

**TOWN OF VIRDEN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

TIME: JANUARY 20, 2026 6:00 PM
PLACE: TOWN OF VIRDEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PRESENT: MAYOR WILLIAMS, COUNCILLORS CRUICKSHANK,
DUNNING, GRUMPELT, MAXWELL, SAVY AND PENNER

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Cruickshank
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

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

CARRIED
7-0

ADJOURN IN CAMERA

Moved By: Councillor Savy
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the In Camera meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned at 7:01 PM.

CARRIED
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MINUTES

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 30, 2025, and the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 6, 2026 be approved as posted and circulated.

CARRIED
7-0

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Councillor Cruickshank
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED
7-0

RCMP REPORT

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the RCMP Report for the Month of December, 2025, as well as the Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2025, as presented by Cpl. Giannico, be approved.

CARRIED
7-0

FINANCE

Moved By: Councillor Savy
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the Finance be approved as follows:

	Cheque Nos	Amount
Town of Virden	20260001-20260030, 20260036-20260047, 20260049-20260057, 20260059-20260074, 20260079-20260087 EFT 1299-1377	\$476,573.46
Water Works	20260031-20260035, 20260048, 20260055 (void), 20260058, 20260075-20260078, 20260088-20260089	\$55,191.74

CARRIED
7-0

BY-LAW NO 2821 - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Savy

THAT Town of Virden By-Law No. 2821, being a by-law of the Town of Virden to establish fees and charges for development applications, planning applications, building permits and related matters be read a third time and be passed.

For the motion: Mayor Williams, Councillors Cruickshank, Dunning, Grumpelt, Maxwell, Penner and Savy.

Against the motion: None

BY-LAW NO. 2822 TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2814 - ROUTLEDGE ST E

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT Town of Virden By-Law No. 2822 being a By-Law of the Town of Virden to amend Local Improvement Borrowing By-Law No. 2814 which authorized the expenditure and borrowing of money for water and sewer main replacement as well as reconstruction of the road base on Routledge Street East, as a local improvement, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED
7-0

BY-LAW NO. 2823 TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. 2815 - 6TH AVE S, KENT

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT Town of Virden By-Law No. 2823, being a by-law of the Town of Virden to amend Local Improvement Borrowing By-Law No. 2815, which authorized the expenditure and borrowing of money for overlay and shoulder repairs of 6th Avenue South, Lyons Street West to PR 257 and the overlay of Kent Street from 6th Avenue South to 7th Avenue South, all as a local improvement, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED
7-0

2024 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved By: Councillor Savy
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT the Town of Virden Audited Financial Statements, including the Gas Tax Report, for the Year Ended December 31, 2024, as prepared by MNP LLP, be approved.

CARRIED
7-0

NOVEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the Town of Virden General Operating Fund and Utility Fund Revenue and Expense Statements, for the Eleven Months Ended November 30, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED
7-0

TAXERVICE ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Moved By: Councillor Cruickshank
Seconded By: Councillor Savy

THAT the Town of Virden enter into an agreement with Taxervice for the provision of tax recovery services for a three year term ending December 31, 2029, as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer.

CARRIED
7-0

BUSINESS LICENSE WRITEOFFS

Moved By: Councillor Savy
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

THAT the outstanding accounts as of December 31, 2025, for business licenses, as presented by the Chief Financial Officer, at a total amount of \$1,800.00, be cancelled.

CARRIED
7-0

STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT GRANT - EXTENSION REQUEST - 585 7TH AVE S

Moved By: Councillor Savy
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the Storefront Improvement Grant deadline for project completion and document submission, for the owner and applicant of 585 7th Avenue South, be extended for the final time to June 30, 2026.

AND FURTHER THAT the owner and applicant of 585 7th Avenue South will require a new application for the Storefront Improvement Grant if the extension deadline of June 30, 2026, is not met.

CARRIED
7-0

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - U13 RURAL A COED HOCKEY PROVINCIALS

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

Councillor Dunning declared a perceived conflict of interest by virtue of his grandchildren participating in the U13 Rural Coed Hockey Provincials and left the meeting without voting or entering into discussion.

THAT the Town of Virden provide sponsorship funding in the amount of \$500.00, as a Gold Sponsor, to the Virden U13 Oil Capitals (A) team for the U13 Rural A CoEd Hockey Provincials Tournament, to be held on March 13-15, 2026 at Tundra Oil and Gas Place.

CARRIED
6-0

Councillor Dunning returned to the meeting.

MANITOBA SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the Town of Virden purchase a quarter page ad in the amount of \$125.00 in support of the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame 2026 inductees.

CARRIED
7-0

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT Neil Smith be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Virden, effective March 2, 2026, as per the terms of his employment contract.

CARRIED
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IN CAMERA SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Cruickshank
Seconded By: Councillor Maxwell

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ADJOURN IN CAMERA

Moved By: Councillor Grumpelt
Seconded By: Councillor Cruickshank

THAT the In Camera meeting of the Committee of the Whole be adjourned at 9:16 PM.

CARRIED
7-0

RFP - ENGINEERING SERVICES AND DESIGN, LANDFILL

Moved By: Councillor Maxwell
Seconded By: Councillor Savy

THAT the Town of Virden accept the proposal for Engineering Services and Design at the Virden Landfill from KGS Group, based on the lowest, qualified submission, in the amount of \$35,225.47, pending the receipt of an estimate for the geotechnical investigation.

CARRIED
7-0

SALE OF LAND

Moved By: Councillor Cruickshank
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the Town of Virden accept the offer from Park Avenue Equities Ltd. to purchase Lot 4, Block B, Plan 210 BLTO, excluding NELY 150 feet of Lot 4, Block B, Plan 210 BLTO, and all mines and minerals as set forth in transfer 118925 in N 1/2 of 22-10-26, 558 Frame Street East, Virden, MB, as per the conditions set out in the offer to purchase dated January 15, 2026.

CARRIED
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ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Dunning
Seconded By: Councillor Grumpelt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:17 PM.

CARRIED
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MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER