

THE VILLAGE OF MACOUN
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE MACOUN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Tuesday May 12, 2026

Present: Mayor Frank Schaefer Councillor David Schindel Councillor Judith Sovdi
 Councillor Juergen Hauck Councillor Vanessa Taylor CAO Carmen Dodd-Vicary
In Attendance: Lisa Kuntz, Marissa Martin, Karoline Martin, Janice Blenus & Victoria Blenus

1. Call to Order:

1.1 Mayor Schaefer called the meeting to order at 6:59pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

2.1 MOTION 2026/47 by Hauck *THAT, the agenda be accepted as presented.*

Seconded by Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Conflict of Interest:

3.1 Councillor Taylor declared conflict of interest in regard to 8.2 & 8.8, Rec Hall Tables & Mainprize Park Pass.

Councillor Sovdi declared conflict of interest in regard to 4.2, Speaker System. Councillor Sovdi will remove herself as elected official and speak as a delegation on this matter.

Councillor Schindel declared conflict of interest in regard to 8.6, Ag Land Base Tax.

4. Delegations:

4.1 Discussion was held with Lisa, Marissa and Karoline regarding the Town Hall progress. The hall is out of guaranteed funds coming in and is looking for outside sources for financial assistance to complete renovations. Biggest projects are fascia, soffit, eaves, cracks in basement walls, landings for emergency exits, replace two gas ignition valves.

4.2 Councillor Sovdi stepped away from Council table as Councillor and stepped in as a delegation at 7:17pm Discussion was held with Macoun Happy Gang Chairperson Judy Sovdi in regard to a new, portable sound system. Staff to contact SaskLotteries to see if it qualifies under their program. TABLE for next meeting. Councillor Sovdi returned to the Council Chamber at 7:25pm

5. Approval of Minutes and Bills to be Paid:

5.1/5.2 MOTION 2026/48 by Sovdi *THAT, Council approves the April 7 & 21, 2026 meeting minutes as presented and the April 30, 2026 bills in the amount of \$36,583.63 are approved for payment.*

Seconded by Hauck. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Policies and Bylaws:

6.1 MOTION 2026/49 by Taylor *THAT, Council accept the 1st reading of Bylaw No. 2.26, Base & Minimum Tax, as presented.*

Seconded by Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 2026/50 by Hauck *THAT, Council accept the 2nd reading of Bylaw No. 2.26, Base & Minimum Tax, as presented.*

Seconded by Schindel. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 2026/51 by Sovdi *THAT, Council proceed with the 3rd and final reading of Bylaw No. 2.26, Base & Minimum Tax.*

Seconded by Hauck. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION 2026/52 by Schaefer THAT, Council accept the 3rd and final reading of Bylaw No. 2.26, Base & Minimum Tax, as presented.

Seconded by Hauck. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7. Unfinished Business:

7.1 MOTION 2026/53 by Taylor THAT, Council accept Turnbull Excavating Ltd. 2026 gravel tender at a rate of \$38.25 for type 106 gravel and \$37.80 for Type 103 gravel.

Seconded by Schindel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

7.2 MOTION 2026/54 by Sovdi THAT, Council accept Stan McKelvey's proposal to purchase Lot 3-4 Block 7 Plan F3919 Ext. 0 as presented.

Seconded by Schindel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8. New Business:

8.1 Discussion was held regarding train whistle cessation. Staff will look into CPKC's policy regarding train whistles and share with Janice Blenus.

8.2 Councillor Taylor declared conflict of interest and left Council Chambers at 7:56pm.

Council has requested a waiver be drafted to allow for rentals of Rec Hall tables, chairs and picnic tables by donation, if an item is returned broken, they must pay the full price.

8.8 MOTION 2026/55 by Sovdi THAT, Village purchase an annual regional park pass to be available to whomever is attending the Mainprize Park Committee Meetings monthly.

Seconded by Hauck. **Motion carried with 3 votes in favor, 1 vote against.**

Councillor Taylor returned to Council Chambers at 8:02pm

8.3 Back Alley Maintenance matter was discussed. Staff will send a letter advising that the Village does not maintain alleys and that drainage in that area will be completed later this year in an attempt to reduce trouble spots each spring.

8.4 MOTION 2026/56 by Schaefer THAT, Council approve the request from Little Cubs ELC for a \$700.00 donation to be used for food at the Preschool Summer Camp 2026.

Seconded by Schindel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8.5 MOTION 2026/57 by Sovdi THAT, Council approve the request from Apple Shot Archers Inc for a \$1,400.00 SaskLotteries donation to be used for equipment in 2026.

Seconded by Hauck. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8.6 Councillor Schindel declared conflict of interest and left Council chambers at 8:18pm

MOTION 2026/58 by Hauck THAT, Council forgive the agriculture base tax rate of \$500.00 on Parcel B Plan D3314 Ext. 39 & 40, as well as Parcel E Plan D3314 Ext. 34 for the 2026 property tax year due to the size of the land being assessed as both residential and agriculture under section 198(8) of The Municipalities Act.

Seconded by Sovdi. **Motion carried with 3 votes in favor, 1 vote against.**

Councillor Schindel returned to Council Chambers at 8:27pm.

8.7 TABLE dust control for further discussion at the June meeting.

8.9 MOTION 2026/59 by Sovdi THAT, the Village of Macoun make an annual donation of \$500.00 towards the new Midale Swimming Pool project in lieu of a Council representative on the Midale Pool Board.

Seconded by Schaefer. **Motion carried unanimously.**

8.10 MOTION 2026/60 by Sovdi THAT, Council accept William and Annette Sowinski's proposal to purchase Block 1 Plan 101954987 as presented.

Seconded by Taylor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

9. Correspondence:

9.1 Mayor & Councillor reports were provided, no further action required at this time.

10. HR Matter in Camera:

11. Adjournment:

MOTION 2026/61 by Schaefer *THAT, meeting is adjourned at 9:02pm. CARRIED*