



# Council Meeting Recap – Oct. 20, 2026

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*The following is a brief recap of the **Oct. 20, 2026** Council Meeting. To see agendas for upcoming meetings (released Thursday afternoons prior to Tuesday meetings) visit <http://www.rmoflacadubonnet.com/p/agendas-minutes>.*

## Council Decisions

### **Treaty Land Acknowledgement:**

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

### **Letter of intent for trail maintenance:**

- Council authorized the CAO or designate to issue a letter of intent to the Agassiz ATV Club confirming the RM's support to enter into a trail maintenance agreement for Trail 062 (which runs from Seddon's Corner to Lac du Bonnet) as a pilot project, subject to the development of mutually acceptable terms and formal Council approval of the final agreement.
- A letter of intent from the RM will support the Agassiz ATV Club in pursuing eligibility for regular trail maintenance funding through ATVMB, anticipated to begin in June or July 2027.

### **Manitoba Growth, Renewal and Opportunities Program (GRO) funding application approvals:**

- **Wendigo Road Improvement Project:** Council authorized the submission of a Manitoba GRO funding application for the proposed 2027 Wendigo Road Improvement Project, requesting up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. Further, Council resolved to support the proposed municipal contribution of \$631,931.85 toward the project subject to grant approval, final project costs, and approval of the required municipal funding.
  - The proposed 2027 Wendigo Road Improvement Project includes cement stabilization and a traffic gravel topcoat over approximately two miles of road commencing at PR #313.

- **New pumper for Lac du Bonnet Fire Department:** Council authorized the submission of a Manitoba GRO funding application for up to \$600,000 toward the estimated \$1.2 million cost of replacing the Lac du Bonnet Fire Department's front-line fire pumper and associated firefighting equipment. Further, Council supported the proposed RM contribution of \$462,000 toward the project – representing 77 per cent of the estimated total project cost, – subject to confirmation of the funding source, grant approval, and the required budgetary authorization. The Town of Lac du Bonnet's \$138,000 proposed contribution toward the project, representing 23 per cent of the estimated total project cost, is subject to the Town's Council approval.
  - The Fire Department's existing front-line fire pumper is approximately 30 years old and has reached the end of its reliable service life.

## **Community Collaboration Grant application approval:**

- Council authorized the submission of a Community Collaboration Grant application for the “Discovering Mining: A hands-on Sluice Experience” project in partnership with the Lac du Bonnet & District Historical Society.

## **Lac du Bonnet Rural Utility rate adequacy report:**

- Council approved the [Rate Adequacy Report](#) by Way To Go Consulting, Inc. for the Rural Utility, indicating that existing utility rates are adequate.
- Further, Council approved:
  - to request that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) approve the Rural Utility operating deficits in 2023 of \$1,114 and 2024 of \$5,075 with the deficits to be funded by Nominal Surplus.
  - to request that the PUB grant the Rural Utility Pass Through authorization to pass through Town of Lac du Bonnet utility rate increases in accordance with PUB requirements.
- Way To Go completed a water rate study for the RM and their review found that the RM's Rural Utility meets the minimum target working capital surplus and is forecast to have a net operating surplus that exceeds PUB contingency requirements in 2027. Therefore, the Rural Utility existing rates are adequate.

# **Delegations**

- Mike Grewinski of Ron's Backhoe appeared before Council to present the proposed quarry development for Quarry Leases the company has acquired near PR #520, the municipal lagoon, and Transfer Station #520.

# By-Law Readings

- There were no By-Law readings.

## Reports and Correspondence

- Council received the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' [Eastern Directors' Update for October, 2026](#).
- Council received a [follow-up letter](#) from Manitoba Crime Stoppers, who presented to Council in September.
- Council received [correspondence from the Province](#) regarding legislation to improve safety for cannabis store staff.
- Council received the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's [2025-26 Annual Report](#).
- Council [received correspondence](#) from Manitoba Hydro regarding the Seven Sisters Spillway Deck repair project and Spillway Deck closure from November, 2026 to March 31, 2027.
- Council received [a backgrounder](#) from the Province regarding next generation 911 services in Manitoba.
- Council received [a letter](#) from Hon. Glen Simard, Minister of Municipal and Northern Relations, confirming the final payment of the 2026 Municipal Operating Grant.
  - For the 2026/27 fiscal year, the RM of Lac Du Bonnet's total operating grant was \$467,343.42.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) the Reeve sent to Premier Wab Kinew regarding the Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment and the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) the Reeve sent to Hon. Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Wardrop/Maple Creek drainage issues.
- Council received a copy of [the letter](#) the Reeve sent to Minister Simard regarding the final operating grant payment.

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

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