

**TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday March 11th, 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: Rob Thorsteinson, Ron Rogowsky, Donna Gislason

Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer; Justin Hoplock, Operations Manager

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

43-2026

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – February 25th, 2026

44-2026

Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the following Meetings be adopted:

Regular Meeting – February 25th, 2026

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

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Operations Manager Report

Justin reported on the following:

- Pole Displays

45-2026

Rogowsky / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg purchase 11 Winter Wind Christmas Light Pole Fixtures from Classic Displays at a cost of \$685.00 per fixture plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

- Cummins Service Agreement

46-2026

Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg enter into a Five-Year Maintenance Service Agreement with Cummins Sales and Service for the Maintenance and Service of the Water Treatment Plant Generator;

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

CARRIED

- WTP Generator Maintenance Quote

47-2026

Johnston / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Quote from Cummins Sales and Service for the Repair of the Water Treatment Plant Generator in the amount of \$2907.55 plus applicable taxes be accepted.

CARRIED

- Public Works Operations

Justin left the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

2. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Office Operations
- Rec Governance Budget Meeting

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

3. Council Reports

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- Budget Meetings
- BAR Waste Meeting

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- Budget Meetings
- Finance Minister Meeting
- EIPD Meeting
- PW Operations

Councillor Donna Gislason reported on attendance at the following:

- Budget Meetings
- EIPD Meeting
- ADMHV Meeting
- Rec Governance Budget Meeting

Councillor Ron Johnston reported on attendance at the following:

- Budget Meetings
- Finance Minister Meeting
- EIWD Meeting
- Rec Governance Budget Meeting

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- Finance Minister Meeting
- Budget Meetings
- I love to Read Month – AEMS
- Opening Ceremony at U15C Provincials

4. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. List of Accounts for Approval

48-2026

Johnston / Thorsteinson

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

Cheque No. 16864 – 16901, 16913 – 16939	\$178,160.09
Payroll & Indemnity Cheque No. 16853 – 16863,	<u>\$ 43,198.21</u>
16902 - 19612, 16940 - 16945	\$157,776.48
	CARRIED

2. Financial Statements as at December 31st, 2025

49-2026

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the December 31st, 2025 Financial Statements be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

50-2026

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

WHEREAS the Town of Arborg has a Net Operating Surplus of **\$87,308.09** in the **General Operating Fund** and Net Operating Surplus of **\$15,234.08** in the **Utility Operating Fund** as at **December 31, 2025**;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT these Surplus Funds be allocated as follows:

<u>General Operating Fund</u>	
Equipment Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Paving Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Recreation Reserve	\$ 20,000.00
Nominal Surplus	<u>\$ 27,308.09</u>
Total	\$ 87,308.09
<u>Utility Operating Fund</u>	
Utility Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000.00
Nominal Surplus	<u>\$ 234.08</u>
Total	\$ 15,234.08 CARRIED

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS – cont'd

- 3. Arborg Bifrost Fire Department
 - a) Firefighter Proposed Remuneration

51-2026

Rogowsky / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following remuneration rates be established for members of the Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services effective January 1, 2026;

- Fire Chief \$29.18 per hour
- Deputy Fire Chief \$27.58 per hour
- Captains \$25.46 per hour
- Level 1 Firefighters \$24.40 per hour
- Other Firefighters \$23.58 per hour

CARRIED

- b) 2026 Proposed Budget

Held Over

- 4. BAR Waste 2026 Budget

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Skid Steer Rental
- 2. Graduation Class Hall Rental
- 3. Training Centre Agreement
 - * The Creative Cocoon

52-2026

Gislason / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg extend the lease agreement with the Creative Cocoon for a period of 3-years for the basement portion of the Training Centre building;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg provide an annual grant of \$5,400.00 for 2026. **CARRIED**

- 4. Senior Election Official

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Public Utilities Board
 - * Order No. 29/26

Received as Information

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. By-law No. 7-2024 ~ Water & Wastewater Utility Rates

53-2026

Gislason / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 7-2024, a By-law to establish new water and wastewater rates for the Arborg Utility be read a second time.

CARRIED

54-2026

Rogowsky / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 7-2024, a By-law to establish new water and wastewater rates for the Arborg Utility 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

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

2. Interlake Tourism Association
* 2026 Ads and Travel Guide

55-2026

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg place a ¼ page Ad in the 2026 edition of the Interlake Tourism Association's visitor's guide;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cost of advertising, \$425.00 plus GST, be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

3. Association of Manitoba Municipalities *All Received as Information*
a) Thank You
b) 2026 AMM June District Resolution Process
4. Paula Anderson *Received as Information*
* Interlake Kids of Steel Triathlon
5. Municipal and Northern Relations *All Received as Information*
a) 2024 Audited Financial Statements
b) 2026 Property Assessment Services
c) Homeowners Affordability Tax Credit 2026
6. Interlake Women's Resource Centre
* Grant Request

56-2026

Rogowsky / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg provide a donation of \$500.00 to the Interlake Women's Resource;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the donation be authorized for payment. **CARRIED**

7. Pat Eyolfson ~ Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village
a) Grant Request

57-2026

Johnston / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg approve a \$5,000 contribution to the Arborg & District Multicultural Heritage Village for 2026. **CARRIED**

- b) Annual Spring Fundraiser

58-2026

Gislason / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg purchase 8 tickets in support of the Arborg and District Multicultural Heritage Village Annual Spring Fundraiser. **CARRIED**

8. S/Sgt Rob Gray
a) 3rd Quarter Municipal & Rural Reporting
b) 3rd Quarter Mayor's Report
9. Eugene Zalevich ~ Community Futures East Interlake
* BIG-R Grant *Received as Information*

11. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**12. **IN CAMERA**

1. Preliminary Matters

59-2026

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**

60-2026

Rogowsky / Thorsteinson

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

13. ADJOURNMENT – 10:48 A.M.

61-2026

Gislason / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on March 25th, 2026.

CARRIED



Peter Dueck
Mayor



Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer