



Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting - 08:00 AM

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson Deputy Reeve: Chad Johnson
Councillor: David King, Gordon Klym, Corey Palsson, Kirk Johnston, Ken Stadnek
Admin: CAO Larissa Love, ACAO Deanna Fridfinnson
ABSENT

1. Meeting Called To Order

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:02am.

Resolution No:
2025-0245

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025 as circulated.

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0246

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that the Agenda be adopted, as amended, and the order of the agenda is authorized to be altered as required.

Carried

4. Reception of Delegations/Petitions

4.1 Crysalis Halpin; Riverton Cat Concern

Resolution No:
2025-0247

5. Reception of Elected Officials/Comittees

Moved By: Ken Stadnek

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the verbal and written reports of elected official/committees as presented.

Carried

5.1 Icelandic Washow Bay

5.2 Riverton REC Programming Report

Resolution No:
2025-0248

6. Communications

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that Council accept the following communications as presented:

- Public Works Activity
- CAO report
- MAW Conference details
- AMM convention Bulletin

Carried

6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report

6.2 CAO Activity Report

6.3 MAW Conference

6.3.1 AMM Bulletin & Convention

7. Accounts

Resolution No:
2025-0249

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment Cheques 3719 to 3758

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve Cheque No. 3719 to 3758 for expenses in the amount of \$533,873.39

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities for the pay periods ending Sept 30th, 2025 totalling \$90,780.00 and Government Remittances of \$16,691.66 and \$13,839.43.

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0250

7.2 Unaudited Financials as at

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Kirk Johnston

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the September 30,2025 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

Carried

7.3 Bank Statement

7.4 Budget Control to Date

8. By-laws

Resolution No:
2025-0251

8.1 Rezoning BL

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Kirk Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give third and final reading to By-Law No. 9-2025, being a By-Law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to amend Zoning By-Law 04-2024.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
Brian N Johnson	✓			
Chad Johnson	✓			
Kirk Johnston	✓			
David King	✓			
Gordon Klym	✓			
Corey Palsson	✓			
Ken Stadnek	✓			

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

10. General Business

Resolution No:
2025-0252

10.1 MIT Permit approval o Washow Bay Hunting Lodge Ltd.

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

WHEREAS Washow Bay Hunting Lodge Limited, Box 434, Riverton, MB, R0C 2R0, the registered owner of **SW ¼ 29-23-4 EPM, Title No. 2266938/1**, located along **Provincial Trunk Highway No. 8** within the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton, has applied to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure for a permit for:

- **Canopy and Pump Island Legalization**, and
- **On-Premises, Double-Faced (Illuminated) Sign Replacement**, as shown on **Sketch Plan No. 2008100-24-SSI-25**;

AND WHEREAS Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure requires municipal concurrence prior to issuance of the permit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby supports the proposed works described above and provides concurrence for the issuance of the permit by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure, subject to all applicable municipal bylaws and provincial regulations.

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0253

10.2 Subdivision 4105-25-8538

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

WHEREAS Ernest Lloyd Eyolfson, has applied to subdivide a residential parcel 5.13 acres with a residual lot of 17.69-acre property located in the Lot 1 Plan 68069 WLTO in Lot 8 West of the Icelandic River 23-4 EPM, Roll No. 182100;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves Subdivision Application No. 4105-25-8538, as the property is zoned **RR – Rural Residential** under the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Zoning By-law, where a **Single Unit Dwelling** is a permitted use, subject to the following conditions:

1. That taxes on the land to be subdivided, for the current year plus any arrears, have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made.
2. That the applicant/owner has entered into an amended Development Agreement with the Municipality to cover matters including, but not limited to:
 - a. Flood protection levels- any structures built should be constructed on land in excess of 221.01 metres (725.1 feet) CGVD28 or on land which has been raised with clean impervious fill to be in excess of 221.01 metres (725.1 feet) CGVD28.
 - b. Erosion measures- Lot lines, permanent structures and roads should be set back from the existing top of shoreline embankment a sufficient distance to allow for a stable slope plus 50-years of erosion.
 - c. Riparian preservation- Shoreline development should be setback at least 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark to accommodate the preservation, enhancement or establishment of natural riparian areas.

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0254

10.3 Riverton Friendship Centre -contribution

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Ken Stadnek

WHEREAS the Riverton and District Friendship Centre provides valuable community support programs, including the local Food Bank and the annual Christmas Hamper initiative;

AND WHEREAS these programs play a vital role in supporting individuals and families in need throughout the Municipality during the year and especially over the holiday season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton provide a financial contribution of **\$10,000** to support the Riverton and District Friendship Centre, allocated as follows:

- **\$5,000** in support of the Christmas Hamper Program **provided to the Riverton Co-op, Riverton, MB** and
- **\$5,000** in support of the Christmas Hamper Program **provided to the Interlake Co-op in Arborg, MB.**

Carried

Remove item 2 (Development Agreement)

Resolution No:
2025-0255

10.4 Amend Resolution 2025-0231 subdivision 4105-25-8532

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

Resolution No. 2025-0231

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council rescind Resolution No. 2025-0231 passed on September 11, 2025, and replace it with the following:

WHEREAS owners Broad Valley Holding Co. Ltd. have applied to subdivide a 3.76 acre residential property from an approximate 160 acre parcel in NE1/4 of Section 27-23-1EPM:

Now **THEREFORE BE IT REOLVED** that, after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve Subdivision 4105-25-8532: Municipal approval is granted subject to written confirmation that

1. Taxes on the land to be subdivided, for the current year plus any arrears, have been paid or that an arrangement satisfactory to Council has been made.

Resolution No:
2025-0256

10.5 Dev. Incentive Program B. Einarson

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

BE IT REOLVED that Council approve the following application for the Development Incentive Tax Program

- Roll: 14400 - Residential
- Applicant: Braden Einarson

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0257

10.6 Dev. Incentive Program Blue Crescent Hotel

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

BE IT REOLVED that Council approve the following application for the Development Incentive Tax Program

- Roll: 54910 - Commercial
- Applicant: 10067388 Manitoba Ltd. operating as Blue Crescent Hotel

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0258

10.7 Dev. Incentive Program L. Sigurdson

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

BE IT REOLVED that Council approve the following application for the Development Incentive Tax Program

- Roll: 105810 -Residential
- Applicant: Lindsay & Kyle Sigurdson

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0259

10.8 Wieler; Bond

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas Walter Wieler and Levi Wieler have applied to Eastern Interlake Planning District for the relocation of an older mobile home to the proposed location of Lot 13 Plan 71487, 99 Maple St. Okno, MB RI 195619
And whereas there are upgrades required to meet Manitoba Building Code, as set out in the Inspection Report prepared by the Eastern Interlake Planning District;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council do hereby enter into a Performance Agreement with the applicant for the relocation to ensure the upgrades are completed in a timely manner.

Carried

10.9 Request from RM of Fisher

10.9.1 Water Control Bridge removal

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Gordon Klym

not to remove the bridges

Resolution No:
2025-0260

10.10 TAXervice, 2024 Tax Sale Reserve Bids

Moved By: Chad Johnson
Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas pursuant to Section 372 of The Municipal Act a municipality may set a reservebid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect to the property;
Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton place a reserve bid on all 2024 Tax Sale properties in the amount of arrears and costs in respect of each property.

Carried

10.11 Town Water Connection

Resolution No:
2025-0261

10.12 Hnaua Development - Marketing Strategy

Moved By: David King
Seconded By: Gordon Klym

WHEREAS LM Creative has submitted a proposal offering a unique specialized perspective outlining a strategic marketing plan to develop targeted campaigns, digital assets, and promotional materials designed to highlight the unique value of the Municipality's available waterfront properties and support successful sales;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the engagement of LM Creative to implement the proposed **Waterfront Property Marketing Initiative**, which includes the development of marketing materials, digital campaigns, and promotional strategies to enhance exposure and attract investment;

Carried

11. Notice of Motion

12. In Camera

Resolution No:
2025-0262

12.1 In Camera

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that in accordance with The Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii) and (iv) Council do hereby close the meeting to the public and move In-Camera at 10:45a.m. to discuss;

1. Legal Matters
2. Personnel

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 83(1) of the Municipal Act all matters shall remain confidential until a report is made public.

Carried

Resolution No:
2025-0263

12.2 Close of Camera

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council now reconvene it's Regular Meeting of Council at 11.05 a.m.

Carried

13. Business Generated from In Camera

In 2017, the RM agreed to purchase approximately 3.21 acres from Ms. Gudmundson for \$2,000 per acre to resolve a historic landfill issue. The transaction was to be completed within 18 months but was never finalized.

Our solicitor, (David King) retained in September 2022, has clarified that he was not involved in the original settlement but was engaged to assist with the transfer of a closed road crossing the Gudmundson and adjoining properties. The road has no title and was to be divided into three parts, with the largest portion transferred to the Gudmundsson's without charge. During the process, Mr. Gudmundson passed away, and the file was transferred among several representatives before Ms. Gudmundson retained new counsel in May 2025. The RM's application to subdivide the property remains pending and cannot proceed until the closed road issue is resolved with Ms. Gudmundson's cooperation. (Transfer never signed)

Her counsel has now proposed a settlement of \$19,139.20 plus up to \$1,000 in legal fees, including a General Release of all claims and completion of the road transfer. Legal counsel recommends proceeding to finalize this long-outstanding matter.

KAREN L. WESLOWSKI Leader, Insurance lawyer/MILLER THOMSON LLP replied once Underwriters have completed their coverage investigation and reached a decision on coverage in relation to the Claim, I will let you know. As noted, Underwriters' rights remain respectfully reserved until they have completed their coverage investigation.

In the interim, lead insurance lawyer suggests the municipality should take any/all necessary steps to protect its interests in relation to the Claim, including retaining its own defense counsel.

Resolution No:
2025-0264

13.1 Settlement and Land Transfer – Gudmundson Property

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Municipalities solicitor to proceed with a settlement with Ms. Gudmundson in the amount of **\$19,139.20 plus up to \$1,000 in legal**

costs, subject to:

1. Execution of a **General Release** of all claims against the RM; and
2. Completion of the **transfer of the closed portion of Colonization Road** on the property.

Carried

Resolution No: 13.2 WSP Tender - Site 149
2025-0265

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

WHEREAS the Municipality has retained the engineering consulting services of WSP regarding the construction works following the 2022 Flood event;
AND WHEREAS WSP has tendered for the reinstatement of Pre-Flood Conditions at Site 149 - Contract 14925;
AND WHEREAS two (2) bids were received prior to tender closing;
AND WHEREAS following the tender review of the bid results WSP recommends the acceptance of TRI-Line Construction;
THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council for Bifrost-Riverton accepts the recommendation of WSP.

Carried

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 11:20am



Reeve Brian Johnson



CAO Larissa Love