

M.D. of Ranchland No. 66
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025

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, January 7, 2025, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

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

Robert Strauss, CAO
Sheldon Steinke, Council Liaison
Greg Brkich, Municipal Treasurer
Nikki Funk, Recording Clerk

Michael Niven, Counsel, Carscallen LLP
Michael Custer, Associate, Carscallen LLP

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Davis called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 25/01/07/001 MOVED by Councillor Gardner that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 1:13 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, as well as matters involving legal privilege, per section 27, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/002 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that Council return to an open meeting at 2:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Michael Niven and Michael Custer left the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion No. 25/01/07/003 MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the agenda as amended with the addition of agenda items:

6.F.i – RSVP to Foothills-Littlebow Meeting

As well as the following additions to the In-Camera, Liaison Officers report:

7.E.iii – SSRP Update

7.B.i – Discussion RE: SLS Road Use Matters

7.E.iv – Carscallen/FOIP Discussion

CARRIED

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ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Motion No. 25/01/07/004 MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the minutes of the December 17th Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

EXTERNAL CORRESPONDANCE

Motion No. 25/01/07/005 5.F.i - Chinook Arch Library Board Annual Report
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to accept the Chinook Arch Library Board Annual Report for information.

BUSINESS

Motion No. 25/01/07/006 6.A.i – Year to Date Budget Report
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter that the Year-to-Date budget report be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Councillor Gardner left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.
Councillor Gardner returned to the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Motion No. 25/01/07/007 6.B.i – Bridge File #84582/WSP Change of Scope
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to approve the change of scope order proposed by WSP for Bridge File #84582 as presented.

CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/008 6.E.i – Reminder of Meeting with MLA Petrovic
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the reminder of the meeting with MLA Petrovic for information.

CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/009 6.E.ii – Meeting with MD of Pincher Creek
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept the update provided by CAO Strauss regarding a potential meeting with the M.D. of Pincher Creek.

CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/010 6.F.Ii – RSVP Foothills Littlebow Meeting
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Streeter to accept the discussion regarding the M.D. of Ranchland attendance at the upcoming Foothills Littlebow meeting, for information.

CARRIED

Reeve Davis recessed the meeting at 3:16 p.m.
Reeve Davis resumed the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 25/01/07/011 MOVED by Reeve Davis that, in accordance with Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act, Council moves into a closed meeting at 3:21 p.m. to discuss advice from officials, per section 24, as well as matters involving legal privilege, per section 27, of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

CARRIED

 

Motion No. 25/01/07/012 MOVED by Reeve that Council return to an open meeting at 4:16 p.m. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM IN-CAMERA

Motion No. 25/01/07/013 7.E.ii – Delegation: Michael Niven, Michael Custer, Carscallen LLP
MOVED by Councillor Gardner that in the event that the Alberta Energy Regulator grants Northback Holdings Corporation its coal exploration permits, Council then authorizes legal Counsel Carscallen LLP to apply to the Court of Appeal for a stay of these permits until the resolution of the MD's outstanding appeal in the Court of Appeal. CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/014 7.E.iii – SSRP Update
MOVED by Reeve Davis that Council authorise Administration to direct their legal Counsel Wilson Laycraft to finalize a draft letter to the Alberta Minister of Environment for the Reeve's signature; regarding recommendations to the Minister for revisions to the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan to reflect Council's concerns about the Coal Policy Committee Report and Water Quality and Quantity to be included in the new, re-drafted, SSRP Policy Document. CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/015 7.E.ii – Delegation: Michael Niven, Michael Custer, Carscallen LLP
MOVED by Deputy Reeve Davis to accept the delegation presentation provided by Michael Niven and Michael Custer of Carscallen LLP, for information CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/016 7.E.iv – Carscallen/FOIP Issue
MOVED by Councillor Gardner to approach a relevant 3rd party to proceed with a FOIP request as discussed. CARRIED

Motion No. 25/01/07/017 7.E.i – Liaison Officer's Report to Council
7.B.i – Discussion RE: SLS Road Use Matters
MOVED by Reeve Davis to accept agenda items 7.E.i and 7.B.i as information. CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT
Being that the agenda matters have concluded, Reeve Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

These minutes approved on this 28th day of January 2025.

	
Ron Davis, Reeve	Robert Strauss, Chief Administrative Officer