

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular Council Meeting
held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
in the Council Chambers 240 Main Street, Milk River, Alberta.

Council Members Present	Mayor Larry Liebelt (arrived at 7:01pm) Deputy Mayor Anne Michaelis Councillor Peggy Losey Councillor Shayne Johnson Councillor Dave Degenstein (via Zoom)
Administration	Chief Administrative Officer, Ethan Gorner Interim CAO, Shawn Hathaway

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Michaelis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Res 2025-212

MOVED by Councillor Johnson

That Council approve the agenda for the September 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, and amended as follows:

- Add Item 8d. Swimming Pool Grant
- Add Item 8e. Signing Authority

Motion Carried

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Res 2025-213

MOVED by Councillor Degenstein

That Ethan Gorner be appointed as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Milk River, effective September 2, 2025.

Motion Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res 2025-214

MOVED by Councillor Losey

That the minutes for the August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion Carried

5. Financial Report

Res 2025-215

MOVED by Councillor Johnson

That the August 2025 Financial Report be accepted as information.

Motion Carried

Councillor Degenstein left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

6. CAO REPORT (ADMINISTRATION)

A request was made for the following:

- a) That the CAO follow-up after with an email update to Council about the school usage of the pool during the extended days of opening*
- b) That the Enforcement Update portion, be kept to a 1-pager.*

Res 2025-216

MOVED by Councillor Losey

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Motion Carried

Councillor Degenstein returned to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

7. BUSINESS

(Council decided to carry on with business and have the break prior to closed session)

A) Milk River Municipal Library Board Assignments

Res 2025-217

MOVED by Councillor Losey

To appoint Darlene Fleming, Ron Oswald, Wendy Brown, Jodie Wehlage to the Milk River Municipal Library Board for a term expiring October 11, 2027.

Motion Carried

B) Watershed Council Community Appreciation Forum – Invitation & Sponsorship Request

Res 2025-218

MOVED by Councillor Losey

That all Council members who are able, are appointed to attend the Watershed Council Community Appreciation Forum on behalf of Council and the Town.

Motion Carried

Res 2025-219

MOVED by Councillor Johnson

That administration provide a sponsorship gift basket to this event on behalf of the Town.

Motion Carried

C) Agricultural Society Sponsorship Request

Res 2025-220

MOVED by Councillor Losey

That administration provide a sponsorship gift basket to this event on behalf of the Town.

Motion Carried

D) Swimming Pool Grant

Res 2025-221

MOVED by Councillor Johnson

To accept the update and clarification about the swimming pool grant as information.

Motion Carried

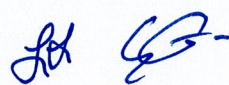
E) Financial Signing Authority

Res 2025-222

MOVED by Councillor Losey

That the town financial signing authority be updated to add Ethan Gorner

Motion Carried



8. COUNCIL REPORTS

Round table reports provided by Council

BREAK

Deputy Mayor Michaelis recessed the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Mayor Liebelt arrived at the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and took his place as chair.

Mayor Liebelt reconvened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and provided his Council Report.

Res 2025-223

MOVED by Councillor Johnson

To accept the Council Reports as information.

Motion Carried

9. CLOSED SESSION

Res 2025-224

MOVED by Councillor Losey

To go into closed meeting at 7:05 p.m. for the following items

A) *Land Offer – as per Sec 30 of the Access to Information Act*

B) *Council-CAO Strategic Visioning – as per Sec 28, 29 of the Access to Information Act*

Motion Carried

Res 2025-225

MOVED by Councillor Johnson

To return to open meeting at 8:33pm.

Motion Carried

A) Land Offer

Res 2025-226

MOVED by Councillor Losey

To accept the land offer contingent on administration addressing questions about assessment.

Motion Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Res 2025-227

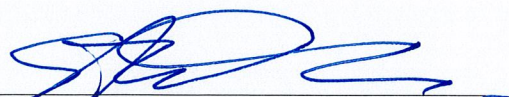
MOVED by Councillor Losey

To adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion Carried



Mayor – Larry Liebelt



Chief Administrative Officer – Ethan Gorner