MacArthur motioned to enter into closed session at 8:30 p.m. Carried

C26-046 Motion: Mayor MacArthur motioned to return to the Regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Carried.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 15, 2026

15 ADJOURNMENT

C26-047 Motion: Mayor MacArthur motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Carried.

MAYOR

Josephine MacArthur

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