



Council Meeting Recap – Feb. 24, 2026

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*The following is a brief recap of the **Feb. 24, 2026** Council Meeting. To see agendas for upcoming meetings (released Thursday afternoons prior to Tuesday meetings) visit <http://www.rmoflacdubonnet.com/p/agendas-minutes>.*

Council Decisions

Treaty Land Acknowledgement:

- Reeve Loren Schinkel and Council opened the meeting with a Treaty Land acknowledgement.

Council Expense claims Red River Basin Commission conference:

- Council Expense Claims related to the Red River Basin Commission Annual Summit Conference were approved.

Conditional Use decision:

- Council reserved a decision on a Conditional Use application.

Transfers to Reserves:

- Council authorized the CAO or designate to transfer a total of \$425,000 in the following amounts into the following reserves:
 - General Reserve: \$15,000
 - Machinery Reserve: \$150,000
 - Road Reconstruction Reserve: \$160,000
 - Fire Department Equipment Reserve: \$100,000
- The RM realized a budget surplus in the 2025 Financial Plan due to a number of factors. Reserves are built up for future RM projects and needs.

Opening of 2026 Hourly Equipment Rental bids:

- Council opened the 2026 bids for Hourly Equipment Rental Rates.
- The Public Works Department will now analyze the bids.

AlertMB system participation:

- Council confirmed the RM's participation in the AlertMB program and designated Reeve Schinkel and Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk as AlertMB Elected Official Authorities.
- Further, Council designated the CAO, ACAO, director of Public Works, and Emergency Coordinator John Fleming as approved Call-In Issuers authorized to initiate AlertMB notifications on behalf of the RM of Lac du Bonnet.
- Further, Council authorized the CAO to complete and submit all required participation documentation to Manitoba Emergency Management Organization and to administer ongoing program requirements on behalf of the RM.
- AlertMB is Manitoba's official public emergency alerting system administered by Manitoba Emergency Management Organization. The program enables authorized provincial and local authorities to distribute urgent public safety alerts during emergencies such as wildfires, floods, severe weather, hazardous materials incidents, infrastructure failures, or evacuation orders.

Grey Owl Cottage Association Public Reserve service request:

- Council authorized the Grey Owl Cottage Association to temporarily store dredging silt material on a Public Reserve as part of their installation of dock slips.
- Further, Council resolved that the Grey Owl Cottage Association will enter into a formal agreement with the RM to ensure all silt is removed and the Public Reserve is restored to its previous condition at the Cottage Association's cost.

Manitoba Investing In Resilience and Adaptation (MIRA) Program grant application:

- Council supported the submission of the proposal under the MIRA Program for the Wildfire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy and authorized the CAO to submit the proposal.
- [More details here.](#)

Lac du Bonnet Housing Strategic Plan:

- Council resolved to adopt the Lac du Bonnet Housing Strategic Plan, developed in conjunction with the Town of Lac du Bonnet, as presented.

Conference/event attendance approvals:

- Council authorized the RM to host a booth at the **Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby** on Feb. 28 for the purpose of representing the Municipality and engaging with residents and authorized all Councillors and the CAO or designate to attend and participate at their discretion.

- Council approved all Councillors the CAO or designate, the Public Works Director, and the Public Works Project Manager attend the **Manitoba Good Roads Association Awards Banquet** on April 21 in Brandon at their discretion.
- Council approved the Public Works Director and Public Works Project Manager to attend the **Association of Manitoba Municipalities Spring Convention Trade Show** on April 22 and 23 in Brandon.

Delegations

- There were no delegations.

By-Law Readings

- There were no By-Law readings.

Reports and Correspondence

- Council received [the CAO's report](#).
- Council received the Red River Basin Commission Annual Summit [Summary Report](#) from Councillor Cindy Kellendonk.
- Council received the [Economic Development Officer's report](#).
- Council received the Northeast Red Watershed District [meeting minutes](#) for Jan. 22, 2026.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) Reeve Schinkel sent to Hon. Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding the RM's renewed request for speed-limit reductions on various roadways.
- Council received five letters relating to advocacy for Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel applications:
 - [Letter](#) from Reeve Schinkel to Hon. Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship
 - [Letter](#) from Reeve Schinkel to Hon. Malaya Marcelino, Minister of Labour and Immigration
 - [Response letter](#) from Jean Adriano on behalf of Minister Marcelino
 - [Letter](#) from Reeve Schinkel to Lac du Bonnet MP James Bezan
 - [Response letter](#) from MP Bezan

The next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 3 p.m.

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