

**TOWN OF ARBORG  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.**

Mayor Peter Dueck called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M.

**Present:** Mayor Peter Dueck, Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston

**Councillors:** Ron Rogowsky, Donna Gislason, Rob Thorsteinson

**Also Present:** Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**65-2025**

**Johnston / Thorsteinson**

**BE RESOLVED THAT** the Agenda be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**66-2025**

**Gislason / Rogowsky**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes from the following Meeting be adopted:

**Regular Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes be signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer.

**CARRIED**

**5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Operations Manager Report

Justin reported on the following:

- Public Works Operations
- Training Courses
- PW Budget Meeting

Justin then left the meeting.

2. EDO Report

Breanna reported on the following:

- Logo Committee
- MWSB Meeting
- Regional Connections Meeting
- Consultant Meeting
- Community Survey
- Strategic Plan

Breanna then left the meeting.

3. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

- Municipal Bonspiel Preparation & Event
- Regional Connections Meeting
- Gala Preparation & Event
- PW Budget Meeting
- EDO Meetings
- Financial Plan Public Hearing Date

**4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS**

1. S/Sgt Rob Gray ~ RCMP – 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Dueck Welcomed S/Sgt Rob Gray and Cpl David Spakowski to the meeting. Gray shared the annual performance plan, and discussed personnel. Mayor Dueck thanked them for attending and they left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont’d

4. Council Reports

Councillor Ron Johnston reported on attendance at the following:

- EIWD Sub-district Meeting
- CPAWS Meeting
- Fred Fox Visit
- Volunteer Gala Event
- PW Budget Meeting
- Municipal Bonspiel

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:

- PW Budget Meeting
- Municipal Bonspiel

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported on attendance at the following:

- CFEI Meeting
- Fred Fox Visit

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:

- Municipal Bonspiel
- CPAWS Meeting
- MB Wildlife Management Meeting
- Fred Fox Visit
- ASHC Meeting
- MB Budget Announcement
- Volunteer Gala

5. Committee of the Whole Reports

- \* Public Works Budget Meeting March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. Manitoba Education & Early Child Learning

- \* 2025 Statement of Education Support Levy

2. Interlake Weed Control District

- \* 2025 Spraying Budget

3. Arborg Bifrost Parks & Recreation Commission

- \* 2025 Proposed Budget

67-2025

Rogowsky / Johnston

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Arborg Council approve the Arborg-Bifrost Park & Recreation Commission 2025 Operating Budget as presented.

CARRIED

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Policy No. Leg-01, Boards and Committees Organizational Structure

- \* Vidir Highway Committee – Representative Appointment

68-2025

Rogowsky / Gislason

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the amended Policy No. LEG-01, Boards and Committees Organizational Structure.

CARRIED

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Annexation Proposal

2. Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services

- a) 2025 Proposed Remuneration

69-2025

Thorsteinson / Rogowsky

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following remuneration rates be established for members of the Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services effective January 1, 2025;



- Fire Chief \$28.33 per hour
  - Deputy Fire Chief \$26.78 per hour
  - Captains \$24.72 per hour
  - Level 1 Firefighters \$23.69 per hour
  - Other Firefighters \$22.89 per hour
- CARRIED

b) 2025 Proposed Budget

70-2025

**Thorsteinson / Gislason**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Arborg Council approve the Arborg-Bifrost Fire & Emergency Services 2025 Budget as presented.

CARRIED

3. Randall Smolinski  
\* MD Services  
Discussion: Invite Dr. Nazim to attend a meeting

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Chris Stienke ~ By-law Enforcement Officer  
\* Contract
2. Shelley Napier ~ Napier Emergency Consulting  
\* Reception Centre Exercise  
Discussion: Plan the exercise for fall
3. Ed Sexton ~ Office Of Drinking Water  
\* Water System Assessment
4. EMR Training
5. Regional Community Connections  
\* Lease of Training Centre
- Held Over

71-2025

**Gislason / Johnston**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the Training Centre Lease Agreement with the Regional Connections Immigration Services on behalf of the Town of Arborg.

CARRIED

6. Appointment of Tax Sale Manager

72-2025

**Thorsteinson / Rogowsky**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to By-law No. 4-2008 of the Town of Arborg, TAXervice Inc. be appointed to manage property tax arrears recovery for the Town of Arborg;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to By-law No. 4-2008 of the Town of Arborg, the following individuals be appointed Tax Sale Managers for the Town of Arborg:

- a) Donna Zinkiew, Vice President of TAXervice Inc., OR  
b) Tyler Burnside, Associate of TAXervice Inc.
- CARRIED

7. Service Canada  
a) Scheduled Outreach Service Statement of Work  
b) Memorandum of Understanding

73-2024

**Thorsteinson / Rogowsky**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Arborg Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Service Canada and the Town of Arborg.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

1. Municipal & Northern Relations  
\* Statutory Review of Planning Legislation
2. Association of Manitoba Municipalities  
\* 2025 Spring Convention
- Received as Information
- Received as Information

**10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS – cont'd**

3. Stars *Received as Information*  
\* AMM Open House
4. 2 Billion Tree Program *All Received as Information*  
a) Kathleen Melnychuk ~ East Interlake Watershed District  
b) Jackie Kaluzny ~ Forestry & Peatlands Branch
5. Samantha Hampton ~ Gimli Chamber of Commerce  
\* Heart of Business Awards *Received as Information*
6. Jody-Kay Thompson ~ Assiniboine College *Received as Information*  
\* Display Booth
7. Marilyn Chambers *Received as Information*  
\* MD Services

**11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS**

1. S/Sgt Rob Gray ~ RCMP – 10:00 a.m.

**12. IN CAMERA****74-2025****Thorsteinson / Gislason**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in accordance with the Municipal Act Section 152(3)(b)(ii)(iii), Council, do hereby close the meeting to the public and move in-camera. **CARRIED**

**75-2025****Rogowsky / Thorsteinson**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council do hereby conclude in-camera discussions and resume into Regular Meeting. **CARRIED**

1. Personnel Matters

**76-2025****Johnston / Gislason**

**WHEREAS** Economic Development Officer, Breanna Trudeau, has completed her six-month probation;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve a 3% wage increase effective immediately. **CARRIED**

2. Preliminary Matters

**13. ADJOURNMENT – 12:10 p.m.****77-2025****Rogowsky / Gislason**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council do now adjourn to meet again in Arborg on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **CARRIED**



**Peter Dueck**  
Mayor



**Cindy Stansell**  
Chief Administrative Officer