

**TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday January 14th, 2026**

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, Justin Hoplock, Operations Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1-2026 Gislason / Thorsteinson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – December 10th, 2025

2-2026 Johnston / Rogowsky
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the following Meetings be adopted:

Regular Meeting – December 10th, 2025

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

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS

1. Susan Bauernhuber, Kay Bergman & Vivian Leduchowski – 9:00 A.M.
* Town Hall Request

Mayor Dueck welcomed Susan, Kay and Vivian. Susan, Kay and Vivian discussed their concerns about the health services, hospital and ambulance. They would like the Town to consider having another Town Hall Meeting. Council thanked them for attending and they left the meeting at 9:22 A.M.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Operations Manager Report

Justin reported on the following:

- Public Works Operations
- Snow Removal Operations
- WTP Upgrade Status
- Bridge Project Update
- WTP Furnace Update
- Generator Servicing Contract

3-2026 Johnston / Thorsteinson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg enter into a 3-year service agreement with Cummins Canada ULC for the servicing of the Generator at the Water Treatment Plant;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Operations Manager Justin Hoplock be authorized to sign on behalf of the Town. **CARRIED**

Justin left the meeting at 9:33 A.M.

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS – cont'd

2. Stephanie & Sid Dueck – 9:35 A.M.
* Small Business Incentives

Mayor Dueck welcomed Stephanie and Sid to the meeting. Stephanie and Sid discussed their plans for a new business, and inquired about small business incentives available. Council thanked them for attending and they left the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

3. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Joint Meetings with MBR
- ABFEMS Meeting
- Rec Advisory & Governance Meetings
- AMM Visit
- ASHC Meeting
- MTI Meeting
- Office Operations

3. Council Reports

Ron Johnston reported on attendance at the following:

- Joint Meeting with MBR
- Rec Governance Meetings
- ASHC Meeting
- AMM Visit

Councillor Donna Gislason reported on attendance at the following:

- Joint Meetings with MBR
- Rec Governance Meetings
- ASRC Meeting
- ADMHV Meeting
- AMM Visit

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- MTI Meeting
- Joint Meetings with MBR
- ASHC Meeting
- ABFEMS Meeting
- AMM Visit

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- Joint meetings with MBR
- ABFEMS Meeting
- Rec Advisory Meeting
- AMM Visit

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- Joint Meetings with MBR
- ASHC Meeting
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- AMM Visit

4. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. List of Accounts for Approval

4-2026

Gislason / Thorsteinson

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

Cheque No. 16660 – 16684, 16708 – 16720, 16732 - 16737	\$73,659.42
Payroll & Indemnity Cheque No. 16640 – 16659, 16685-16707, 16721 – 16731	<u>\$78,003.63</u>
	\$151,663.05

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following accounts for 2026 be approved for payment:

Cheque No. 16737 – 16757	\$64,416.31
Payroll & Indemnity Cheque No. 16721 – 16731, 16758 – 16762	<u>\$21,141.80</u>
	\$88,588.11
	CARRIED

2. Bifrost Municipal Airport Commission

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| a) 2025 Statement | <i>Received as Information</i> |
| b) 2026 Grant Request | <i>Forwarded to Budget Meetings</i> |

3. Coralee Thompson, PILT Officer ~ Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program
* Refund Request

5-2026

Rogowsky / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the reimbursement of payment in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$813.11 to Public Services & Procurement Canada.
CARRIED

4. Sandra Reykdal ~ Evergreen Regional Library
* 2026 Levy

6-2026

Thorsteinson / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg approve payment of 2026 1st Half Levy to the Evergreen Regional Library in the amount of \$6,554.50.
CARRIED

5. East Interlake Watershed District
* 2026 Levy
- Forwarded to Budget Meetings*

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. From the Ground Up Grant Application

7-2026

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg apply for the From the Ground Up Grant for Facility Upgrades to the Arborg Bifrost Community Centre.
CARRIED

2. Lagoon Usage Agreement

8-2026

Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and CAO be authorized to sign the Lagoon Usage Agreement with Peguis Child & Family Services.
CARRIED

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. TAXervice Engagement Renewal

9-2026

Thorsteinson / Johnston

WHEREAS The Municipal Act requires the Town to conduct tax recovery proceedings every year;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Arborg Council deems it to be in the municipality's best interest to hire Taxervice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on its behalf;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Town of Arborg hire Taxservice Inc. to manage tax arrears recovery on the municipality's behalf for a term of 3 (three) years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CAO be authorized to sign the Taxservice Inc. engagement letter on behalf of the Town. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

1. Honourable Glen Simard ~ Minister of Municipal Relations
* 2025-26 Manitoba GRO Program *Received as Information*
2. 2026 Volunteer Gala Committee *Held Over*
* 5th Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Gala
3. Karen Melnychuk ~ Multi-Material Stewardship Manitoba
* 2026 Funding *Received as Information*
4. Environmental Policy & Delivery Unit ~ Environment & Climate Change
* Feedback on MMSM *Received as Information*
5. Manitoba Municipal Administrators
* Navigating Your Financial Plan

10-2026

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a member of administration to attend the MMA Seminar, Navigating Your Financial Plan, in Selkirk, MB on January 23, 2026;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the associated expenses be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

6. Tracy Milkowski ~ Municipal & Northern Relations
* Tax Impact & Meet the Assessor *Received as Information*
7. Tom Chwaliboga *Received as Information*
* Basic Health
8. Honourable Lisa Naylor ~ Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure
* Multi-year Strategy *Received as Information*

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

1. Susan Bauernhuber, Kay Bergman & Vivian Leduchowski.
* Town Hall Request
Discussion: Council will continue to work on their lobbying efforts for health services in Arborg.
2. Stephanie & Sid Dueck
* Small Business Incentives
Discussion: Business would qualify for the Development Incentive Program. CAO to advise Stephanie & Sid of application process.

12. IN CAMERA

1. Preliminary Matters

11-2026

Johnston / Gislason

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

12. IN CAMERA – cont'd**12-2026****Gislason / Rogowsky****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting. **CARRIED****13-2026****Rogowsky / Thorsteinson****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the engagement of Gordon Daman, of Red River Group, as a consultant to provide advisory and consulting services in support of the Arborg PCH Project;**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** such consulting services be provided at a rate of \$325.00 per hour, less a 50% professional courtesy discount, resulting in a net rate of \$162.50 per hour;**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the anticipated level of service is estimated at 10 to 15 hours per months, on average, for a term to not exceed twelve (12) months, unless otherwise extended by Council;**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to take all necessary actions to give effect to this resolution. **CARRIED****13. ADJOURNMENT – 12:08****14-2025****Rogowsky / Gislason****BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on January 28th, 2026. **CARRIED****Peter Dueck**
Mayor**Cindy Stansell**
Chief Administrative Officer