

**TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday March 25th, 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

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

Absent with regrets: Councillor Donna Gislason

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

62-2026

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – March 11th, 2026

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Johnston / Thorsteinson

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

Regular Meeting – March 11th, 2026

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

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS

1. Julie Bergner & Lisa Thordarson~ Fieldstone Ventures – 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Dueck welcomed Julie and Lisa to the Meeting. Julie and Lisa discussed updates to staffing and educational ideas to hold at the Training Centre. Council thanked them for coming and they left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

2. Rachel Plett ~ Arborg Library – 10:30 A.M.

Mayor Dueck welcomed Rachel to the Meeting. Rachel discussed items that should be addressed for in the budget season. Council thanked Rachel for coming and she left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Operations Manager Report

Justin reported on the following:

- Public Works Operations
- Valley Fiber Meeting

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

2. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Office Operations
- Gala Meeting
- Volunteer Gala
- Valley Fiber Meeting

3. Council Reports

Councillor Ron Johnston reported on attendance at the following:

- Gala Meeting
- Municipal Bonspiel
- Volunteer Gala

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- Municipal Bonspiel
- Library Meeting
- Volunteer Gala
- PW Operations

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- Gala Meeting
- Interlake Vet Meeting
- CFEI Meeting
- Volunteer Gala

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- Municipal Bonspiel
- Volunteer Gala
- ASHC Meeting

4. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. Interlake Weed Control District *Forwarded to Budget*
* 2026 Spraying Budget

2. 2026 School Levy Requirements *Forwarded to Budget*
a) Province of Manitoba
b) Evergreen School Division
Discussion: Letters to neighboring municipalities with concerns in raise in school taxation.

3. Chambers Fraser Chartered Professional Accountants
* Audit Update
Discussion: CAO to arrange a special meeting when more information is available.

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. By-law No. 1-2026 ~ Fees & Charges By-law

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Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 1-2026, a By-law to prescribe fees and charges payable to the Town of Arborg for municipal services rendered, be read a second time. **CARRIED**

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Johnston / Thorsteinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No.1-2026, a By-law to prescribe fees and charges payable to the Town of Arborg for municipal services rendered, 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	Absent
Mayor Peter Dueck	✓		
Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston	✓		
Councillor Donna Gislason			✓
Councillor Rob Thorsteinson	✓		
Councillor Ron Rogowsky	✓		

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Nil

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Valley Fiber
a) Agreement
b) Internet Plans
Discussion: CAO to clarify map with Valley Fiber.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Honourable Ian Bushie ~ Minister of Natural Resources & Indigenous Futures
 - * 2026 Dutch Elm Disease Funding *Received as Information*
- 2. Laura Oddleifson ~ Arborg Street Festival
 - * Letter of Support

66-2026

Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg provide a Letter of Support for the Arborg Street Festival to accompany their Community Festival and Events Program Grant Application. **CARRIED**

- 3. Jinny Sigurdson ~ Arborg Ag Society
 - * Sponsorship Request

67-2026

Johnston / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg provide a \$500.00 Grant to the Arborg Ag Society for the 2026 Arborg Agricultural Fair and Rodeo;

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

- 4. Craig Baird
 - * A Community History Video Partnership
 - Discussion: CAO to request more information.
- 5. Janet Murphy ~ Royal Canadian Legion *Received as Information*
 - * 18th Annual Military Service Recognition Book

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

- 1. Julie Bergner & Lisa Thordarson ~ Fieldstone Ventures
 - Discussion: Administration to prepare letter to lobby for more funding for advanced education.
- 2. Rachel Plett ~ Arborg Library
 - Discussion: Operations Manager to look into requests.

12. IN CAMERA

- 1. Personnel Matters

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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**

69-2026

Rogowsky / Thorsteinson

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

13. ADJOURNMENT – 11:36 A.M.

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Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on April 8th, 2026. **CARRIED**



Peter Dueck
Mayor



Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer