



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
VILLAGE OF BEISEKER
HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2026
At 7:00 pm Online and 700 1st Avenue, Beiseker AB T0M 0G0**

PRESENT:

Mayor David Ledoyen
Deputy Mayor David McKenzie
Councillor Nikki King
Councillor Neil Young

STAFF:

CAO Gail Peckham
ACAO Norma Lang

REGRETS:

Councillor Austin Sheridan

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ledoyen called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary or Indirect Pecuniary Interest

N/A

3. Agenda

Res#2026-354

MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen that the amended agenda, adding closed session consideration of a briefing note about a tax clause change, be accepted for the August 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Res#2026-355

MOVED by Councillor King to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Res#2026-356

MOVED by Councillor Young to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2026, Public Hearing Land Use Bylaw Amendment Meeting.

CARRIED

5. Delegation – Les Spurgeon – Beiseker Parks & Trails Society

Les Spurgeon presented on behalf of the Beiseker Parks & Trail Society and shared information about work by the Society to develop a community pump track. A location on Village property at the NW Corner of the Doug Hagel Arena property was proposed. Also, costing information obtained from three potential vendors was provided. The Society made two formal requests of council. First, Council was asked to approve the location. And second, Council was asked to provide \$3000 to the Society for funding to cover initial design costs. The \$3000 will be reimbursed to the Village once grant and donation funding are secured.



Res#2026-357 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Dave Mackenzie that council approve the request from the Beiseker Parks & Trails Society to use a 30 x 40-foot space at the Northwest corner of the Arena property for construction of a pump track.

CARRIED

Res#2026-358 **MOVED** by Councillor Young to approve payment of \$3000 from the Village to the Beiseker Parks & Trails Society to upfront design costs for a new Beiseker Pump Track, and that the \$3000 be reimbursed to the Village in approximately six months upon successful grant funding.

CARRIED

6. Staff Reports

- a) Public Works – Written Report
- b) CAO – Written Report
- c) Fire Dept – Verbal Report

Res#2026-359 **MOVED** by Councillor Young to accept the staff reports as presented.

CARRIED

7. Financial Reports

- a) **Cheque Listing to August 7, 2026**

Res#2026-360 **MOVED** by Councillor King to approve the Cheque Listing dated to Aug 7, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from Minutes (Old Business)

- a) **Policy FD-01 Paid-On-Call Firefighter Response Compensation**

Mayor Ledoyen provided an opportunity for council members to declare a conflict of interest.
No conflicts of interest were declared.

Res#2026-361 **MOVED** by Mayor Ledoyen that Council postpone consideration of Policy FD-01 and direct Administration to bring forward amendments to Bylaw No. 2020-05 Fire Services, addressing the items identified in the briefing memorandum, together with a revised FD-01, at a future regular meeting.

CARRIED
one opposed

9. New Business

- a) **MDP Review - Terms of Reference, Communications & Engagement Plan from Palliser**

Res#2026-362 **MOVED** by Councillor Young that council direct Administration to work with Palliser Regional Municipal Services (PRMS) to replace the Beiseker Municipal Development Plan Bylaw 02-2013 in accordance with the scope and timelines outlined in the attached Terms of Reference and Communications and Engagement Plan.

CARRIED



Res#2026-363

b) CN Rail Property

MOVED by Councillor Young to table discussion of a CN Property purchase and direct the CAO to connect with Palliser Regional Municipal Services to investigate the cost of a survey and subdivision and bring back for council consideration at a future date.

CARRIED

Res#2026-364

c) ATCO Notification of work to occur in Beiseker

MOVED by Councillor Young to accept the ATCO correspondence as information.

CARRIED

Res#2026-365

d) Call to Action – Provincial Policing – National Police Federation

MOVED by Councillor Young to accept the submitted request as information.

CARRIED

Res#2026-366

e) Letter from Corwin Skuce regarding Vacant Land Tax

MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen to refer item e) to the closed session portion of the agenda.

CARRIED

Res#2026-367

f) Councillor Accountability Framework Feedback Request

MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen to have Administration send the following feedback to Alberta Municipalities in response to the request for municipal council input regarding the upcoming Councillor Accountability Framework.

Village of Beiseker Council Suggested Inclusions:

1. A defined contravention titled “Abuse of Authority Toward the Public,” prohibiting elected officials from using or referencing their municipal position to pressure, intimidate, or unduly influence private individuals or businesses;
2. Expansion of “Improper Use of Influence” to include conduct directed toward the public or businesses when municipal authority is invoked;
3. A complaint pathway allowing screened public or business complaints to be advanced to an investigator through Council resolution;
4. Inclusion of discriminatory conduct toward members of the public as egregious behaviour when carried out while invoking one’s municipal role;
5. Prohibitions on retaliatory or intimidating behaviour, including discouraging patronage or access to municipal services;
6. Recognition that misuses of authority toward the public can create a chilling effect on regulatory compliance;
7. Clarification that accountability provisions apply to elected officials even when they also serve in another municipal role;
8. Provision of provincial guidance documents to support municipalities in developing policies for receiving and screening public or business complaints.

CARRIED



Res#2026-368

- g) Rocky View County Request for Feedback - Proposed Changes to Direct Control District 52**
MOVED by Councillor Young to accept the report from Rocky View County as information.

CARRIED

- h) Meeting with Honourable Devin Dreeshan, Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors**

Council drafted the following priorities in preparation for their September 2026 meeting in Edmonton with the Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors

1. Highway 72/9 Corridor – Safety and Connectivity

Council remains concerned about the ongoing collision frequency along this corridor and supports improvements that strengthen its connectivity to Highway 21 and the developing Eastern Corridor. Additional incident information can be provided if required.

2. Paving of 1 Avenue (Range Road 261)

This roadway lies fully within Beiseker's municipal boundaries, and annual gravel maintenance costs continue to rise. Council wishes to highlight the long-term operational savings associated with paving, as well the importance of this upgrade for supporting development in Beacon Heights. Council is seeking information on any provincial programs or partnership options available to small municipalities undertaking road improvements tied to economic growth.

3. Connections Corridor (CAEP Initiative)

Council supports continued dialogue on regional transportation planning, including the proposed Howse Pass to Golden corridor, and wishes to ensure Beiseker interests are represented in broader regional discussions.

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MOVED by Councillor Young to direct Administration to submit the three Beiseker priorities drafted by Council to the Minister's office for discussion at the September 2026 meeting in Edmonton.

CARRIED

10. Council Reports

- a) Mayor Ledoyen – Written Report**
- b) Deputy Mayor McKenzie – Written Report**
- c) Councillor King – Verbal Report**
- d) Councillor Young – Written Report**

Res#2026-370

MOVED by Councillor King to accept the Council Reports as presented.

CARRIED



11. Closed Session

Res#2026-371 MOVED by Councillor Mackenzie to go into Closed Session at 8:48 pm to discuss:

- a) Governance Instruments (Personnel / Advice from Officials – MGA s.197 ATIA/POPA)
- b) Letter from Corwin Skuce regarding Vacant Land Tax

<u>Res#2026-372</u>	MOVED by Councillor Young to come out of Closed Session at 9:25 pm.	<u>CARRIED</u>
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Res#2026-373	11.1 MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen that council direct Administration to prepare the 2027 Tax Rate Bylaw with farmland exempt from the minimum general municipal tax, and to carry this exemption forward in future bylaws unless Council directs otherwise.	CARRIED
Res#2026-374	11.2 MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen that council, pursuant to MGA s.347 direct Administration to reduce the municipal portion of the minimum tax levied on Roll Numbers 2700, 2701, 112, 108, 110, 111, and 4600 (farm portion) for the 2026 year.	CARRIED
Res#2026-375	11.3 MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen that Council adopt the Council Governance Procedure for CAO-Related Matters, as presented.	CARRIED One opposed
Res#2026-376	11.4 MOVED by Mayor Ledoyen that Council adopt the CAO Performance Review Framework, as presented, to take effect beginning with the 2027 review cycle.”	CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Deputy Mayor McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 9:28 pm.

Mayor, David Ledoyen

CAO, Gail Peckham