

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WYNYARD HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Present:

Council:

Mayor Sigourney Hoytfox
Councillor Paula Stefankiw
Councillor Jennifer Melnychuk
Councillor Tracy Jordan (7:35 pm)
Councillor Jerome Karakochuk
Councillor Mark Neal
Councillor Andrew Matheson

Staff:

CAO Jason Chorneyko
Deputy CAO Pierrette Woynarski
Director of Leisure Services Nikki Johnson
Town Superintendent Derek Melsted

Others:

Zoom Attendees

Call to Order:

Mayor Hoytfox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#455/26 Minutes:

Neal – that we adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2026, as circulated by e-mail.

CARRIED

#456/26 Building Permit Application:

Karakochuk – that we approve the Building Permit application as per the document attached hereto.

CARRIED

#457/26 Vouchers:

Stefankiw – that we approve the following vouchers for payment as reviewed by the General Government Committee and attached hereto:

General Vouchers:

#16190-16211	\$ 155,503.35
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Online Banking:

August 18, 2026	\$ 32,655.66
September 1, 2026	\$ 15,257.99

EFT and Manual Cheque:

September 1, 2026	\$ 22,175.99
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Payroll Vouchers:

AUTO DEPOSIT (PP17)	\$ 58,812.22
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CARRIED

#458/26 Vehicle Allowance:

Melnchuk – that we authorize paying Director of Leisure Services Nikki Johnson a vehicle allowance of \$150 per month for use of her personal vehicle.

CARRIED

#459/26 CAO Chorneyko's Report:

Karakochuk – that we receive CAO Chorneyko's Report as presented.

CARRIED

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#460/26 Deputy CAO Woynarski Report:

Matheson – that we receive Deputy CAO Woynarski’s Report as presented.

CARRIED

#461/26 2026 Waterworks Information Report:

Neal – that we approve the Town of Wynyard 2026 Waterworks Information Report and publish it as per regulations.

CARRIED

#462/26 Summer Send-Off Event:

Melnychuk – that we recognize the volunteer efforts of Heather Wearing, Dana Malach, Gracie Edison, and Katie Paquachan for organizing the Summer Send-Off event of August 22, 2026.

CARRIED

#463/26 E-Scooter and E-Bike Education:

Stefankiw – that, due to the number of young people using electronic transportation devices, we instruct Administration to draft and publish educational material on the safe use of e-scooters and e-bikes.

CARRIED

#464/26 Complaints/Comments Report:

Neal – that we receive the Complaints/Comments Report as presented.

CARRIED

#465/26 Animal Control Officer’s Report:

Melnychuk – that we receive the August Animal Control Officer’s Report as submitted by Andy Labdon.

CARRIED

#466/26 Town Superintendent’s Report:

Stefankiw – that we receive Town Superintendent Melsted’s Report as presented.

CARRIED

#467/26 Emerging Leaders Workshop:

Neal – that we authorize DLS Johnson to attend the Emerging Leaders Workshop, on September 23, 2026 in Regina, at a cost of \$87.69 plus expenses.

CARRIED

#468/26 Model 450 Electric Zamboni:

Neal – that we authorize DLS Johnson to sign a letter of intent, with Fer-Mark Equipment, to purchase a Model 450 Electric Zamboni for the 2027/2028 season.

CARRIED

#469/26 Director of Leisure Services Report:

Matheson – that we receive DLS Johnson’s Report as presented.

CARRIED

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#470/26 School of Dance Agreement:

Hoytfox – that we authorize entering into a facility rental agreement with the Wynyard School of Dance whereby the rent for the 2026-2027 season is set at \$12,442.27 with increases of 4% over the following three seasons.

CARRIED

#471/26 Radio Interview:

Jordan – that we authorize CAO Chorneyko to speak on behalf of Town Council for an interview request from Libby Gray of CKOM and CJME radio, on the topic of hoarding issues in municipalities.

CARRIED

#472/26 UMAAS Best Practices Manual Workshop:

Karakochuk – that we authorize CAO Chorneyko to attend the UMAAS Best Practices Manual Workshop, on October 9, 2026 in Melville, at a cost of \$150 plus tax plus expenses.

CARRIED

#473/26 Correspondence:

Neal – that we receive and file the correspondence as per the list attached hereto.

CARRIED

#474/26 General Government Committee Report:

Melnychuk – that we receive the General Government Committee Report as presented by Mayor Hoytfox's.

CARRIED

#475/26 Councillor Matheson's Report:

Stefankiw – that we receive Councillor Matheson's Report as presented.

CARRIED

#476/26 Councillor Karakochuk's Report:

Jordan – that we receive Councillor Karakochuk's Report as presented.

CARRIED

#477/26 Move Meeting "In Camera":

Melnychuk – that we halt the meeting and move "in camera" to discuss Human Resources issues.

CARRIED

The meeting is halted at 8:12 PM. All staff but CAO Chorneyko leave Council Chambers.

Mayor Hoytfox calls the meeting back to order at 8:49 PM.

#478/26 Deputy CAO Resignation:

Neal – that we receive and accept Deputy CAO Woynarski's resignation letter with regret.

CARRIED

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#479/26 *Adjourn:*

Matheson – that we adjourn the meeting. (8:50 p.m.)

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer