

TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday December 10th, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

Mayor Peter Dueck called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Peter Dueck, Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston
Councillors: Ron Rogowsky, Rob Thorsteinson, Donna Gislason
Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

275-2025 **Thorsteinson / Gislason** **BE RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – November 12th, 2025

276-2025 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the following Meetings be adopted:
Regular Meeting – November 12th, 2025

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be signed by the
Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer. **CARRIED**

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Operations Manager Report

Justin reported on the following:

- Public Works Operations
- WTP Upgrade Status
- Office Blinds Quote
- WTP Furnace Quote

277-2025 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the quote from Nor Tech
Mechanical Inc. for the replacement of the water treatment plant furnace in
the amount of \$7,212.86 plus applicable taxes. **CARRIED**

2. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Rec Governance Meetings
- Insurance Building Review
- EMO Meeting
- Municipal Administrator's Meeting
- AMM Conference
- WTP Filtration Meeting
- WTP Upgrade Meeting
- Employee Reviews

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS

1. Aaron Prince ~ Ayshkum Engineering Inc. – 9:30 A.M.
* Lagoon Inquiry - Virtual

Mayor Dueck welcomed Aaron Prince, James Kacki, Steven Goldstine, Bev Stranger and Marty Favel to the Meeting. They discussed the need for temporary hauling to the Arborg Lagoon for approximately 9 months while the septic field is being installed in the new CFS Development in the RM of Fisher. Council thanked them for attending and he left the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

Justin also left the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd**3. Council Reports**

Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- Tree Lighting
- AMM Convention
- BAR Waste Meetings

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS – cont'd**2. S/Sgt Rob Gray ~ RCMP – 10:00 A.M.**

* Municipal Visit

Mayor Dueck welcomed Rob Gray and Dave Spakowski to the meeting and thanked them for their service and for the working relationship with the Town. They discussed concerns and operations. Mayor Dueck thanked them for attending and they left the meeting at 10:29 A.M.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd**3. Council Reports**

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- Tree Lighting
- AMM Convention
- EIPD Meeting
- WTP Upgrade Meeting
- PW Meeting

Councillor Donna Gislason reported on attendance at the following:

- AMM Convention
- ADMHV Meeting
- ASHC Meeting
- EIPD Meeting
- Rec Governance Meetings
- Employee Reviews

Councillor Ron Johnston reported on attendance at the following:

- BAR Waste Meetings
- AMM Conference
- EIWD Conference
- EIWD Board Meeting
- Rec Governance Meetings
- WTP Upgrade Meeting

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- AMM Convention
- ASHC Meeting
- Tree Lighting
- MLA Open House
- CAO Review
- Community Regional Connections Event

4. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil**11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

Justin returned to the meeting.

1. Aaron Prince ~ Ayshkum Engineering Inc.

* Lagoon Inquiry

278-2025

Thorsteinson / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Council approve the request from Ayshkum Engineering, on behalf of Peguis CFS, for the temporary use of the Town's Lagoon while their septic field is being installed for their

Debinan Building, part of the Maamawibiway Development in the RM of Fisher, on the following conditions:

- Peguis CFS enters into an agreement with the Town of Arborg, for a duration of approximately, but no longer than, 9 months
- The septic hauler connects to ConX Wireless for lagoon use tracking purposes
- The cost to haul to the Arborg Lagoon will be \$49.00/1,000 gallons

CARRIED

Justin left the meeting.

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. List of Accounts for Approval

279-2025 Thorsteinson / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2025 be approved for payment:

Cheque No. 16564 – 16583, 16594 – 16616, 1622 – 16339	\$307,301.74
Payroll & Indemnity Cheque No. 16553 – 165363, 16584 – 16594, 16617 – 16621	<u>\$ 43,691.03</u>
	<u>\$350,992.77</u>

CARRIED

2. Financial Statements as at November 30th, 2025

280-2025 Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements as at November 30th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Interim Operating Budget

281-2025 Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 163 of the *Municipal Act*, the Council of the Town of Arborg has made an **Interim Budget** of all Operating and Capital Expenditures of the Municipality for the Period of January 1, 2026 until the adoption of the Annual Estimates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this **Interim Budget** be hereby adopted as follows:

Operating Requirements:

General Government Services	\$200,000.00
Protective Services	250,000.00
Transportation Services	200,000.00
Environmental Health Services	60,000.00
Public Health and Welfare Services	25,000.00
Environmental Development Services	15,000.00
Economic Development Services	25,000.00
Recreation and Cultural Services	175,000.00
Fiscal Services	<u>200,000.00</u>
	<u>\$1,150,000.00</u>
Capital Requirements	\$500,000.00

Utility Operating Requirements	\$200,000.00
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Utility Capital Requirements	\$500,000.00
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CARRIED

12. IN CAMERA

282-2025 Rogowsky / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii), Council, do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera.

CARRIED

283-2025 Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. By-law No. 3-2025
 * Employee Salaries for 2026

284-2025 Gislason / Rogowsky
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 3-2025, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Set Annual Salaries for Employees and to Establish Hourly Rates for Casual Labour in 2026, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

285-2025 Thorsteinson / Johnston
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 3-2025, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Set Annual Salaries for Employees and to Establish Hourly Rates for Casual Labour in 2026, be read a third time and finally passed.

As required by Section 137 of *The Municipal Act*, a recorded vote was taken on the motion:

Council Member	For	Against	Abstained
Mayor Peter Dueck	✓		
Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston	✓		
Councillor Donna Gislason	✓		
Councillor Rob Thorsteinson	✓		
Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

CARRIED

2. By-law No. 4-2025
 * Council Remuneration for 2026

286-2025 Gislason / Rogowsky
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 4-2025, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Provide Remuneration for its Mayor and Councillors, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

287-2025 Johnston / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 4-2025, a By-law of the Town of Arborg to Provide Remuneration for its Mayor and Councillors, be read a third time and finally passed.

As required by Section 137 of *The Municipal Act*, a recorded vote was taken on the motion:

Council Member	For	Against	Abstained
Mayor Peter Dueck	✓		
Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston	✓		
Councillor Donna Gislason	✓		
Councillor Rob Thorsteinson	✓		
Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

CARRIED

3. By-law No. 5-2025
 * Borrowing Funds for 2026

288-2025 Thorsteinson / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 5-2025, a By-law of the Town to Provide for Borrowing Funds for Current and Capital Expenses for 2026, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

289-2025 Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 5-2025, a By-law of the Town to Provide for Borrowing Funds for Current and Capital Expenses for 2026, be read a third time and finally passed.

As required by Section 137 of *The Municipal Act*, a recorded vote was taken on the motion:

Council Member	For	Against	Abstained
Mayor Peter Dueck	✓		
Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston	✓		
Councillor Donna Gislason	✓		
Councillor Rob Thorsteinson	✓		
Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Water & Sewer Request
 * Engineered Drawings

290-2025 Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg approve the water and sewer engineered drawings provided by Thorwin Properties;

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – cont'd

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg move forward with entering into an agreement with Manitoba Infrastructure for the installation of the water and sewer mains in their Right-of-Way.

CARRIED

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

- Transfer of Outstanding Accounts to the Tax Roll

291-2025

Johnston / Rogowsky

WHEREAS Pursuant to Section 252(2) of the *Municipal Act*, the amount of all outstanding charges for water and sewer service are a lien and charge upon the land serviced, and shall be collected in the same manner in which ordinary taxes upon the land are collectible, and with like remedies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the addition of the following outstanding Sewer and Water Consumer Accounts to the Tax Roll:

	Bill ID	Roll No.	Total
1	36.00	0.00	1243.96
2	5300.12	5300	125.32
3	8600.1	8600	161.83
4	9100.14	9100	169.08
5	11100.3	11100	609.22
6	13400.0	13400	312.28
7	13500.1	13500	355.66
8	20700.3	20700	301.45
9	20950.2	20950	569.69
10	21215.1	21215	911.19
11	24795.0	24795	230.20
12	30600.1	30600	302.43
13	30900.1	30900	419.61
14	37200.1	37200	587.88
15	37500.7	37500	137.42
16	41600.1	41600	307.67
17	42800.2	42800	433.93
18	43100.1	43100	18.00
19	49500.1	49500	255.90
20	54320.2	54320.0	1884.03
21	55500.0	55500	406.61
		Total	\$9,743.36

CARRIED

- 2026 Tax Sale
 - Designate Tax Sale Year
 - Date for 2026 Tax Sale

292-2025

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council designate the year 2024 for Tax Sale purposes, which specifies that any taxes in arrears for 2024 and earlier may be sold at a Public Auction in 2026;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Tax Sale Auction date be set for October 13th, 2026 at 1:00 P.M. CARRIED

- Mobile Home Park Fees

293-2025

Gislason / Thorsteinson

WHEREAS, when a municipality owns rental property, the property is exempt from rent regulation (as per the Residential Tenancy Branch Policies and Procedures Section 13 – Rent Regulation; Sub-Section 13.4 Mobile Home Parks – License Fees and Municipal Taxes);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective April 1, 2026, lot rental fee at the Arborg's Mobile Home Park remain at \$160.00 per month. CARRIED

- Snow Removal Agreement

294-2025

Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg enter into the Snow Removal Agreement with the Province of Manitoba;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign on behalf of the Town of Arborg. CARRIED

	9.	NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS – cont'd	
	5.	311 Main Street Easement Agreement	
295-2025		Thorsteinson / Rogowsky BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg enter into an Easement Agreement with 10135992 Manitoba Ltd. for 311 Main Street;	
		AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Arborg.	
		CARRIED	
	6.	North Interlake Mutual Aid District Agreement	
296-2025		Rogowsky / Thorsteinson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg re-enter into the North Interlake Mutual Aid District Agreement;	
		AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town of Arborg.	
		CARRIED	
	7.	December 24 th Council Meeting	
297-2025		Gislason / Johnston WHEREAS the next Regular Council Meeting is Scheduled for Christmas Eve;	
		BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regular Council Meeting set for December 24 th , 2025 be cancelled.	
		CARRIED	
	8.	Office Christmas Hours	
298-2025		Rogowsky / Thorsteinson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Administration Office be closed December 22 nd to 28 th , and January 1 st to 2 nd for the Holidays.	
		CARRIED	
	9.	Development Incentives	
10.		CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS	
	1.	S/Sgt Rob Gray ~ RCMP	<i>All Received as Information</i>
		a) 2 nd Quarterly Mayor's Report	
		b) First Quarter Municipal Report	
	2.	Lisa Klym ~ The Creative Cocoon	
		* Operating Grant Renewal Request	
299-2025		Gislason / Dueck BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg provide The Creative Cocoon with a operating grant in 2026 in the amount of \$5,400.00.	
		CARRIED	
	3.	Jordan Lontajo	<i>Received as Information</i>
		* 2026 AMM Employee Benefits Renewal	
	4.	Evergreen School Division	<i>Received as Information</i>
		* Save the Date	
	5.	Wendy Galagan ~ Ronald McDonald House	<i>Received as Information</i>
		* Contribution Request	
	6.	Government of Manitoba News Release	
		* From the Ground Up & Green Team Programs	
300-2025		Thorsteinson / Gislason BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg apply for 4 positions for the Urban/Hometown Green Team Program;	
		AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2 of those positions will be for the public works department and the other 2 positions will be for the recreation department.	
		CARRIED	

10. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS – cont'd**

7. Laura Wallis ~ Reaching Home *Received as Information*
 * Call for Proposals

8. Sheila Kaltenberger
 * Hospice Care in the Interlake & Eastman Regions

301-2025 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg supports the petition requesting the Province of Manitoba to develop dedicated hospice care for terminally ill residents within the Interlake and Eastman Regions;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health and the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. **CARRIED**

9. Devan McCoubrey ~ RM of Grahamdale *Received as Information*
 * Drought Conditions

10. Nanette Eserio ~ Association of Manitoba Municipalities *Received as Information*
 * AMM Municipal Interlake District Visit

11. Cory Koomen ~ Arborg Minor Hockey
 * U15 Provincials Ice Sponsorship Request

302-2025 **Thorsteinson / Gislason**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg provide a \$500.00 donation to the Arborg Minor Hockey U15 C Provincial Tournament being held March 6-8, 2026. **CARRIED**

12. East Interlake Watershed District *Received as Information*
 * EIWD Core Funding

13. Tom Chwaliboga ~ ABPRC *Received as Information*
 * Baseball & Soccer Fields

14. Ed Kolodziej ~ Property Assessment Services *Received as Information*
 * Board of Revision Dates

11. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS – cont'd**

2. S/Sgt Rob Gray ~ RCMP
 * Municipal Visit

12. **IN CAMERA**

1. Personnel Matters

303-2025 **Johnston / Thorsteinson**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii) Council, do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera. **CARRIED**

304-2025 **Gislason / Johnston**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

All Council members were in favor of adding a last-minute item to the Agenda.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS – cont'd**

15. Scott Bobbee ~ Rec Hockey Tournament
 * Community Event Letter

305-2025 **Thorsteinson / Gislason**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve a Community Event Letter be provided for the Rec Hockey Tournament at the end of December. **CARRIED**

13. ADJOURNMENT – 1:07 P.M.

306-2025

Thorsteinson / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg
on January 14th, 2026.

CARRIED



Peter Dueck
Mayor



Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer