

**TOWN OF VIRDEN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

TIME: FEBRUARY 19, 2026 7:00 PM
PLACE: TOWN OF VIRDEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PRESENT: MAYOR WILLIAMS, COUNCILLORS DUNNING, GRUMPOLT,
MAXWELL, SAVY AND PENNER
REGRETS: COUNCILLOR CRUICKSHANK

MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Grumpolt
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 20, 2026 be approved as posted and circulated.

CARRIED
5-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Savy

THAT the agenda be adopted as amended to add item 23.1 Water Treatment Plant Support.

CARRIED
5-0

RCMP REPORT

Moved By: Councillor Grumpolt
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

Mayor Williams entered the meeting

THAT the RCMP Report for the month of January, 2026, as presented by Staff Sergeant McAuley, be approved.

CARRIED
6-0

FINANCE

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Savy

Councillor Grumpelt declared a perceived conflict of interest in the payment of the accounts by cheques number 20260096 and 20260107 by virtue of her employment with Virден Ag and Parts.

THAT the Finance be approved as follows:

	Cheque Nos	Amount
Town of Virден	20260090-20260095, 20260097-20260106, 20260108, 20260114-20260118, 20260120-20260129, 20260142-20260162, 20260164-20260173, 20260176-20260184, 20260187	\$330,139.30
Water Works	20260109-20260113, 20260119, 20260130-20260141, 20260163, 20260174-20260175, 20260185-20260186	\$35,339.48

CARRIED
6-0

Councillor Grumpelt left the room without voting or entering into the discussion around the payment of the accounts by cheques number 20260096 and 20260107.

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

THAT cheques number 20260096 and 20260107 in the amount of \$246.30 be approved for payment.

CARRIED
5-0

Councillor Grumpelt returned to the meeting.

PURCHASE OF LAND

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the Town of Virден purchase Desc Lot 16-17, Block B, Plan 210, in the Town of Virден for the amount negotiated with the seller.

CARRIED
6-0

MGRA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Town of Virden renew its membership in the Manitoba Good Roads Association for 2026, at a cost of \$250.00.

CARRIED
6-0

WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

THAT the item "Wayfinding Signage" be tabled to be discussed at a future meeting of Council.

CARRIED
6-0

DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY EVENT - VIRDEN INDOOR RODEO & WILD WEST DAZE

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

THAT the Virden Indoor Rodeo and Wild West Daze, to be held August 13-16, 2026, in Virden, be declared a community event for liquor licensing purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT establishments serving liquor be allowed to operate at extended hours.

CARRIED
6-0

DECLARATION OF SIGNATURE EVENT - VIRDEN INDOOR RODEO & WILD WEST DAZE

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

THAT the Town of Virden declare the Virden Indoor Rodeo and Wild West Daze being held August 13-16, 2026, as a signature event, and provide a letter of support to accompany their application to the Province of Manitoba's Community Festivals and Events Program for an operating grant.

CARRIED
6-0

HAYLAND TENDER

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Town of Virden award the two year Hay land Tender to Wegner Land and Cattle at a cost of three and one-half cents per pound for cutting, baling and removal of the hay on the following parcels:

Pt. S.W. ¼ Sec. 21-10-26 WPM
Pt. S.E. ¼ Sec. 34-10-26 WPM
Pt. S.W. ¼ Sec. 35-10-26 WPM

CARRIED
6-0

VCI SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the Town of Virden provide scholarship funding in the amount of \$2000.00, to be awarded to a 2026 VCI graduate, with the eligibility requirements and selection process to be the same as in previous years.

CARRIED
6-0

VMAF 2026 SPONSORSHIP

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Town of Virden provide sponsorship funding in the amount of \$500.00 to the Virden Music and Arts Festival.

CARRIED
6-0

INVITATION SK-MB BORDER WATER MANAGEMENT MEETING

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT up to two members of Council be authorized to attend the Drainage and Watershed Management Committee meeting to be held on March 27, 2026 in Virden, with costs, per policy, being paid.

CARRIED
6-0

MUNICIPAL/OLYMPICS SPORTS DAY

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Savy

THAT The Town of Virden enter a team into the municipal sports day bonspiel to be held at the Shamrock Centre in Killarney MB on March 20 2026.

CARRIED
6-0

LEARN EM

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT up to two members of Council be authorized to attend the "We Kneel where the Trees Once Stood Grief, Grace and Going On" Learn EM Session to be held virtually on March 12, 2026, with costs, per policy, being paid.

CARRIED
6-0

EDAM COMMUNITY EDGE TRAINING

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

THAT any interested members of Council attend the Community Edge training to be held in Portage la Prairie on March 9 and 10, 2026, with costs, per policy, being paid.

CARRIED
6-0

MEIA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Town of Virden renew its membership with the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association for 2026 at a cost of \$700.00 + GST.

CARRIED
6-0

MANSEA CONFERENCE

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT up to two members of Council be authorized to attend the 2026 ManSEA conference to be held at TC Energy Centre in Ile Des Chenes MB on April 9, 2026, with costs, per policy, being paid

CARRIED
6-0

PROPOSAL FROM RFNOW - COMMUNICATIONS - WATER SYSTEM

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the Town of Virden enter into a three year Internet/Data Communications Services Agreement with RFNow for the provision of a fiber internet service and EPL connection for the Town of Virden water system at a cost of \$499.95 per month, plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED
6-0

TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Dunning

WHEREAS the Town of Virden has legal concerns with the Town's water supply infrastructure and the public water system;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the filing of a Statement of Claim in the Court of King's Bench regarding the water supply infrastructure;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize administration for the Town to work with legal counsel regarding the Statement of Claim and all related legal matters.

CARRIED
6-0

WATER TREATMENT PLANT SUPPORT

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the Town of Virden obtain operational support for the Water Treatment Plant, including training for the operators, as per the proposal from ATAP Infrastructure Management Ltd which includes up to three days on-site training with ATAP staff and one day of engineering services provided by Associated Engineering;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Virden obtain ongoing training and plant operational inspection services on an annual basis, for the Water Treatment Plant and operators.

CARRIED
6-0

MAMEC CONFERENCE

Moved By: Councillor Savy
Seconded By: Councillor Penner

THAT up to two members of Council be authorized to attend the 2026 MAMEC conference to be held at CanadInns Polo Park in Winnipeg, MB on June 16, 2026, with costs, per policy, being paid.

CARRIED
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IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT Council adjourn into an In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss land, legal and labor matters.

CARRIED
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ADJOURN IN CAMERA

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the In Camera meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned at 8:24 PM.

CARRIED
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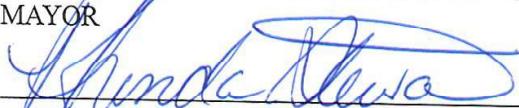
ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 PM.

CARRIED
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MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER