



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO  
HELD IN PERSON ON JANUARY 26, 2026 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

MAYOR	Mike Wetzstein
DEPUTY MAYOR	Mike Phillips
COUNCILLORS	Gary Lee Sydney Miller Matthew Loewen

STAFF	Jeremy Wickson, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Petkau, Finance Coordinator
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DELEGATES/PUBLIC	Mike Maguire, Resident
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wetzstein called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**TOB-001-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** that the agenda is approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3.1 ORRSC Executive Committee Minutes 09-11-2025
- 3.2 ORRSC Executive Committee Minutes 10-09-2025
- 3.3 ORRSC Confirmation of Assessment Review Board Appointees 12-11-2025
- 3.4 Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP) - February 9, 2026 Regional Meeting
- 3.5 Newell Housing Foundation - Minutes 12-02-2025
- 3.6 Newell Housing Foundation - Minutes 01-06-2026
- 3.7 Police Funding Model Factsheet
- 3.8 NRSWMA Dec.18, 2025 Meeting Report
- 3.9 Letter from Anonymous Resident - Animal Control Concern

**TOB-002-26** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Miller entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

4.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting of December 8, 2025

**TOB-003-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LEE** to adopt the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 8, 2025 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

6.1 Oldman River Regional Services Commission – 6:45 PM

Tracey Thomas CAO for ORRSC and Lenze Kuiper entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tracey Thomas CAO for ORRSC and Lenze Kuiper was introduced to council followed by an overview of the **Oldman River Regional Services Commission at 6:45 p.m.**

Tracey Thomas CAO for ORRSC and Lenze Kuiper departed at 7:00 p.m.

**7. REQUEST FOR DECISIONS**

7.1 Utility Rate Bylaw

**TOB-004-26** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** to give **first reading** to Utility Rate Bylaw 952-26.

**CARRIED**

**TOB-005-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** to give **second reading** to Utility Rate Bylaw 952-26.

**CARRIED**

**TOB-006-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** to consider **third reading** to Utility Rate Bylaw 952-26.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TOB-007-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** to give **third and final reading** to Utility Rate Bylaw 952-26.

**CARRIED**

7.2 Bassano Annexation Request

**TOB-008-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that administration send correspondence to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal that they will discontinue annexation request.

**CARRIED**

7.3 Health and Safety Policy

**TOB-009-26** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** that council approves the P-TOB12-004-26 Health and Safety Policy as presented.

**CARRIED**

7.4 Bassano Small Town Smoke Down

**TOB-010-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that administration move forward with the BBQ event to be scheduled May 29 to 31, 2026 in a reduced capacity.

**CARRIED**

- TOB-011-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the Town fund the Small Town Smoke Down for \$15,000. **CARRIED**
- 7.5 CAO Bylaw
- TOB-012-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** to give **first reading** to CAO Bylaw 953-26. **CARRIED**
- TOB-013-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** to give **second reading** to CAO Bylaw 953-26. **CARRIED**
- TOB-014-26** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** to consider **third reading** to CAO Bylaw 953-26. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- TOB-015-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LEE** to give **third and final reading** to CAO Bylaw 953-26. **CARRIED**

## **8. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- 8.1 – 8.5** Written board and committee reports were presented and discussed.

## **9. CAO REPORT**

- 9.1 Operations Report – verbally submitted by CAO Wickson
- TOB016-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that the regular February council meeting is held on February 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. **CARRIED**
- TOB017-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that the Town of Bassano approves a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund Program for Climate Ready Plans and the 2026 budget will allocate \$3,500 for the grant. **CARRIED**
- TOB-018-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** that Council approve Deputy Mayor Phillips attendance at the CARE Conference. **CARRIED**
- 9.1.1 BUILD Bassano – 2024 Development Projects
- 9.1.2 2025-2034 Community Infrastructure Renewal Program
- 9.1.3 Water Pump Station – 2026 Header and Piping System Replacement Project
- 9.2 Financial Statement – December 31, 2025
- 9.3 Cheque listing for Council – November to December, 2025
- 9.4 FCSS Report – none
- 9.5 Recreation & Community Services Liaison Report – none
- 9.6 CPO Report – December 31, 2025
- 9.7 RCMP Reports – December 2025
- 9.8 RCMP Reports Bassano Detachment Quarterly (Oct-Dec 2025)

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 10.1-10.4** Items of correspondence were presented and discussed.
- TOB-019-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that administration investigate alternatives for ORRSC services. **CARRIED**
- TOB-020-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** to recess the meeting at 9:00 p.m. **CARRIED**
- TOB-021-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** to reconvene the meeting at 9:13 p.m. **CARRIED**

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

- TOB-022-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** to enter a closed session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss land matters in accordance with the *Access to Information Act Section 30* with all persons excluded except Town Council and CAO Wickson. **CARRIED**
- TOB-023-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** to revert to a regular meeting at 9:53 p.m. **CARRIED**
- TOB-024-26** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS** to allocate funds from the sale of 801 – 5 Avenue municipal property when completed to the reserve account for Bassano Water Pump Station 2026 Header and Piping System Replacement Project. **CARRIED**
- TOB-025-26** Moved by **COUNCILLOR LOEWEN** to have administration enter into sales agreement for Town industrial property located at 514 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at fair market value. **CARRIED**

**12. ROUND TABLE**

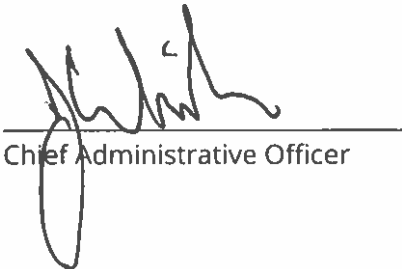
A round table discussion was held.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

- TOB-026-26** Moved by **MAYOR WETZSTEIN** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of January 26, 2026 at 9:53 p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer