

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
of the Town of Sturgis held in the Council Chambers
on March 20th, 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 6:35 pm.

6:48pm Brad Chambers general manager of the Gateway Co-op joined the meeting to discuss the installation of water and sewer for the new Co-op location. Mr. Chambers explained they need the services installed no later than June. A pressure test would be required but this is not in the current contract for the town to provide. Mr. Chambers will take it back to the board members to discuss. Mr. Chambers offered to get a quote from Voce/Varco for water/sewer to compare with Forman Howard's quote. If the town of Sturgis is to pay for the pressure test they would like Margaret Street paved at the expense of the Co-op in exchange of the expense of the pressure test. Mr. Chambers would see what he could arrange. The town may extend the previous contract once the Co-op board members discuss quotes and the exchange of the expense of pressure test for pavement expense.

7:07pm Brad Chambers vacated the Council Chambers.

7:08pm Forman Shaun Howard joined the meeting to discuss day to day operations. Discussion about the installation of water and sewer to the new Co-op. Shaun will be the main contact between the town and the Co-op moving forward for the connection. Shaun had an estimated cost of the project and explained the best way to provide them with the services. The town will not provide pressure testing to the new Co-op. Discussion about delivery trucks hauling supplies to the new Co-op using Margaret Street was a concern being raised because of the weight and the possible damage to the pavement after long term use. Shawna will contact Co-op to confirm the highway access will be used for delivery trucks and she will contact the Department of Highways about reducing the speed limit coming into town. Weight restriction signs may need to be in place on Margaret Street.

7:52pm Forman Shaun Howard vacated the Council Chambers.

Minutes	56/2025	Smith: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of council held on Thursday February 20 th , 2025 and the minutes of the Budget meeting held on March 13 th ,2025 be approved as read. <div>Carried</div>
Assessment Roll	57/2025	Chupik: That it be acknowledged that the 2025 Assessment Roll for the Town of Sturgis has been prepared and will be open for inspection from March 7 th to May 5 th , 2025. <div>Carried</div>

8:02pm Councillor Tecia Fincaryk declared a conflict of interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers.

Discussion regarding the 2 property tenders for 408 Main Street will be tabled for the April 8th meeting to gather more information by each vendor regarding their plans if the property is purchased.

8:12pm Councillor Tecia Fincaryk was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter she declared a conflict of interest in had been dealt with.

Custodian	58/2025	Chupik: That the Town of Sturgis town council decide to cut the funding to hire a custodian for the town office. Carried
Main Street Property	59/2025	Yaremchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council request a tender for the sale of the Commercial Property on 133 Main Street, Lot 09 Block 02 Plan AA3984. To be advertised in the Newsletter, Preeceville Progress, Facebook and the Marketplace. Accepted no later than 4:00pm Thursday June 18 th . Tenders must be submitted in a sealed Envelope marked “Property Tender” addressed to the Town of Sturgis. Tenders must indicate any future developments. The Town of Sturgis reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Carried
UMASS Board of Examiners	60/2025	Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council accept the application for Urban Certificate of Qualification Conditional Extension for Shawna Johnson. That the town of Sturgis town council agrees to pay the \$100 application fee. Carried
Walking Trail	61/2025	Yaremchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council ensure’s that the public works will have the grass cut to provide a walking trail to the new Co-op going by the Motel and along the ditch down to Margaret Street. Carried
Bylaw No. 2, 2025	62/2025	Chupik: That the Bylaw No.2 2025, being a bylaw to regulate and control the use and consumption of water from the waterworks system, to regulate and control the discharge of sewage into the sewage system, to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water, and to fix the rates to be charged for the use of the sewage system was introduced and to repeal the existing Bylaw No. 1, 2023. Carried
	63/2025	Fincaryk: That Bylaw No.2, 2025 be given a first reading. Carried
	64/2025	Yaremchuk: That Bylaw No.2, 2025 be given a second reading at this meeting. Carried
	65/2025	Seghers: That the Bylaw No.2, 2025 be given three readings and that the Bylaw No.2, 2025 be adopted. Carried
	66/2025	Yaremchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council approves to allow the READ Club to move their sign to the property in front of their building. Carried
RMT Room Multi-Complex	67/2025	Chupik: That the Town of Sturgis town council have decided to have the public works silicon the bay window in the RMT room at the Multi-Complex instead of replacing it due to the lessee’s concern of losing that shelving space. Carried
Donation	68/2025	Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council makes a donation to The Health Foundation for \$250 towards equipment and renovations to the Yorkton chemotherapy program. Carried
9:25pm Councillor Nathan Seghers declared a conflict of interest in the next matter to be discussed and vacated the Council Chambers. 9:28pm Councillor Nathan Seghers was invited back into the Council Chambers as the matter he declared a conflict of interest in had been dealt with.		

Scholarship	69/2025	<p>Smith: That the Town of Sturgis grant a \$500.00 Graduation Scholarship to a graduating student of the Sturgis Composite School that will be held Friday June 13th, 2025. To receive the scholarship, the recipient must supply proof of registration to the town from a post-secondary institution within 18 months. The town will make a cheque payable to the recipient.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Corres- pondence	70/2025	<p>Fincaryk: That the following correspondence having been read be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SUMA -MLDP sessions are available online2. GSSD In Focus & from the Board Report3. RMT Room – Silicon no window replacement4. Health Foundation – Donation of \$2505. Minister of Government Relations - Read and reviewed6. SCS Grad Scholarship - \$5007. Flexterm Rates- Tabled8. Assessment Notice – 100 Assiniboine, council was notified of the steps taken, and now is in the hands of the owner to appeal <p>Carried</p>
Landfill	71/2025	<p>Chupik: That the Town of Sturgis town council will allow the landfill to be closed on April 20th, 2025 for Easter Sunday.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Reports	72/2025	<p>Smith: That the following reports be accepted as presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Financial for February2. Foreman’s February Report3. Landfill Report – Permit extended and approved for 1 year. The landfill will be closed April 20th. Brent will be back at work April 22nd, 2025.4. Arena- Hot water tank, discussion with Danielson Plumbing about on demand tank with hard water. Arena Board will let the council know more information5. Hall- Debenture due March/More bookings6. Hospital-7. PRWMA-8. Rec. Report- Activities including Easter Bike Parade, Thirsty Thursdays, Glamping on Sturgis Hill. Fundraising efforts for the grandstands. <p>Carried</p>
Accounts Payable	73/2025	<p>Chupik: That the accounts attached to form part of these minutes be approved for payment.</p> <p>Carried</p>
Adjourn	74/2025	<p>Seghers: That this meeting be adjourned (9:53pm). The next council meeting to be held April 8th at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Carried</p>

Mayor

Administrator