



**Joint Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 20, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**RM of Lac du Bonnet Council**  
**Chambers**



**Attendance:**

Reeve Loren Schinkel (Chair)  
Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk  
Councillor Jeff Easton  
Councillor Cindy Kellendonk  
CAO Sandra Broek  
DCAO Deanne Duke

Mayor Ken Lodge  
Deputy Mayor Keegan Sveinson  
Councillor Scott Veilleux  
Councillor Greg Short  
CAO, Marley Seymour  
ACAO Jackie Duma

**1. Call to Order**

Reeve Schinkel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. Delegation – Paul McIntosh**

Mr. McIntosh shared concerns about the draft development plan and experience with commercial development. He supported the 2010 plan's approach to commercial development advocating for keeping such development near town limits. He emphasized the need for light industrial zones and outlined his wishes for community development such as outdoor event park, hospital, water and sewer lines.

There was a discussion on low-pressure versus gravity sewer lines and potential development behind Lake Life. Mr. McIntosh requests confirmation from the Town if hookup to water and sewer is possible. CAO Seymour advised they have engaged an engineer to assist with costing.

**Action:**

- 1) Town: Confirm feasibility of Mr. McIntosh hooking up to Town water and sewer and advise accordingly.
- 2) Town: Provide cost estimates for low pressure sewer lines and waterline connections if feasible.

**3. 2025 PROJECTS**

**Ball Diamonds**

CAO Seymour provided an update on costs. Funding is shared equally (\$14,648 each) by the RM, Town, and Slo Pitch group.

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RM and Town to budget \$14,648 per group.



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**Arena Parking Lot**

CAO Seymour advised that new quotes were obtained for this project, and they applied for \$227K for FGU and GRO funding. Frost boils were identified as concerns, and it was recommended to contact Magnum for a quote on asphaltting and base work.

A financial commitment from the Farmer's Market was discussed, noting a previous commitment of \$15K.

**Action:**

Town: Obtain quotes from Magnum for asphaltting and base work.

Town & RM: Determine budget allocation.

**Boardwalk at Laker's**

RM Director of Public Works provided an update and requested clarification on the boardwalk concept at Laker's. Councils directed that the intention of the boardwalk is to connect the boat launch and laker's.

Two options were presented:

1. Above water Boardwalk: Estimated cost for above water boardwalk with piles: \$300K with annual removal would be required. This concept was deemed unfavourable.

2. Shoreline Pathway with a bridge: Gravel, wood, or grass options were discussed with an agreement that gravel would be preferred. Impact on riprap, vegetation removal and potential beach area should be considered.

**Action:**

RM: Karina to obtain cost estimates for gravel walkway and bridge options.

**Laker's - Washroom**

RM Director of Public Works provided cost estimates and options for bathrooms at Laker's.

- Winter portable rental: \$600/month (includes cleaning).
- Freshwater and holding tank: \$12,500 plus labor (\$20K total estimated).
- Heated port-a-potty: \$2,000 purchase



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**Action:**

1. RM: Proceed with summer port-a-potty rental
2. RM: Karina to research costs to prepare a sea can for future bathroom development.

**4. LAC DU BONNET TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY – NEXT STEPS**

Council agreed to form a committee and develop Terms of Reference for the feasibility study. Proposed committee members: 1 Town rep, 2 RM reps, PW rep, Kathy Picard, and one public member.

**Action:**

1. RM: Draft a Terms of Reference for the committee.
2. RM: Reeve draft joint letter to the minister regarding trail maintenance along 502.

**5. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Budget Discussion
  - o \$5K approved for LED lighting.
  - o Fire Inspection fee remains at \$50.
  - o RM to budget for the UTV, other capital items will be deferred pending leadership changes.
2. Fire Department Revenue:

RM council agreed to no longer apply Fire Dept revenue to bad debt expense but will pay the Town 23% of revenue as per agreements.

3. Fire Hydrants: Town to seek PUB clarification on fire hydrant charges to RM.
4. Fire Department By-Law – Councils agreed to review the Fire department Bylaw.
5. Fire Chief Hiring Committee – Discussion regarding committee members being 2 RM, 2 Town, Earl Simmons and John Fleming. Evaluation criteria to include residency in Lac du Bonnet or willingness to re-locate.

**Action:**

1. Town: Provide update on PUB discussions regarding Hydrant charges.
2. RM: Draft Fire Department By-Law.
3. RM: Pay 23% revenue to the Town per agreements.



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4. RM: Notify the hiring committee, prepare interview questions and develop evaluation criteria.

**6. RCMP UPDATE (In Camera: 12:55 - 1:55 p.m.)**

Staff Sargent Cory Meyers provided updates on the annual management plan, funding, staffing, off road vehicles and body cameras.

**7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EDO)**

Discussion on Economic Development Officer position. Town advised does not have budget allocation for 2025 but may participate in 2026. Deputy Reeve Mandzuk proposed the partial town funding and Councillor Kellendonk noted approximately \$30K in CDC financial that could contribute

**Action:**

1. Sharalyn: Draft Terms of Reference for EDO (Town & RM).
2. RM/Town: Pass resolutions to support the position the position.
3. RM/Town: Review and finalize job description and job posting.

**8. WATER AGREEMENT**

Town CAO provided an update on the Water Capacity Study noting a \$5.6 million dollar financial impact on the water expansion project. Town CAO advised she has reached out to WSB for a template for a water agreement, however, has had no response to date. A collaborative meeting with the Water Services Board was agreed upon.

**Action:**

1. RM: Sandra to share Whitemouth agreement with Marley.
2. RM: Sandra to provide Travis' contact information.
3. RM: Sandra to arrange a meeting with Travis, Dee, and Wendy.

**9. HOME HARDWARE**

Home Hardware owner raised concerns with Reeve and Mayor about waterline size impacting business resale. Town CAO confirmed a report indicated sufficient flow from existing waterlines.



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**Action:**

Town: Prepare a letter confirming adequate water flow.

**10. RECYCLING**

Reeve Schinkel provided an update on lobbying efforts with Manitoba Stewardship Board. The Town has marked environmental services and recycling as a priority project for 2025.

**11. Meeting Adjournment.**

Reeve Schinkel adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.