

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU
Regular Council Meeting
May 21, 2026

Call to Order	Mayor Richard Warren called the meeting To Order with Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Cassidy Luchyk, CAO Bernice Macyk and Public Works Foreman Don Rosa in attendance at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
	<u>Delegations</u> No Delegations
Foreman's Report	<u>Foreman's Report</u> Don Rosa provided a written Foreman's report to Council (copy attached).
Res.92-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves to adopt the Foreman's report. Carried.
2026 Operating & Capital Budget; 2027-2029 Operating Plan; 5 Year Capital Plan	<u>Public Participation Reports</u> There are no delegations from the public in attendance at the Council meeting and no written comments were received by Administration. Administration presented the <u>Public Participation report</u> . The objective of the report is to provide all proceedings, findings and recommendations pertaining to the Public participation undertaken for the following: 2026 Operating & Capital Budget, 2027-2029 Operating Plan, 5-year Capital Plan. <u>Report presented:</u> Public was provided an opportunity to review the Budgets and Plan and provide feedback on the Budgets and the Budget process.
Res.93-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to accept the Public Participation Report for the 2026 Operating & Capital Budget; 2027-2029 Operating Plan and 5-year Capital Plan. Carried.
2026 Tax MillRate Bylaw #716-2026	There are no delegations from the public in attendance at the Council meeting and no written comments were received by Administration. Administration presented the <u>Public Participation report</u> . The objective of the report is to provide all proceedings, findings and recommendations pertaining to the Public participation undertaken for the following: 2026 Tax MillRate Bylaw #716-2026. <u>Report presented:</u> Public was provided an opportunity to review the 2026 Tax MillRate Bylaw #716-2026 and provide feedback on the Bylaw, Taxation, Assessments and the Bylaw process.
Res.94-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the Public Participation Report for the 2026 Tax MillRate Bylaw #716-2026. Carried.
Agenda Res.95-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves to adopt the Agenda with additions. Carried.
Regular Meeting Res.96-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves to adopt the Minutes of the April 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Carried.
	<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>
Snow Clearing Costs Res.97-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves there will be no amendments or changes to the Village of Waskatenau Fees and Charges Policy. Carried.
Proposed Annexation Res.98-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau approves the "What We Heard Report to Council" dated May 21, 2026 prepared by Municipal Planning Services from information gathered from the April 8 and 14, 2026 Open Houses for the proposed annexation and requests that Municipal Planning Services shares the report with the Smoky Lake County; and to proceed with the preparation of the final report for our preliminary review. Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

2026 Budget Res.99-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves to adopt the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget and the 3 year Operating Plan for 2027-2029. Carried.
5-Year Capital Plan Res.100-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves to adopt the Village of Waskatenau 5-Year Capital Plan as presented. Carried.
Millrate Bylaw #716-2026 Res.101-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Assent be given for the introduction of Bylaw #716-2026 to authorize the rates of taxation to be levied against assessable property for the 2026 taxation year. Carried unanimously.
First Reading. Res.102-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Bylaw #716-2026 receive First Reading. Carried unanimously.
Second Reading Res.103-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Bylaw #716-2026 receive Second Reading. Carried unanimously.
Consent Res.104-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves that Bylaw #716-2026 be presented at this meeting for Third Reading. Carried unanimously.
Third Reading Res.105-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves that Bylaw #716-2026 receive Third Reading and it be declared final passing and the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer affixes the corporate seal of the Village. Carried unanimously.
Physicians & HealthCare Res.106-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau approves to send a joint Smoky Lake County Region letter to raise concerns about the ongoing physician shortage and the impact it is having on access to emergency care for residents to the following Ministries: Minister of Primary and Preventive Health Services; Minister of Hospital & Surgical Health Services; Minister of Mental Health and Addiction; Minister of Assisted Living & Social Services; MLA Glen van Dijken. Carried.
Ukrainian Evacuees Res.107-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves that Village of Waskatenau approves to send a joint Smoky Lake County Region letter to the Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees to request a meeting to discuss professional training challenges for Ukrainian evacuees. Carried.
Proclamation Alberta Rural Health Res.108-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves to proclaim May 25 to May 29, 2026, as Alberta Rural Health Week in the Village of Waskatenau. Carried.
Lease Agreement Ball Diamond Res.109-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Wasaktenau executes a lease agreement with the Waskatenau & District Minor Sports Association for the lands located 5104 – 52 Street, described as Block 23, Plan 7520963 designated for use as a ball diamond facility. Carried.
Street Crackfills Res.110-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves to accept the cost estimates for the street crackfills for information purposes; and to submit an application under the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Capital grant program in the amount of \$30,000.00 for street crack repairs. Carried.
Municipal Indicators Res.111-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves to accept the 2025 Municipal Indicators benchmarks as established by Alberta Municipal Affairs for information purposes and acknowledges the response provided by Village Administration on the identified indicators. Carried.

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FCSS Applications Res.112-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec approves 2026 FCSS funding as follows: Smoky Lake Community Learning Council - \$250.00 for Tot Time and Smoky Lake County Summer Junior Firefighters Camp - \$500.00. Carried.
Clean Up Day	The Village of Waskatenau held the annual Clean-up Day on May 19, 2026 in conjunction with the Holy Family School and Residents.
5103 – 50 Street Res.113-2026	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves that Village of Waskatenau splits the cost of 15 yards of gravel for the property at 5103 – 50 Street at 50/50%. Carried.
5175 – 50 Street	Deputy Roy Krahulec is concerned about the debris that is blowing in the neighborhood from the demolished small shed at 5175 – 50 Street. Administration already contacted the property owner and requested they pick up the garbage and place a covering over the debris pile.
Ditch Repairs	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec advised that after the backhoe work to clean the snow from the ditches at the culvert ends was done the grass was torn; requested that Public Works repair the grass areas at the culvert ends at 5119 – 48 Street and 5141 – 49 Street.
Correspondence	Smoky Lake County – hired two new fulltime Fire Fighters. Smoky Lake County – fire restriction notice. Victoria Home Guard Historical Society – 2025 reports. Travel Lakeland – municipal engagement session. Smoky Lake RCMP – quarterly community policing report. Heartland Air Monitor – portable air monitor final month. Erin Pierce – public infrastructure - earthquakes
Correspondence Res.114-2026	Mayor Richard Warren moves the correspondence presented at this meeting be adopted as read and filed for information purposes. Carried.
Financial Statement Res.115-2026	Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves the April 30, 2026 Financial Statement be adopted for information purposes. Carried.
Evergreen Waste	<u>Committee Reports</u> Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec attended the Evergreen Waste meeting on April 17, 2026. ▪ Advertising is being prepared for the replacement of the Commission Manager that will be retiring. ▪ Tire aggregate will be used for the new cell instead of washed gravel. ▪ The term deposit was reviewed. ▪ Cost estimates for a new fuel vault are being obtained. ▪ New shop doors are needed. ▪ Reviewed the leachate costs for disposal services. Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec did not attend the May 21, 2026 Evergreen Waste meeting.
Physicians & HealthCare	Mayor Richard Warren attended the Physicians and Healthcare Professionals meeting on April 21, 2026. ▪ Alberta Health Care week of May 29, 2026 with an event. ▪ Immigrants becoming Healthcare workers in the community – roadblock on getting the jobs. A joint Smoky Lake region letter will be sent to the Minister. ▪ Update to the Strategic Plan will be completed. ▪ A letter will be sent to the Minister regarding the shortage of EMS services. ▪ There will be a RhPAP summit in Smoky Lake in June.

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Emergency Management	Councillor Cassidy Luchy and Bernice Macyk attended the Emergency Management meeting on April 22, 2026. ▪ An emergency management budget needs to be established for the region with future reserves. ▪ A 3-5 year plan for emergency services should be in place. ▪ The roles of the Director, Deputy Directors and other positions need to be reviewed with people identified for each position. ▪ Lobby government for more funding for training. ▪ Currently working on new Emergency Plan document for the region. ▪ Reviewed the role of Council. ▪ Emergency exercise will be held in the fall time.
Highway Corridor Concept Plan	Bernice Macyk attended the Highway Corridor Concept Plan meeting on April 27, 2026 with V3 Group for the Alberta Community Partnership Smoky Lake regional grant project.
Travel Lakeland	Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Cassidy Luchy and Bernice Macyk attended a meeting with Michele Wright from Travel Lakeland on April 27, 2026. ▪ Reviewed Village of Waskatenau proposed development on lands by railway tracks. ▪ Extend Iron Horse Trail into the Village. ▪ Design Plan for new staging area is being developed. ▪ Discussed visitor experiences in the region and Lakeland DMO. ▪ Travel Lakeland is hosting a municipal engagement session on May 21, 2026 to gather input from municipal officials.
Iron Horse Trail	Mayor Richard Warren, Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Cassidy Luchy and Bernice Macyk attended a meeting with Binnie & Associates and Marianne Jenke of Muni-Corr Ltd. On April 28, 2026. ▪ Nine staging areas for the Iron Horse Trail are being designed through an Alberta Community Partnership grant and Waskatenau is included as part of the project with a new staging area. ▪ The Village of Waskatenau submitted a request to Muni-Corr to extend the Iron Horse Trail into Waskatenau. ▪ Discussion at the meeting included what Waskatenau would like to see in the design plan for the staging area in the community. ▪ Waskatenau is looking at purchasing the CN rail trackage which would include the trestle structure. ▪ Items for Waskatenau in the design plan may include secured storage and parking; shelter, interpretative and directional signage, indoor bathrooms. No firepits. ▪ Visitor experiences and convenience amenities were discussed. ▪ Waskatenau is in a location with good trail connections which include the Iron Horse Trail, Victoria Trail, Trans Canada Trail, Waskatenau Creek Nature Trail, Redwater sandpits and the North Saskatchewan River.
RTOC Tour	Mayor Richard Warren and Councillor Cassidy Luchy attended a RTOC (Real Time Operations) tour at the RCMP K Division in Edmonton on May 5, 2026, organized by the Smoky Lake RCMP Detachment.
Intermunicipal Collaboration	Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec, Councillor Cassidy Luchy and Bernice Macyk attended the Intermunicipal Collaboration (ICC) meeting on May 6, 2026. ▪ The regional street sweeper was not sent for an inspection last fall.

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- Cost estimates for a replacement sweeper will be researched.
- A new regional street sweeper agreement will be created with a funding formula.
- A new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Bylaw will be developed with a revised inventory list. The Regional Protocol Bylaw will be reviewed by Administrators and may be rescinded.
- Cost estimate for a regional van will be researched.

Administrator's Meeting

Bernice Macyk attended a Smoky Lake region Administrator's meeting on May 7, 2026.

- Regional Peace Officer was discussed with Sgt. Anita Doktor of the Smoky Lake RCMP.
- There will be a Regional Emergency Management Exercise on November 18, 2026 in Smoky Lake.
- Reviewed the joint regional grant projects to date.
- Cost Estimate for a street sweeper will be researched and cost estimates will be obtained for a sweeper attachment for a skid steer unit.
- Jordan Ruegg will prepare draft of the a new Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Bylaw and Administrator's agreed to rescind the Regional Protocol Bylaw.

Highway 28/63 Water

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec and Councillor Cassidy Luchyk attended the Highway 28/63 Water meeting on May 14, 2026.

- Whitefish advised they could not attend the meeting.
- The generator work in Warspite is still being completed.
- The Scadia System upgrade is close to being completed.
- The Commission Bylaws are being updated.
- Membership grant contribution is held by the Commission.
- Water usage forecast is being updated.
- Update was received for the repair on the leak in the line. There was a poor fusing unit.
- Reviewed membership numbers of the municipalities.

Smoky Lake Foundation

Mayor Richard Warren attended the Smoky Lake Foundation meeting on May 21, 2026.

- There will be an employee code of conduct and visions workshop for the employees.
- Joint labor management meeting to be held.
- The Pine Creek Manor entry doors have been re-keyed.
- The sump pump was replaced at Pine Creek Manor.
- Duct and furnace cleaning will be done in some of the facilities in May.
- Reviewed capital maintenance and renewal projects.
- There will be a future meeting with all municipalities to discuss affordable housing.

Res.116-2026

Councillor Cassidy Luchyk moves to adopt the Committee reports as presented. Carried.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Accounts

Attached Addendum for Accounts Payable for period April 17, 2026 to May 21, 2026.

Res.117-2026

Deputy Mayor Roy Krahulec moves the attached accounts be approved for payment in the amount \$42,566.23. Carried.

Meeting Date

Res.118-2026

Mayor Richard Warren moves the next Regular Council Meeting will be on June 18, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Adjournment

Res.119-2026

Mayor Richard Warren moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Carried.

VILLAGE OF WASKATENAU

Per:

Richard Warren
MAYOR

Per:

Bernice Macyk
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER