

Ways and Means Minutes
February 24, 2026 8:30 a.m.

Working notes of a meeting of the Ways & Means Committee held on February 24, 2026, at 8:50 am. In attendance were Mayor Myron Dyck, Deputy Mayor Nathan Dueck, Councillors Chris Wiebe, Bill Fast, & Meghan Beasant together with Eric King, Jenna Patterson, and Warren Britton.

A. In-Camera

M. Beasant – B. Fast

BE IT RESOLVED THAT committee meet in camera in accordance with Section 152(3) of the Manitoba Municipal Act.

“Carried”

M. Beasant – B. Fast

BE IT RESOLVED that the in-camera meeting of the W&M’s committee be adjourned and that Committee resume its former order of business;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that while in camera Committee discussed development and legal matters and that the following recommendations be brought forward:

1. **RECOMMENDATION** that Council authorize the selling of the lagoon to Red Seine-Rat Wastewater Co-operative.

“Carried”

B. Open Committee

1. Referred Business

2. Protective

- i. The press release for the change in status of the Niverville Fire & EMS to Advanced First Aid will be shared to the community today.

3. Operations

4. Parks & Recreation

- a) Crosswalk on 2nd Ave from the Heritage Center to the Golden Friendship Center, Service to Seniors is asking if a “Slow Down” sign can be installed. There is a large number of speeders in that area that is concerning, regardless of the speed bumps. At this time, there are too many hard surfaced areas there that it is difficult in that area to install additional signage. Will consider the request to determine if there could be a solution.

- b) Myron did a tour of the Niverville Community Resource & Recreation Center on Saturday with a councillor from Dauphin that visit went very well.

ii. Update from Warren

- a) Terry Martin attended with Warren to the recent Crow Wing Trail meeting, Warren discussed with Terry the up coming women's Volleyball Nationals. Providence College has been asked if they need anything from the Town, as no request has come forward yet and the event is set to begin on March 9th. Myron has been asked to speak at the banquet this year.
- b) The recreation center continues to be busy. The outdoor rink is back to being functional after the warm weather.
- c) Library – Meghan and Warren met with Megan from the province regarding libraries. It was suggested that Niverville asks another regional library if we could partner with them, but it is believed that the proposed areas will not likely to want to partner. The two closest libraries to us already have two municipalities onboard, a third would increase available funding to the libraries. Being a part of a regional library would give Niverville access to both a library location and to a digital library, which we won't get without regionalization. Another route that Niverville could investigate is creating its own municipal library system. All of the operating costs would be eligible for some funding. Winnipeg currently pays \$48/year per person for property owners. Non-residents are eligible to purchase memberships, current cost is \$188/household, Steinbach's non-resident membership is \$165/year for a household.
 - 1. The take one leave one library has had a slow uptake in use of the space. There have been a limited visitors and struggling to find available volunteers. Will be reducing the current library hours by one day per week.
 - 2. Council would like more research on what options are available for library services for the community. If Niverville were to remain a member of the Capital Planning Region, could it include library access? Should Niverville offer a rebate to residents?
- d) The cross-country ski trails have been open, and used, this winter.

5. Engineering

6. Communications

- i. February LMAC – has been approved to be shared.

7. Administration

- i. Asset Retirement Obligation Policy
 - a) Auditors require the Town to have this policy. **RECOMMENDATION** that Council approves the Asset Retirement Obligation Policy.
- ii. Scope Change PR311 CA Support
 - a) A scope change request has been received for onsite resources and testing in the amount of \$893,120.00, which is within the budgeted amount, for the PR 311 Widening from Wallace Road to Mulberry Avenue. **RECOMMENDATION** that Council approve Scope Change PR311 CA Support.
- iii. Information Only:
 - a) Seine Rat River Water District Minutes
 - b) Health Canada's Emergency Treatment Fund Grant was approved that will allow for the purchase for a new truck to create a mini-rescue truck and new AEDs.
 - c) The Town year-end financial process is almost done. There is a surplus that will alleviate the need to borrow funds for some projects.
 - d) The Public Utility Board has approved rates for the Red Seine-Rat Wastewater Cooperative, advertising will be published today.