



Town of Spiritwood

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2026 - Regular Meeting - 07:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m

Present:

Mayor Gary von Holwede Councillor Ragnar Latus
Councillor John Go Councillor James Bedi
Councillor Shane Colley CAO Rhonda Saam
Councillor Mark Corfield Councillor Adam Gatzke

Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor Von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Adoption of the agenda to form part of the minutes

2026-0111

Moved By: Shane Colley

Seconded By: John Go

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the regular meeting held April 14, 2026

2026-0112

Moved By: John Go

Seconded By: Adam Gatzke

That the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2026 be approved as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Bevra Fee - 7:10pm - Animal Control Bylaw

Bevra Fee entered the council meeting at 7:02pm.

Bevra discussed concerns about the numerous dogs residing adjacent to the Town Square, noting that they are creating an ongoing nuisance and safety issues. It was expressed that the presence of the dogs is impacting residents' and visitors' ability to comfortably enjoy the Town Square. She advised that she believes the property values are being negatively impacted by the numerous dogs and the ongoing nuisance concerns are deterring prospective buyers from purchasing properties in the surrounding area.

Bevra Fee left the council meeting at 7:18pm.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

2026-0113

Moved By: Mark Corfield

Seconded By: Shane Colley

That the correspondence be filed as presented.

Carried

5.1 Goodfellow - April 28, 2026

6. ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIALS

6.1 Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 34421 to 34431 & Payment # 2093 in the amount of \$6,993.34

2026-0114

Moved By: Adam Gatzke

Seconded By: Shane Colley

That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 34421 to 34431 payment # 2093 in the amount of \$6,993.34 be approved as presented.

Carried

6.2 2025 Draft Financial Statements - Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd.

2026-0115

Moved By: John Go

Seconded By: Ragnar Latus

That we approve the audited draft financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, that were completed by Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd., and recognize that no subsequent events have occurred since January 1, 2026 that could have a significant impact on the municipality's operations or on these financial statements as approved.

Carried

7. REPORTS

2026-0116

Moved By: John Go

Seconded By: Adam Gatzke

That the reports be filed as presented.

Carried

7.1 Chief Administrative Officer Verbal Report

7.2 Council Verbal Reports

7.3 Spiritwood R.C.M.P. - Community Policing Report - Oct 2025 to Dec 2025

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Policy 7-1 Economic Development Officer

2026-0117

Moved By: Ragnar Latus

Seconded By: Adam Gatzke

That we approve Policy 7-1 Economic Development Officer, as attached to form part of the minutes.

Carried

9.2 SUMA Regional Roadshow - Northwest Meeting

9.2.1 Bylaw No. 517/18 Animal Control Bylaw

2026-0118

Moved By: Shane Colley

Seconded By: Adam Gatzke

Councillor Latus declared a conflict and left the council meeting at 7:02 pm.

Whereas Council has identified concerns regarding dogs residing within the C1 Downtown Commercial District within the Town of Spiritwood; and

Whereas Council deems it necessary to amend Bylaw No. 517/18, known as the Animal Control Bylaw, to better align with the intent of the C1 Zoning District; and

Whereas Council has also identified signage remaining on a property related to an abandoned business, which does not comply with the Town's zoning regulations;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1) Bylaw No. 517/18, known as the Animal Control Bylaw, be amended to prohibit dogs from residing within the C1 Downtown Commercial District of the Town of Spiritwood; and

2) Any property owner currently having dogs residing within the C1 District be granted until June 1, 2026 to rehome and remove the dogs from the district; and

3) An Order be issued requiring the removal of the sign related to the abandoned business located at Lot 30, 17, 18 Block 3 Plan AP518, in accordance with Section 4.10.1(6) of Zoning Bylaw No. 486/13; and

4) Administration be directed to send written notice to all affected property owners within the C1 District advising them of the bylaw amendment and compliance deadline.

Councillor Latus returned to the council meeting at 7:38 pm.

Carried

9.3 Canadian Northern Corridor - Pisim Power - Support Request

2026-0119

Moved By: Shane Colley

Seconded By: Jim Bedi

That the Town of Spiritwood Council hereby supports the advancement of the Canadian Northern Corridor Project, and authorizes Administration to provide a formal Letter of Support recognizing the importance of this Indigenous-led initiative managed by Pisim Power Management Ltd., and encouraging collaboration among indigenous leadership, municipalities, provincial and federal governments, industry partners, and financiers to move the project forward.

Carried

9.4 SHA Transparency for Hospital/Emergency Room Service Disruptions - MLA Request for Petition

2026-0120

Moved By: Mark Corfield

Seconded By: Shane Colley

That we do not initiate a petition as requested for the SHA Service Disruptions.

Carried

9.5 2026 Appointment - Spiritwood Public Library

2026-0121

Moved By: Shane Colley

Seconded By: Ragnar Latus

That the following appointment be set effective April 28, 2026;
Spiritwood Library - Councillor Jim Bedi

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

2026-0122

Moved By: John Go

Seconded By: Mark Corfield

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer