



# Council Meeting Recap – March 11, 2025

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The following is a brief recap of the **March 11, 2025** 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 for February, 2025:

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

### 2024 Financial Plan surplus allocations:

- The RM currently has a 2024 Financial Plan surplus of \$457,922.74.
- Council resolved to allocate the funds as followed:
  - \$57,922.74 - Auditor year-end adjustments
  - \$400,000 - to remain in the operating fund to cover 2025 budgeted expenditures.
- Under provincial legislation, the RM is not allowed to plan to have a budgetary surplus but sometimes ends up with a surplus due to a variety of reasons.

### Land Sale Policy approval: **TABLED**

- This item was **tabled**.

### Grey Owl Cottage Association application for dock and boat launch dredging:

- Council authorized the signing of the Request for Review Application to the Department of Oceans and Fisheries on behalf of the Grey Owl Cottage Association.
- In September, 2024, Council passed resolution 2024 3471 authorizing the Grey Owl Cottage Association to replace the existing dock and undertake improvements to the docking and beach area, including dredging.

### **Private Services Agreement with Winnipeg Condominium Corporation (Bonnet Oaks):**

- Council authorized the appropriate RM signing authorities to enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg Condominium Corporation (Bonnet Oaks) for the provision of private road maintenance services.

### **Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee 2025 Heritage Resources Management Plan approval:**

- Council approved the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee 2025 Heritage Resources Management Plan as presented.

### **Lac du Bonnet Airport topographical survey change order:**

- Council authorized the CAO to enter into a change-order contract with Stantec Engineering related to increased costs for the topographic survey at the Lac du Bonnet Airport. The cost increase is due to the delayed start.
- Council approved transferring \$5,025 from the Airport Reserve for this expense.

### **Lac du Bonnet Community Centre Board appointment:**

- Council appointed Councillor Vi Enns-Preston as the Director to the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre Board for another one-year term.

### **Winnipeg River Arts Council appointment:**

- Council appointed Councillor Cindy Kellendonk to represent the RM on the Winnipeg River Arts Council for a one-year term.

### **Event and Conference attendance approval:**

- Council approved all Councillors, the CAO, and the DCAO to attend the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Turning Tension into Teamwork: Conflict Resolution for Councils educational workshop on April 14, 2025 at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg at their discretion.

# Delegations

- Susan Norman and Greg Short of the Winnipeg River Tourism Corridor appeared before Council to provide an update on the organization.

# By-Law Readings

- Council conducted third and final reading of the [Methods of Payment By-Law No. 02-25](#).
- Council conducted first reading of [the Public Reserve Closure By-Law No. 13-14](#), which regards the closure of a certain Public Reserve ([mapping here](#)) as outlined in the *Provincial Planning Act*.

# Reports and Correspondence

- Council received the Service Tracker reports for [February, 2025](#) and [year-to-date 2025](#).
- Council received the Lac du Bonnet Fire Department Reports for [January, 2025](#) and [February, 2025](#).
- Council received the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Eastern Director's Update for [February, 2025](#).
- Council [received a report](#) from Lac du Bonnet EMO Emergency Coordinator John Fleming regarding 2025 spring flooding conditions.
- Council received [the March 2025 update](#) from Statistics Canada.
- Council received the minutes of the Eastern Regional Municipal Committee Meeting [of Nov. 18, 2024](#).
- Council received [the minutes](#) from the Agricultural Community Meeting of Feb. 18, 2025.
- Council received [the minutes](#) from the Cottage Association & Development Committee Meeting of Feb. 18, 2025.
- Council received [the minutes](#) from the RM and Town of Lac du Bonnet Joint Council Meeting of Feb 20, 2025.
- Council [received communications](#) from the Boreal Shores Art Tour regarding the 2025 tour taking place Aug. 16 and 17.
- Council [received correspondence](#) from the Provincial Director of Property Services regarding the 2025 Property Assessment Levy.

- Council [received correspondence](#) from the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation reminding that the deadline to apply for the 2024 Farmland School Tax Rebate is March 31.
- Council received [a thank-you letter from the Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby](#) for the RM being a Platinum \$2000 Sponsor of the event.
- Council received [a thank-you letter from the Make-A-Wish Foundation](#) for Council's donation.
- Council [received a thank-you letter from the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre](#) for sponsoring a hole at the 21st Annual Rod Demoline Golf Tournament in September.

**The next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 3 p.m.**

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