

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
of the Town of Sturgis held in the Council Chambers
on April 23rd, 2026.**

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

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dean Harris called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

Minutes	49/2026	Yaremchuk: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of council held on Thursday March 19th, 2026 be approved as read. Carried
2026 Levy Mill Rate & Base Tax	50/2026	Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council agree that there will be no municipal tax increase for the fiscal year. Current mill rate of 8 mills and a base tax of \$1075. It was further acknowledged that a small increase may be required in the following year, pending the implementation and progression of approved strategic plans. Carried
Donation	51/2026	Yaremchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council approve a donation to The Health Foundation on the amount of \$250.00. Carried
Bobcat Warranty	52/2026	Chupik: That the Town of Sturgis town council approve the purchase of 3 years extended warranty for the S 450 Bobcat in the amount of \$2100.00 plus tax. Carried
		7:30pm Forman Shaun Howard joined the meeting to discuss day-to-day operations. Shaun was asked about two culverts that may be required within town limits to help prevent flooding. Council will review the identified areas, monitor conditions, and explore future options. Sewer freeze-ups were discussed, including the potential purchase of heat line to help prevent occurrences and reduce the demand on public works resources. Parking of vehicles on public roads was also discussed. Council noted that vehicles left parked for more than 24 hours may be subject to towing at the owners expense. Shaun will obtain quotes for filter media for the water treatment plant. The Administrator advised that these figures will be used to prepare a report to use for funding from CCBF.
Heat Line	53/2026	Chupik: That the Town of Sturgis town council authorize Shaun to purchase heat line for three properties to reduce sewer freeze ups. Carried
		8:06pm Forman Shaun Howard departed the council chambers.
Natural Gas	54/2026	Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council enroll with Connect Energy for natural gas supply for a 1-year term. Carried

Board of Examiners	55/2026	Chupik: That the Town of Sturgis town council authorizes the expense associated with the office inspection conducted by the Board of Examiners. Carried
Accounts Payable	56/2026	Smith: That the accounts to form part of these minutes be approved for payment. Cheques 20109-20174 for a total amount of \$100,314.39. Carried
Corres-Pondence	57/2026	Fincaryk: That the following correspondence having been read be filed: 1. SUMA – emails 2. GSSD – In Focus Report & From the Board Report – emailed 3. The savings account was closed, and a new Flex term account was opened – Acknowledged 4. June meeting will be June 11th Thursday at 7:00pm - acknowledged 5. RCMP Incentives – council would like the information shared with the READ Club – Acknowledged 6. Waterworks Inspection – Shaun is waiting on quote for filter media replacement Acknowledged 7. K-ettes letter – Shawna is to write a letter back, thanking them for all their volunteering in the community. All rentals of the old Kin Hut will remain the same, fair and consistent for everyone. - Acknowledged 8. Oh Sugar – will no longer be leasing the room at the Multi-Complex - Acknowledged Carried
Hall	58/2026	Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council approved the purchase of a sound system, speakers, and microphone for the hall from Epic Audio. The town will contribute the remaining balance not covered by the hall committee. Carried
Reports	59/2026	Seghers: That the following reports be accepted as presented: 1. Financial report for March - Acknowledged 2. Foreman’s March report – Acknowledged 3. Landfill – Sundays will remain open till July, then review summer hrs. and days. Spring hrs. will change on Sunday May 17th, 2pm – 7pm. (Wed. Thurs & Sun). Dean Debuc will replace Brent for the month of June as he will be absent. 4. Library – Spring Tea May 14th – Shaun looked at pipe that may have mold, he is still investigating a way to fix it. - Acknowledged 5. Curling rink/Kin hut – Had a great season – Acknowledged 6. Arena – tickets out for grocery grab went great. Very busy season and longer than anticipated with the colder weather. – Acknowledged 7. Hall – Mother’s Day brunch May 10th. The committee will arrange the installment of the sound system/projector and mic from Epic Audio and will contribute to the cost of the system – Acknowledged 8. Museum – Looking for new board members, put into newsletter. Acknowledged 9. Rec – Report – Events very successful - Acknowledged 10. Hospital – 11. PRWMA – looking to replace compactor motor - Acknowledged 12. Sports and Rodeo – June 13th & 14th. New kids zone/food trucks – Acknowledged Carried

Adjourn

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Fincaryk: That this meeting be adjourned (9:48pm). The next council meeting to be held on May 21st at 7:00pm.

Carried

Mayor

Administrator