

**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
of the Town of Sturgis held in the Council Chambers
on May 21st, 2026.**

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

With a quorum being present, Mayor Dean Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes	61/2026	Smith: That the minutes of the last regular meeting of council held on Thursday April 23rd, 2026 be approved as read. Carried
Budget	62/2026	Smith: That the Town of Sturgis 2026 Operating Budget as attached here to be approved. Carried
Building Permit	63/2026	Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council approve the building permit for a fence at Lot 05 Block 11 Plan BW4412. Carried Councillor Micheal Yaremchuk joined the meeting.
Highway Submission	64/2026	Yaremchuk: That the Administrator be authorized to submit an application/ permit request to the Department of Highways regarding the construction of a turn-off lane on Highway 9 at the new Co-op location; AND further that Council request the Department of Highways revisit the current speed limit and traffic control measures in the area, as Council feels the previously implemented measures are insufficient for public safety and increased traffic volumes; AND further that Mayor Harris contact Shaun Wilson at the MLA office to request support in advocating for the proposed turn-off lane and speed limit review. Carried
Rongve Street	65/2026	Smith: That the Town of Sturgis town council authorizes the property owners on Rongve Street be permitted to fill in the ditch adjacent to their property and seed/plant grass at their own expense; AND further that all costs associated with the work, including future maintenance, be the responsibility of the owner; AND further that property owners be required to sign an agreement acknowledging that the Town will not be held liable for any flooding, drainage issues, or damages resulting from the ditch alteration, as the work is being completed at the owner’s request and risk. Carried
Culvert	66/2026	Yarmemchuk: That the Town of Sturgis town council approves public works to install a culvert at 432 Corofin Crescent as soon as possible to address the ongoing water issue. The installation should follow the same method and drainage approach used for the trench constructed in the spring to stop the water flow. The culvert placement should not be located beside the homeowner’s house, but instead positioned in a manner that safely directs and manages the water away from the property. Carried

Signs	67/2026	Seghers: That the Town of Sturgis town council authorizes the expense and installation for three Engine Breaking Prohibited signs. Public works are to install the signs at each end of town and on the road near the landfill.	Carried
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Pedestrian Signs	68/2026	Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council approve that a sign be purchased from A. Happy Designs stating, “Pedestrian Access to Co-op” and that the sign be installed at the corner of Margreat Street.	Carried
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Accounts Payable	69/2026	Yaremchuk: That the accounts to form part of these minutes be approved for payment. Cheques 20154-20211 for a total amount of \$120,136.69.	Carried
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Corres-Pondence	70/2026	Fincaryk: That the following correspondence having been read be filed: 1. SUMA – emails 2. GSSD – In Focus Report & From the Board Report – emailed 3. Connect Energy contract – signed and will be implemented in November 2026 – Acknowledged 4. Ministry of Highways 2026-2027 budget – Acknowledged 5. June meeting will remain on the 18th, no changes – Acknowledged 6. Fire Department – will be doing a controlled burn at Sports Grounds – Acknowledged 7.	Carried
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Councillor Tecia Fincaryk requested that Administrator Shawna Johnson leave the meeting during discussion regarding matters related to the Administrator. Administrator Johnson left Council chambers at 8:40pm and returned at 8:50pm.

Landfill Hours	71/2026	Fincaryk: That the Town of Sturgis town council requires that the Landfill Supervisor must work a minimum of 85% of their annual salaried hours in order to receive full employee benefits. Should the employee work less than 85% of their annual salaried hours, the employee may retain the same benefits by contributing an amount determined by council to cover the employee portion of the benefit cost.	Carried
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Reports	72/2026	Smith: That the following reports be accepted as presented: 1. Financial report for April – Report acknowledged 2. Foreman’s April report – Streets were reported to be in poor condition and requiring repair of potholes. Street sweeping is to be completed, and the trench at Corofin Crescent requires repair. Parks are to be maintained, and sidewalks along the highway are to be scraped and weeds removed during the summer. The pipe at the library is to be repaired, and the picnic table is to be returned to the library after S&R. Report acknowledged 3. Landfill – Free clean up days at the Landfill May 31, June 3 & 4th – Report acknowledged 4. Library – pipe still needs to be fixed, they need 3 or 4 picnic table for the back. Report acknowledged. 5. Curling rink/Kin hut – no report 6. Arena – looking for a contractor to do renovations in the bathrooms – Report acknowledged 7. Hall – Mother’s Day brunch on May 10th was a huge success, 250 people attended. Sound system to be installed in June. – Report acknowledged 8. Museum – Opening date is extended to June 1st – Report acknowledged 9. Rec – Report acknowledged 10. Hospital – no report 11. PRWMA – no report 12. Sports and Rodeo – June 13th & 14th. In need of volunteers – Report acknowledged
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Carried

Adjourn	73/2026	Seghers: That this meeting be adjourned (9:10pm). The next council meeting to be held on June 18th at 7:00pm.
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