



Council Meeting Recap – Jan. 13, 2026

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*The following is a brief recap of the **Jan. 13, 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 approval:

- The [Council Expense Claims for December, 2025](#) were approved.

Approval to transfer funds to reserves:

- Council approved transferring \$53,968.04 to the Public Works Reserve, to be withdrawn when the door replacement project at the Public Works north shop takes place. This expense was included in the 2025 Financial Plan.
- Further, Council approved transferring the unbudgeted proceeds of \$49,109.39, which came from the sale of a parcel of RM land in 2025, to the Capital Development Reserve for future infrastructure initiatives.

Board of Revision date and chairperson appointment:

- Council resolved to hold the Lac du Bonnet Board of Revision on Sept. 23, 2026, at 4 p.m. in the RM Council Chambers.
- Further, they appointed Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk as the Board of Revision Chairperson for the 2027 Assessment roll.

Designation of Tax Sale Year and Tax Sale date:

- Council resolved that the Designated Year for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction be 2025 (meaning all properties with outstanding taxes from the year 2024 or prior).
- In accordance with section 363 (1) of the Municipal Act, “costs” shall be the actual costs incurred by the municipality for each parcel listed for the Tax Sale plus an administration fee of \$50 per roll as set forth in Manitoba Regulation 50/97.
- Further, Council resolved that the Tax Sale will be held on Nov. 12, 2026 at 10 a.m. in the RM Council Chambers.

Provincial Property Assessment Services – Tax Impact meeting and Meet the Assessor Open House:

- Council confirmed the Tax Impact meeting will take place May 19, 2026 at 1 p.m. and that the Meet the Assessor Open House in combination with the Town of Lac du Bonnet will take place June 20, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both will take place in the RM Council Chambers.
- Provincial Property Assessment Services will be conducting a property tax reassessment in 2027.
- Further, Council approved that the Meet the Assessor Open House be advertised on the RM website, on the RM’s social media platforms, in the *Lac du Bonnet Clipper*, and shared with the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

Adoption of Emergency Preparedness Plan:

- Council adopted the 2026 Lac du Bonnet Emergency Preparedness Plan. Further, Council acknowledged the following Emergency Management Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between Council and the following Councils/organizations and renewed its commitment annually for each of the MOUs, which will be in effect indefinitely:
- LGD of Pinawa, RM of Alexander, RM of Brokenhead, RM of Reynolds, RM of St. Clements, RM of Whitemouth, Town of Beausejour, Town of Powerview/Pine Falls, Lac du Bonnet Airport Board, Lac du Bonnet Community Centre, Manigotagan Community Council, and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 164.

Adoption of Lac du Bonnet Community Economic Development Strategic Plan (2025-2030):

- Council adopted the Lac du Bonnet Community Economic Development Strategic Plan (2025-2030), developed in collaboration with the Town of Lac du Bonnet, as presented.

Approval of Lac du Bonnet Housing Needs Final Report:

- Council adopted the Lac du Bonnet Housing Final Report as presented.
- A news release and summary of the report is to come.

Approval of Canadian Linen Services Agreement:

- Council authorized the appropriate signatures on the Canadian Linen Agreement.

- The RM receives uniform cleaning and janitorial services from Canadian Linen. Canadian Linen is now part of the Canoe Procurement program, which enables the RM to receive the same services at a reduced cost (approximately 50 per cent lower) with a commitment of 36 months.

Ratepayer request regarding tree/bush clearing:

- Council authorized a property owner to cut the trees and bush growing on the unused Municipal Road Allowance directly to the south of their property.
- The property owner appeared before Council as a delegation in December to make the request.

From the Ground Up grant application approval:

- Council resolved to support and approve the RM's application for From the Ground Up: Safe Healthy Communities for ALL grant funding for an active transportation plan project.

Support for advocacy on Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) extension application:

- Council resolved to support advocacy on behalf of CUAET families experiencing prolonged processing delays, urges federal authorities to review and, where appropriate, expedite applications on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.
- Further, Council authorized correspondence to the Hon. Lena Metlage Diab, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, Hon. Malaya Marcelino, Minister of Labour and Immigration, the local Member of Parliament, and relevant provincial representatives to express concern regarding these delays and to advocate for timely and fair consideration, while acknowledging current federal processing backlogs.
- Council resolved that this resolution affirms Council's commitment to compassion, fairness, and the wellbeing of newcomer families.
- Since the launch of the CUAET program in 2022, individuals and families fleeing the war in Ukraine have been welcomed across Canada, including within the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

Notices of Absence:

- Council approved a notice of absence for Councillor Vi Enns-Preston from Jan. 11, 2026 to Jan. 18, 2026.
- Council approved a notice of absence for Councillor Jeff Easton from Jan. 24, 2026 to Feb. 9, 2026.

Conference/event attendance approvals:

- Council approved Reeve Schinkel to attend the **Manitoba Disaster Management Conference** from Jan. 28 through Jan. 30, 2026 in Winnipeg. Reeve Schinkel will be a keynote speaker and panelist at the event.

- Council approved the DCAO and Director of Public Works to attend the **Thompson, Dorfman, Sweatman Annual Labour & Employment Seminar** on Feb. 20, 2026 in Winnipeg at their discretion.
- Council approved all of Council and the CAO and/or Deputy CAO to attend the following 2026 conferences/events:
 - the **Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) Spring Convention** in Brandon from April 21, 2026 - April 23, 2026
 - the **AMM June Eastern District meeting**
 - Quarterly **Eastman Municipal Forum meetings**
- Council approved designated staff to attend the following 2026 conferences/events, subject to operational requirements and approval by the CAO:
 - **Manitoba Planning Conference** – up to two employees from Planning and Development
 - **Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators Conference** – one employee from senior management
 - **Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association Conference** – up to three administrative employees, with the option to approve attendance by additional staff graduating as operationally appropriate
 - **Economic Development Association of Manitoba 2026 Forum and Community Edge Training** – Economic Development Officer
 - **Manitoba Building Officials Association (MBOA) Spring and Fall Seminars** – Building Inspector
 - **Public Works Expo & Trade Show** – up to two Public Works employees.

Delegations

- There were no delegations before Council.

By-Law Readings

- There were no By-Law readings.

Reports and Correspondence

- Council received [the CAO's report](#).

- Council received the [Lac du Bonnet Fire Department Report](#) for November, 2025.
- Council received the [Prairie By-Law Animal Control Report](#) for December, 2025.
- Council received the [Lac du Bonnet EMO Report](#) for Q4, 2025.
- Council received the [Eastman Regional Municipal Committee Meeting minutes](#) of Oct. 20, 2025.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) Reeve Schinkel sent to Premier Wab Kinew thanking him for the invitation to the November Speech from the Throne.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) Reeve Schinkel sent to Hon. Adrien Sala, Minister of Finance, regarding the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Pinawa StarCore Nuclear Modular Reactor Clean Energy Project.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) Reeve Schinkel sent to Hon. Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding various road safety requests.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) the Lac du Bonnet Heritage Corporation sent to Hon. Uzoma Asagwara, Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care and Hon. Renee Cable, Minister of Advanced Education and Training requesting Provincial support for a dedicated adult education and health-care training venue to prepare a local workforce ahead of the Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home (PCH) opening in 2027.
- Council received the [AMM Eastern Directors' Update](#) for December, 2025.
- Council received a copy of [the letter of support](#) the RM provided the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society's for their grant application to the Province.
- Council received [a thank-you letter](#) from the Lac du Bonnet & Area Food Bank for the RM's donation of \$3500.
- Council received the [Manitoba Wildlife Federation's Annual Report](#) for 2025.
- Council received [an update](#) from the Province regarding the Lac du Bonnet PCH construction.
- Council received [notification from Manitoba Hydro](#) that the Seven Sisters Generating Station Spillway will operate beginning Jan. 8, 2026.

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

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