



Council Meeting Recap

– Dec. 9, 2025

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*The following is a brief recap of the **Dec. 9, 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.

Conditional Use decision:

- Council approved a Conditional Use application.

Council Expense Claims approval:

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

2026 Interim Operating Budget Approval:

- Council approved [the 2026 Interim Operating Budget](#).
- This budget will be in effect until Council adopts the 2026 Financial Plan in the spring.

Community Futures Winnipeg River Board of Directors appointment:

- Council appointed Councillor Vi Enns-Preston as the RM representative on the Community Futures Winnipeg River Board of Directors for the upcoming one-year term from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2026.

Northeast Red Watershed District (NERWD) appointments:

- Council appointed Reeve Schinkel and a citizen to be named later to the Brokenhead River NERWD subdistrict and appointed Deputy Reeve Greg Mandzuk and Orest Kaminski to the Catfish Creek NERWD subdistrict.

Requests to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure regarding road safety measures (MTI):

- **Request for speed limit reduction on Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) #11:**
 - Council requested that MTI reduce the speed limit on PTH 11 from Bilan Road to 500 metres past the junction with Provincial Road (PR) #313 from 100 km per hour to 80 km per hour.
 - Further, Council approved the CAO or designate to submit the speed limit reduction application to MTI.
 - Council passed a resolution on July 27, 2021 requesting a speed reduction along this section of PTH #11 but the request was denied. Additional collisions, including one fatal, and traffic violations have occurred along this stretch in the subsequent years, including at the PTH #11/PR #317 and PTH #11/PR #313 intersections.
- **Request for seasonal speed reduction on PR #313:**
 - Council requested that MTI implement a seasonal speed reduction from 100 km per hour to 80 km per hour on PR #313 from the PR #433 intersection to Channel Drive (north) during the peak-traffic months of May through September.
 - Further, they approved the CAO or designate be authorized to submit the seasonal speed-reduction application to MTI and request support from the local MLA to advocate for the implementation of these safety improvements.
 - This section of PR #313 has experienced two collisions – including one fatal, – speeding, and intersection-related violations within the last two years. This stretch experiences substantial seasonal traffic volume increases due to tourism, cottage use, and boat-launch activity.
 - Council has previously requested speed-limit reductions for this stretch via resolution in 2020, 2021, and 2023, demonstrating long-standing municipal concern for public safety.
- **Request for installation of flashing red stop signs and rumble strips at PR #313/PTH #11:**
 - Council requested that MTI maintain the 70 km per hour speed limit along PR #313 from the Winnipeg River Bridge to PTH #11, removing the current 100 km per hour increase, and install a flashing red light at the stop sign at PR #313/PTH #11 with rumble strips before the stop sign. This would give the intersection comparable safety measures to the ones currently in place at PR #317/PTH #12.
 - Further, they approved the CAO or designate to submit the application to MTI and request support from the local MLA to advocate for immediate implementation of the speed reduction and safety enhancements.
 - The intersection has experienced multiple collisions and traffic violations in recent years and emergency services have reported visibility and speed as contributing factors to incident severity.

- **Request for installation of flashing red stop signs and rumble strips at PR #317/PTH #11:**
 - Council requested that MTI install flashing red lights on the stop signs on both approaches to PTH #11 at PR #317, along with rumble strips on both sides of PR #317 to improve driver awareness and reduce collision risk.
 - Further, they approved the CAO to submit the application to MTI and seek support from the local MLA for timely installation of these safety enhancements.
 - The intersection has experienced multiple collisions and traffic violations in recent years.

Reallocation of grant from Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby:

- Council approved the reallocation of the \$2,000 Grant from the Lac du Bonnet Ice Fishing Derby to the Town of Lac du Bonnet to assist with the development of the skating rink at the park.
- The grant was in support of the Laker's Winter Skating Trail, which will not be moving forward this year. The Recreation Department has since become a joint shared service between the RM and Town.

Approval to transfer funds from Capital Development Reserve:

- Council approved transferring \$183,834.37 from the Capital Development Reserve to be utilized to offset costs incurred during the Wendigo Road reconstruction project this summer.
- In November, 2023, the Province provided one-time funding in the amount of \$273,179.31 to be utilized for strategic infrastructure projects. \$89,344.94 was used for a water and sewer project in 2023. The remaining balance of \$183,834.37 was transferred to the Capital Development Reserve in January, 2024.
- The RM requested and [received approval from the Province](#) in July to use the remaining funds toward the Wendigo Road reconstruction project.

Event attendance approvals:

- Council approved the Public Works Project Manager to attend the Manitoba Water and Wastewater Association Conference in Brandon from Feb. 23-25, 2026.

Delegations

- Gail Bell appeared before Council to request permission to clear trees along a road allowance near her property.

By-Law Readings

- Council conducted second and third and final reading of the [new Council Procedures By-Law No. 05-25](#).

Reports and Correspondence

- Council received the [Prairie By-Law Enforcement report](#) for November, 2025.
- Council received the Sunrise School Division's [Public Budget Consultation presentation](#) from Dec. 2, 2025.
- Council received the Boreal Art Shores Tour [annual general meeting updates](#).
- Council received [a letter](#) from the Manitoba Good Roads Association notifying that the Best Farm Home Grounds winner for District 1 is a property in Lac du Bonnet!
- Council received copies of letters Reeve Schinkel sent to Provincial Ministers regarding the Lac du Bonnet Regional Airport Master Plan and other topics.
 - [Letter to Hon. Lisa Naylor](#), Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 - [Letter to Hon. Glen Simard](#), Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations
 - [Letter to Hon. Ian Bushie](#), Minister of Natural Resources.
- Council [received correspondence](#) from Erin Whittaker, Provincial Emergency Social Services Manager, regarding one-time payments from the Canadian Red Cross to wildfire evacuees.
- Council received notification from Manitoba Hydro regarding [upcoming closures on PR #304](#) at the Pine Falls Generating Station from Dec. 12 to 14.
- Council received notification of the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society's [A Community Christmas with Cara Luft event](#) taking place Dec. 12.

The next Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026 at 3 p.m.

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