

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
of the Town of Sturgis held in the Council Chambers
on October 16th, 2025.**

Present: Mayor: Dean Harris, Councillors: Michael Yaremchuk, Carol Smith, Tecia Fincaryk, Nathan Seghers, Jeff Chupik and CAO Shawna Johnson.

Regrets: Perry Keller

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dean Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes	191/2025	Fincaryk: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of council held on Thursday September 18 th , 2025 be approved as read. <div>Carried</div>
Tree Removal	192/2025	Seghers: That the Town of Sturgis town council accepts the quote from N.W. Tree Services in the amount of \$2500.00 to remove the tree on 147 Morken Street. <div>Carried</div>
Donation	193/2025	Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council approve a donation of \$100.00 to the Whitehawk Arts Council. <div>Carried</div>

7:38pm Resident Wendy Chisholm joined the meeting to discuss the issues she had with her sewer in September 2024. She feels that when she requested help with the blocked sewer on her property, the public works did not do the job she expected and would like an apology. The council requested time to discuss the situation with the public works. They offered condolences for the loss of her husband and thanked her for coming.

7:50pm Mrs. Chisholm left the chambers.

7:58pm Forman Shaun Howard joined the meeting to discuss day-to-day operations. Shaun explained the water break by Sturgis Gas Bar and had the piping that broke. The issues of the breaks are not the main lines but the connections to the properties. This will be an ongoing problem with old infrastructure. Discussion about the landfill cover and compacting and steps to do it more frequently. Signing of the documents have not occurred since the Landfill Supervisor has not been at work this summer. The garbage truck is at OK Tire, the transmission has been sent to Edmonton to be Rebuilt. Regarding sewer/water repairs and blockages on resident's properties Shaun is to take pictures before each job and after, to protect themselves. The policy states that the Town of Sturgis shall not be liable for any damages or cleanup costs. Shaun has 6 stop signs and will get more to replace yield signs for all streets coming onto the highway. The council would like all furnace checked and filters changed on a regular basis, every 2 – 3 months. Public works will do the Town shop, Multi-Complex and Library. Shawna is to do the office. Caretaker of the hall is to maintain those. Ask if the curling rink and arena do their own.

Signs	194/2025	Yaremchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council agrees to switch all the Yield signs to Stop signs for all the streets coming onto the highway, Forman Howard will order what he needs for signs. <div>Carried</div> <p>8:54pm Forman Shaun Howard left the chambers.</p>
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Payments Multi-Complex	195/2025	Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council agree that due to late payments of the leased area's in the Multi-Complex all delinquent payments are to be paid by by October 31, 2025 or the lessee must vacate the premises. <div>Carried</div>
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Corres- Pondence	196/2025	<p>Seghers: That the following correspondence having been read be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SUMA -emails2. GSSD In Focus & from the Board Report - emailed3. 217 lease- subletting possible with prior notice of who with a reference given to council. No allowance for missed payments.4. Audit November 12 - Acknowledged5. RCMP lease – terminated - Acknowledged6. Asbestos report 2025 - Acknowledged7. SAMA maintenance completed – Acknowledged8. Canada Summer Job - Nov 4th application opens (apply for 2)9. Tax phase-in/Info. - Acknowledged <p>Carried</p>
Cell Phones	197/2025	<p>Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council agrees to discontinue the payment of \$50.00 per month for cell phone use for the Landfill employee.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Library Maintenance	198/2025	<p>Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council agrees to pay Helen Scheller \$100.00 per month for cleaning and maintenance of the Sturgis Library.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Rec Director	199/2025	<p>Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council agrees to pay Andrea Sopel-Tonn \$50.00 per month for the use of her personal cell phone for work use.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Vehicle Use	200/2025	<p>Yaremchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council authorizes the Recreation Director, Andrea to have access to all town vehicles and equipment for the purpose of carrying out official work duties, effective immediately. Andrea must go SGI to be added on insurance.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Reports	201/2025	<p>Chupik: That the following reports be accepted as presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Financial report for September2. Foreman’s September Report3. Landfill – Report, KGS report, work hours4. Arena – Report, more fundraising for upgrade, costs has increased5. Hall – Report, great attendance looking for stereo options, fundraising6. Rec- Report - acknowledged7. Hospital -9. PRWMA- <p>Carried</p>
Accounts Payable	202/2025	<p>Smith: That the accounts attached to form part of these minutes be approved for payment.</p> <p>Carried</p>

MLDP Session:	203/2025	Seghers: That the Town of Sturgis town council approve the zoom session by MLDP- Strategic Community Planning on Nov. 28 th . For anyone who can attend it will be held in the Council Chambers.	Carried
Adjourn	204/2025	Yaremchuk: That this meeting be adjourned (10:17pm). The next council meeting to be held on November 20 th at 7:00pm.	Carried

Mayor

Administrator