



Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting - 08:00 AM

PRESENT

Reeve: Brian N. Johnson Deputy Reeve: Chad Johnson

Councillor: Ken Stadnek, David King, Gordon Klym, Corey Palsson

Admin: CAO Larissa Love

ABSENT

Councillor Ken Stadnek

1. Meeting Called To Order

Reeve Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution No: 2025-0131

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025 as circulated.

Carried

3. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No: 2025-0132

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

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

5. Reception of Elected Officials/Committees

Resolution No: 2025-0133

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

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

5.1 Icelandic Washow Bay

5.2 RB Rec Activity Report

6. Communications

Resolution No: 2025-0134

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

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

Carried

6.1 Public Works Manager Activity Report

6.2 CAO Activity Report

6.3 AMM - Slate of Candidates

6.4 Bulletin #2025-13; MNR Homeowners

6.5 Bulletin #2025-13 ; PRD

6.6 Culvert Replacement 68&7

6.7 HATCA Help Guide

6.8 Invitation Retirement; Riverdale

6.9 Riverton Librarian; Jasmine Heesaker

6.10 RTHC Request

6.11 Violation Travel Trailer

6.12 Resident Concern; Riverton PCH

6.13 New Iceland 150 Celebration; August 5

6.14 RMED Summit June 20 Brandon

7. Accounts

7.1 Authorization of Accounts for Payment

Resolution No: 2025-0135

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve Cheque No. 3465-3525 for expenses in the amount of \$864,901.01;

And further be it resolved that Council do hereby adopt and approve payroll & council indemnities for the pay periods ending June 6, 2025 totalling \$142,196.71, and Government Remittances of \$13,003.75 and \$13,839.06.

Carried

7.2 Unaudited Financials as at April 30, 2025 & May 31, 2025

Resolution No: 2025-0136

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council hereby accept the April 30, 2025 and May 31, 2025 Unaudited Financial Statements as presented.

Carried

7.3 Bank Statement

8. By-laws

Councillor Palsson excused himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

8.1 Enter into Zoning By-law Amendment Public Hearing

Resolution No: 2025-0137

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing on Amending Zoning By-law 04-2024 at 9:05 am.

Carried

8.1.1 By-law 05-2025, Amend Zoning By-law RL 46/47-22-2E "AL" to "CH" Public Hearing - 9:00am

Public Hearing Minutes

Reeve Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 9:05 am.

Reeve Johnson confirmed that the Notice of Public Hearing for Amending Zoning By-law 04-2024 was given in accordance with The Planning Act, and explained the purpose of the hearing.

Representation was received as follows:

In Favour:

Opposed:

For Information:

Reeve Johnson called for adjournment of the Public Hearing at 9:10 am.

8.1.2 Close Zoning By-law Amendment Public Hearing

Resolution No: 2025-0138

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the Public Hearing on Amending Zonign by-law 04-2024 at 9:15 am.

Carried

8.2 By-law 05-2025, Second Reading

Resolution No: 2025-0139

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give second reading to By-Law 05-2025, being a By-law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to amend Zoning By-law 04-2024.

Carried

8.3 By-law 05-2025, Third Reading

Resolution No: 2025-0140

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give third and final reading to By-Law 05-2025, 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	✓			
David King	✓			
Gordon Klym	✓			
Corey Palsson				✓
Ken Stadnek				✓

Carried

Councillor Palsson returned to the meeting.

8.4 By-law 08-2025 Riverton-Bifrost Recreation Commission, Third Reading

Resolution No: 2025-0141

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby give third and final reading to By-Law 08-2025, being a By-law of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to establish a Riverton-Bifrost Recreation Commission.

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

Carried

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Drainage Lobbying Proposal

Resolution No: 2025-0142

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas in the Province of Manitoba, reconnaissance soil surveys were completed between 1926 and 1996 and detailed soil surveys were completed between 1972 and 2022, classifying surface soils by their agricultural capability in accordance with the *Canada Land Inventory*, and

Whereas the soil classifications from the *Canada Land Inventory* referenced in the *Planning Regulation*, the *Water Rights Regulation*, and the *Nutrient Management Regulation* are defined as: the mineral soils are grouped into seven classes according to their potentialities and limitations for agricultural use. Where Class 6 soils are capable only of producing perennial forage crops, and improvement practices are not feasible and Class 7 soils have no capability for arable culture or permanent pasture; and

Whereas Manitoba Environment and Climate Change through the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch regulate drainage within the Province of Manitoba through the *Water Rights Act*; and

Whereas all persons including municipalities must obtain a valid and subsisting license as per the *Water Rights Act*; and

Whereas development of land cannot take place without obtaining a valid drainage license to construct pertinent development features such as roads and ditches; and

Whereas the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch, as of 2019, has implemented an internal policy in which drainage licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils cannot be approved, for registrable or licensable projects; and

Whereas the term "registrable project" is defined, separately from other licensable projects for drainage works, in the *Water Rights Act*. These are typically minor or less impactful drainage projects, often involving surface or subsurface drains. Registration allows for a streamlined process compared to full licensing, but still ensures compliance with regulations; and

Whereas licensable applications for water control works are not restricted on Class 6 and 7 soils, only "registrable projects" are restricted per the *Water Rights Regulation*; and

Whereas municipalities recognize the need to restrict development in environmentally sensitive areas and critical/significant wildlife habitats such as wetlands and habitats for migratory species; and

Whereas The *Planning Act*, The *Planning Regulation*, The *Environment Act*, The *Water Protection Act*, The *Water Rights Act*, The *Water Rights Regulation*, and The *Nutrient Management Regulation* do not restrict the issuance of Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

Whereas the municipalities recognize that some subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are strongly associated with the presence of wetlands, however development of wetlands is already limited per the *Water Rights Regulation*; and

Whereas many subclasses of Class 6 and 7 soils are often viewed as desirable for rural subdivisions, lakeside cottage developments, and campgrounds due to their lack of agricultural capability, including soils which:

- have a restricted rooting zone depth for crops,
- contain poisonous plants to farm animals,
- are heavily forested,
- are affected by drouthiness (sandy and gravelly soils),
- have high salinity,
- have high groundwater table,
- are too stony to permit cultivation, and
- have a topographic slope of greater than 31%; and

Whereas the *Canada Land Inventory* soil classification system used in the reconnaissance and detailed soil surveys was published in 1965, this classification speaks only to agricultural uses, and predates current drainage practices and drainage regulations by 60 years; and

Whereas the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch is applying this internal policy to all undeveloped lands on Class 6 and 7 soils, regardless of current zoning designations; and

Whereas many municipalities are experiencing significant loss of developable land, portions of which have already been designated/zoned for development, from the implementation of this internal policy; and

Whereas this internal policy is unnecessarily restricting development and the potential for increased tax-base of municipalities;

Therefore by it resolved that the AMM lobby the Province of Manitoba to only enforce current limitations published in the Acts and Regulations, and remove the internal policy denying Water Control Works Licenses on Class 6 and 7 soils; and

Further be it resolved that the Province of Manitoba engage AMM to participate as stakeholders in the preparations of future internal policies within the Drainage and Water Rights Licensing Branch to adequately evaluate the impact of these internal policies on growth and future development.

Carried

9.2 Okno Fire Hall Proposal

9.3 Pebble Beach Transfer Site

9.4 Excavator

10. General Business

10.1 Wards for Election Purposes

10.2 10.2 Public Hearing; Variation MBR-25-09V

Resolution No: 2025-0143

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn the regular meeting of Council to enter into a Public Hearing of Variance MBR-25-09V at 9:15 am.

Carried

10.2.1 Variance Public Hearing MBR-25-09V

Public Hearing Minutes

Reeve Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 9:10 am.

Reeve Johnson confirmed that the Notice of Public Hearing for Variation MBR-25-09V was given in accordance with The Planning Act, and explained the purpose of the hearing.

Representation was received as follows:

In Favour:

Opposed:

For Information:

Reeve Johnson called for adjournment of the Public Hearing at 9:26 am.

10.2.2 Close Public Hearing

Resolution No: 2025-0144

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton hereby adjourn Public Hearing on Variance MBR-25-09V at 9:26 am and reconvene Council Regular Meeting.

Carried

10.3 Benefits; Mitch Johnson

Resolution No: 2025-0145

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council for Bifrost-Riverton approve adding Mitch Johnson to the municipality's Benefit Package.

Carried

10.4 Subdivision 4105-25-8503

Resolution No: 2025-0146

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Whereas owners Clyde Victor Sigurdson and Doreen Joyce Sigurdson have applied to subdivide a 5.5 acre residential property from a approx. 11.05 acre parcel, Roll No. 85900, SW 1/4 of 9-22-4E;

Now therefore be it resolved that, after careful consideration of the application, the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve Subdivision 4105-25-8503, subject to written confirmation for the Municipality that:

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 Public Road Plan No. 622 has been closed and consolidated with the residual lot.
3. That the applicant/owner has entered into a Development Agreement with the Municipality to cover matters including, but not limited to:
 - a. That any structures built should be constructed on land in excess of 220.07 metres (722 feet) CGVD28 or on land which has been raised with clean impervious fill to be in excess of 220.07 metres (722 feet) CGVD28.
 - b. That new structures be set back at least 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark.
 - c. That riparian vegetation be left undisturbed for the first 100 feet from the ordinary high water mark.
 - d. That lots larger than 0.5 acres contain an area around the building site not less than half an acre in size that is at least 719.5 feet CGVD28.
4. That the appropriate geotechnical investigations have been completed to mitigate the flooding and erosion risks.
5. That the residual lot is in compliance with the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Zoning By-law.
6. That any variances have been obtained to ensure compliance with the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Zoning By-law.
7. That a Right-of-Way Agreement has been entered into between the applicant/owner and the municipality (as the landowner of the abandoned rail line, C.P.R. Plan No. 2274) to allow for the legal crossing of C.P.R. Plan No. 2274.

Carried

10.5 MWF - AMM Resolution

Resolution No: 2025-0147

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

Whereas at COP 15 (Conference of the Parties), the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, 190 countries approved the United Nation's Agreement to protect 30 percent of the planet's land and oceans by 2030 (30 x 30 Initiative), including the Government of Canada; and

Whereas the 30 x 30 Initiative includes additional Indigenous Protected and Conservation Areas, an Ecological Corridor Program (Parks Canada), and the transfer of Crown Lands to Federal Government to create national parks;

And whereas as the Province of Manitoba signed a memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Canada to commit to spending \$2.1 Million toward this initiative ;

And whereas the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada have not openly engaged Municipalities or the Association of Manitoba Municipalities prior to committing to the 30 x 30 Initiative;

And whereas the policies within the 30 x 30 Initiative have potential to impact municipalities and stakeholders; AND WHEREAS these policies may impact local economies with the changes in land use;

Now therefore be it resolved that the AMM be requested to lobby the Province of Manitoba, to consult with local governments, property owners and stake holders prior to moving forward with the 30 x 30 Initiative, to allow for better understanding of its policies and the platform to address concerns.

Carried

10.6 Penner Development AGR

Resolution No: 2025-0148

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Gordon Klym

Be it resolved that Council for Bifrost-Riverton approve the Development Agreement with Norman and Beverly Penner;
And further be it resolved that Reeve Johnson and CAO Love sign said agreement on behalf of the municipality.

Carried

10.7 Riverton Street Closure

Resolution No: 2025-0149

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that Council of Bifrost-Riverton approve the street closure of Thorvalson Street from Reggie Leach Drive to Lundi Avenue between the hours of 11:00am to 4:00pm for the Riverton Co-op Annual Auto Show on Saturday June 28th, 2025.

Carried

Walter Krahn called me regarding Balaton Bay Road encroaching on this property. Jason and I went there and met him and his wife. Jason's GPS confirmed that, yes in fact the road is on his property. I propose we hire a surveyor to determine the encroachment, take a look at his assessment and offer him a payout.
I reached out to our Lawyer regarding this and we have the option of hiring a surveyor, widening the road, doing an opening of a road by-law. This seems like the simplest way to treat this.

10.8 Balaton Beach Road

Last year we donated \$250.00

10.9 Arborg Street Festival Donation Request

Resolution No: 2025-0150

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that the Council for Bifrost-Riverton grant the Arborg Street Festival \$250.00.

Carried

10.10 Riverton Curling Club Request

Resolution No: 2025-0151

Moved By: David King

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Be it resolved that Council received a request regarding the maintenance of the Riverton Curling Club; Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton assume the maintenance and financial responsibilities of The Riverton Curling Rink.

Carried

10.11 Water and Sewer Connection; T.K. Electric

Resolution No: 2025-0152

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas Tyler Kowalsky; T. K. Electric has submitted a request for the connection to Water and/or Sewer services for the property located at 11032 River Road, DES 2 BLK/TMP 15257;

And wheras per the Tax Sharing Agreement with the Town of Arborg, approval for connection to these/this service must be obtained by both the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and the Town of Arborg;

Therefore be it resolved the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton approve the request from Tyler Kowalsky upon the following conditions:

- 1) Approval be obtained from the Town of Arborg

Carried

10.12 Variation MBR-25-09V; Dziad/Plett

Resolution No: 2025-0153

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Whereas applicants J.K. Cziad/ R. Plett, C. Plett, regarding property legally described as Lot6, Plan 8432, 170 St.Philips Drive, Roll No. 53600, has applied to the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton to vary Municipal Zoning By-Law 4-2024, provided under Part 6 of Chapter P80 of The Planning Act, as it applies to the property in order to reduce the following proposed lots;

PROPOSAL: The following variances are being proposed for the new subdivision.

Zoning Requirements	Lot 1	Lots 2 - 9	Lot 10	Lot 11	Lot 12	Lot 13	Lot 14	Lot 15	Lots 16 - 26
□ Minimum site area of 2.0 acres reduced to 4	0.457ac.	0.126ac.	0.136 ac.	0.200 ac.	0.232 ac.	0.207 ac.	0.178 ac.	0.154 ac.	0.131 ac.
Minimum Site Width of 198' reduced to 4	99.97'	55'	60.6'	41.1'	41.1'	32.6'	43.6'	59.2'	55'
Minimum side yard set-back of 10' reduced to 4	1.7' for the existing garage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

And, after careful consideration, the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton Variation Board in meeting duly assembled this 12th day of June approve the said Variation.

Carried

11. Notice of Motion

12. In Camera

12.1 Open In Camera

Resolution No: 2025-0154

Moved By: David King

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 am to discuss a Personnel Matter.

Carried

12.2 Close In Camera

Resolution No: 2025-0155

Moved By: Gordon Klym

Seconded By: Corey Palsson

Be it resolved that Council do hereby conclude In-Camera discussions and resume the Regular Meeting of Council at am.

Carried

13. Business Generated from In Camera

13.1 Probation; Michaluk

Resolution No: 2025-0156

Moved By: Chad Johnson

Seconded By: David King

Whereas Ms. Nadia Michaluk has successfully completed her six (6) month probationary period;
And whereas Council and Administration are very satisfied with her performance;
Therefore be it resolved that her hourly wage be set to \$33/hr.

Carried

13.2 Cost of Living: Love

Resolution No: 2025-0157

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: David King

Be it resolved that Council approve the cost of living increase for Ms. Larissa Love at two (2%) percent from January 1, 2025.

Carried

13.3 Authorize Signature; D'Hont

Resolution No: 2025-0158

Moved By: Corey Palsson

Seconded By: Chad Johnson

Whereas the municipality requires two (2) signatures on all accounts for payment;
Therefore by it resolved that Ms. Lindsay D'Hont be added to the account.

Carried

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Reeve Johnson at 11:15 pm.



Brian N. Johnson, Reeve



Larissa Love, CAO