



Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton

Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026 - Regular Meeting - 08:00 AM

Voter Attendees:

Brian N Johnson (Reeve)
Chad Johnson (Councillor)
Corey Palsson (Councillor)
David King (Councillor)
Gordon Klym (Councillor)
Ken Stadnek (Councillor)
Kirk Johnston (Councillor)

Non-Voter Attendees:

Deanna Fridfinnson (Assistant CAO)
Larissa Love (CAO)

1. **Meeting Called To Order**

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:11am.

Resolution No:
2026-0020

2. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Kirk Johnston

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of Jan 15, 2026 and Special Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026 as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No:
2026-0021

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted, as amended, and the order of the agenda is authorized to be altered as required.

Carried

4. **Delegation Public Hearing**

Resolution No:
2026-0022

4.1 **Enter into Public Hearing**

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on Feb 12, 2026 at 9:00am.

Carried

4.2 **Notice of Intent for Heritage designation Geysir Cooperative Community Club Inc.**

Resolution No:
2026-0023

4.3 Close Public Hearing

Moved By: Ken Stadnek
Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on Feb 12, 2026 9:05 at am.

Carried

Resolution No:
2026-0024

5. Reception of Elected Officials/Committees

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the verbal and written reports of elected official/committees as presented.

Carried

5.1 Riverton-Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission

5.2 Fisher-Mantago Sub District

Resolution No:
2026-0025

6. Communications

Moved By: David King
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council accept the following communications as presented:

Carried

6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report

Resolution No:
2026-0026

6.2 CAO Activity Report

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: David King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has completed the construction of the New Fire Hall in Riverton;
AND WHEREAS the entire cost of construction and contents equals \$1,202,280.52;
AND WHEREAS all the contributions to the project equals \$55,326.47;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the entire cost of \$1,202,280.52 less the contributions equals \$1,146,954.05.

Carried

6.3 Rec Director Activity report

6.4 Munisoft training requirements

6.5 Canada Icelandic Foundation -Djorfung Ladies Aid

6.6 Work Safe MB. Safety Swap

6.7 EIWD response letter

7. Accounts

Resolution No:
2026-0027

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Moved By: Ken Stadnek
Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve Cheque No.3977-4088 for expenses in the amount of \$592,361.74

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities for the pay periods ending Jan 30, 2026 totalling \$92,776.30, and Government Remittances of \$39,177.49.

Carried

7.2 Unaudited Financials as at

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the _____ Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

7.3 Bank Statement

7.4 Budget Control to Date

8. By-laws

Resolution No:
2026-0028

8.1 By-Law 01-2026 First Reading

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

WHEREAS Section 25 of *The Heritage Resources Act* authorizes a municipal council to designate a property as a Municipal Heritage Site; and

WHEREAS Council is satisfied that the property located at **16006 River Road 1-36922 on 2.12 acres and Roll Number 74900** has heritage value;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost - Riverton give first reading to **By-law No. 01-2026**, to designate the property known as **Geysir Cooperative Community Club Inc., located at 16006 River Road 1-36922 on 2.12 acres and Roll Number 74900** as a Municipal Heritage Site under *The Heritage Resources Act*.

Carried Unanimously

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Develop Hospice Care

9.2 Arborg Bifrost Rec/Town Resolution

Referred the item to the 2026 budget.

10. General Business

Resolution No:
2026-0029

10.1 Bar Audit

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

WHEREAS the Audited Financial Statements of **BAR Waste Authority Co-op Inc.** for the period ended May 17, 2024 have been presented;

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the Statement of Financial Position and accompanying notes as prepared by the external auditor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby accepts and approves the Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Carried

10.2 Nutrient Reduction

Resolution No:
2026-0030

10.3 TAXervice Engagement of Service

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: Ken Stadnek

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton requires professional services to manage property tax arrears recovery; and
WHEREAS TAXervice has provided an engagement letter outlining the terms, process, fees, and responsibilities for managing property tax arrears recovery; and
WHEREAS the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has reviewed the engagement letter and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth therein;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby accepts the engagement letter with a three year term TAXervice and authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, Larissa Love, to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the Municipality.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT TAXervice is appointed to conduct the Municipality's tax sale process, and the necessary by-law and resolution will be passed to enable TAXervice to deal directly with the land titles office.

Carried

10.4 Okno Community Committee

Resolution No:
2026-0031

10.5 U15 Hockey Provincials Sponsorship

Moved By: Ken Stadnek
Seconded By: Gordon Klym

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Municipality participating as a \$500.00, Gold Sponsor for the U15 Rural C Hockey Provincials March 6-8, 2026 in Arborg and in accordance with the sponsorship request;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the two (2) complimentary event tickets included with the sponsorship be gifted to two Riverdale Workshop employees.

Carried

Resolution No:
2026-0032

10.6 Service Estimates Website

Moved By: Corey Palsson
Seconded By: Kirk Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve entering into an agreement with Ganica Print & Design Solutions for website development services in the amount of \$2,800.00 plus applicable taxes, for a total of \$3,136.00;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the annual web hosting cost of \$163.20 plus applicable taxes and authorize payment according to the proposed schedule, including the 35% deposit.

Carried

10.7 SEO Notice of Resignation

Resolution No:
2026-0033

10.8 Subdivision Application File No.4105-25-8557

Moved By: Gordon Klym
Seconded By: David King

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton has received a subdivision application (File No. 4105-25-8557) from Gilbert Kornelsen to subdivide a 10.08-acre residential lot from a 107.1-acre agricultural parcel located at Part of SE ¼ of Section 12-24-2 EPM, Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, Certificate of Title No. 3248387/1;

AND WHEREAS the proposed subdivision is located within an area designated as Agriculture Rural-General (AR-G) Area under the Eastern Interlake Planning District Development Plan, which allows for single-lot residential subdivisions under specific circumstances;

AND WHEREAS the proposed subdivision would result in a fourth residential lot within the quarter section, exceeding the maximum of two residential lots per quarter section as outlined in Policy 4.1.9(d) of the Development Plan;

AND WHEREAS the Community Planning Services Branch has recommended conditional approval of the subdivision application, provided that a development agreement is entered into to restrict further subdivision and residential development on the residual lot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approves the subdivision application (File No. 4105-25-8557) subject to the following conditions:

1. That all taxes on the land to be subdivided, including any arrears, are paid in full or that satisfactory arrangements are made with the Municipality.
2. That the applicant/owner enters into a Development Agreement with the Municipality to restrict the development of residential uses on the residual lot of Certificate of Title No. 3248387/1.

Carried

Resolution No:
2026-0034

10.9 5th Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Gala

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

WHEREAS the Arborg Bifrost Recreation Committee is hosting the 5th Annual Community Volunteer Recognition Gala on March 21, 2026;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council nominates the late Colin Bjarnason for Volunteer recognition at the 2026 Community Volunteer Recognition Gala;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality will provide the nominee's family with two (2) Gala tickets and authorize Administration to submit the nomination.

Carried

10.10 Municipal Facility MOU

10.11 Circulation report Subdivision 4300-26-8588

10.12 Thorsteinson Proposal

10.13 Arborg Bifrost-Rec Outdoor Sports Centre

Duplicate of Item 9.2 (referred item to the 2026 Budget)

Resolution No:
2026-0035

10.14 Municipal Event

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: David King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality will send one team to participate in the 2026 Municipal Bonspiel.

Carried

10.15 Development Incentive Program Application

Resolution No:
2026-0036

10.16 ORV Designated Route

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

WHEREAS the Interlake OffRoad Club Corporation (IORC) has submitted a proposal requesting the designation and extension of shared use trails on municipal right-of-way within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council hereby approves and authorizes:

1. The identification and designation of the shared use trail on municipal right-of-way,

1. specifically the abandoned rail line paralleling PTH 7 running from Rd 125N to PTH 68 and extending to the Icelandic River and the town limits of Arborg.

2. The collaboration with IORC for trail management, maintenance, and signage, as outlined in the proposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council will work with IORC to finalize the trail identification and naming and provide guidance on any additional requirements for the implementation of the shared use trail network.

Carried

11. Notice of Motion

12. In Camera

Resolution No:
2026-0037

12.1 Open In Camera

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that in accordance with The Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii) and (iv) Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move In-Camera at 10:15a.m. to discuss;

1. Legal Matters

2. Personnel

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 83(1) of the Municipal Act all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.

Carried

Resolution No:
2026-0038

12.2 Close in Camera

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now reconvene it's Regular Meeting of Council at 10:30 a.m.

Carried

Resolution No:
2026-0039

13. Business Generated from In Camera

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes administration to request a complete copy of the submitted Manitoba GRO application for review from the Town of Arborg.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

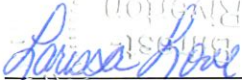
The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 10:30am

Carried



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Reeve Brian Johnson



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larissa Love", is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains the text "TOWN OF ARBORG" and "MANITOBA".

CAO Larissa Love