

**M.D. of Ranchland No. 66**  
**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

The meeting of the Council of the Municipal District of Ranchland No. 66 was held in Council Chambers in the Municipal Office located at the Chain Lakes Provincial Park on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, commencing at 10:30 a.m.

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ron Davis, Reeve  
Harry Streeter, Deputy Reeve  
Cam Gardner, Councillor

Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer  
Greg Brkich, Accountant  
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison  
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk  
Rick Niwa, Agriculture Fieldman  
Rick Lawson, Superintendent of Public Works  
Kelly Starling, Director of Emergency Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Motion No. 23/10/24/348** MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the agenda as amended with addition of:

6.E.i – Councillor Updates

CARRIED

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

**Motion No. 23/10/24/349** MOVED by Councillor Gardner that the minutes be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 23/10/24/350** 6.A.i – 2024 Budget – Preliminary Discussion  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the preliminary 2024 budget discussion, for information.

CARRIED

Rick Niwa left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.  
Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 12:00 p.m.  
Reeve Davis resumed the meeting at 12:40 p.m.  
Derek King joined the meeting at 12:40 p.m.  
Kelly Starling left the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

 

**Motion No. 23/10/24/351** 6.D.i. – Emergency Services Update  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the report provided by Kelly Starling, Director of Emergency Services, for information.

CARRIED

**IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 23/10/24/352** MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 1:02 p.m. to discuss matters involving advice from officials, per section 24 as well as matters regarding legal privilege, per section 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)

CARRIED

Rick Lawson left the meeting at 1:48 p.m.  
Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 2:53 p.m.  
Derek King left the meeting at 2:53 p.m.  
Reeve Davis resumed the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

**Motion No. 23/10/24/353** MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council return to an open meeting at 3:46 p.m.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA**

**Motion No. 23/10/24/354** 8.B.i – Delegation: Derek King, Brownlee LLP  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to direct legal counsel to communicate with SLS based on the advice provided by legal counsel, and the response of AB Transportation, to confirm that section 27.1 applies, and to require execution of the road use agreement as drafted.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 23/10/24/355** 8.F.i – Liaison Officer’s Report to Council  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter accept the Liaison Officer’s report for information.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS**

**Motion No. 23/10/24/356** 8.E.i - Council Remuneration Surveys and Review  
MOVED by Reeve Davis to adjust Councillor remuneration to reflect an annual cost-of-living increase, in a similar manner to the one provided to 2023 staff salaries, effective retroactive to January 1, 2023.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 23/10/24/357** 6.B.ii – September Bank Rec and Vendor Payment  
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the Bank Rec and Vendor Payment

CARRIED



**Motion No. 23/10/24/358**      6.A.iii – LAPP Update  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the update regarding the LAPP, for information.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 23/10/24/359**      6.B.i – STIP Grant Application  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept Option #1, authorizing the application of the STIP – Local Bridge Program - Bridge File 84582, as presented.

CARRIED

**Motion No. 23/10/24/360**      6.E.i – Councillor Updates  
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the verbal updates from Councillors regarding their attendance of the following meetings:  
1.) NAISMA  
2.) FCSS  
3.) Nanton School Advisory Committee  
4.) ASB Conference  
5.) Alberta South-West Economic Development Group

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being that the agenda matters have concluded, the Reeve declared the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

These minutes approved this 14th day of November, 2023.



Ron Davis, Reeve



Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer