

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF MEWATHA BEACH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
Saturday, August 22, 2026**

The regular meeting of the council of the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach was held at the Boyle Seniors Centre August 22, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor	Steven Pretula
Deputy Mayor	Guy White
Councillor	Darcy Sumyk
Administrator	Tina George

Members of the Public 10

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pretula called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Res. 001-08-22-26

MOVED by Councillor Sumyk that the agenda be adopted with the following additions:

5) Capital budget up to August 18, 2026

9 g) ATIA Training

9 h) Evergreen Questions & Discussion

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Res. 002-08-22-26

MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the minutes from the Regular Meeting on July 28, 2026, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

372 Birch Road – James Cain & Faye Barnes

James Cain appeared before Council regarding ongoing drainage concerns affecting 372 Birch Road. Mr. Cain advised that the concerns were separate from the recently approved development permit and presented photographs and supporting documentation regarding standing water, saturated soils, erosion, deterioration of fence posts, garage sump water accumulation and settlement concerns.

Mr. Cain outlined various drainage features, culverts, swales, grading conditions and discharge points in the surrounding area which he believes may be contributing to the drainage conditions on his property. He requested that Council confirm whether the concerns have been reviewed, clarify whether the identified drainage conditions comply with applicable Village requirements, and provide guidance regarding potential measures to address impacts on neighbouring properties.

Mr. Cain requested a written response or anticipated timeline for further review.

Mayor Pretula thanked Mr. Cain for his presentation at 10:52 a.m.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Res. 003-08-22-26 MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the Cheque register, Operating & Capital Budget dated to August 18, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

CAO REPORT

Res. 004-08-22-26 MOVED by Deputy Mayor White that the CAO Report dated to August 18, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

BYLAWS/POLICIES

Res. 005-08-22-26 MOVED by Mayor Pretula that first reading be given to Rescinding Bylaw 05-26, to rescind Bylaw 03-24, this 22nd day of August 2026.

CARRIED

Res. 006-08-22-26 MOVED by Deputy Mayor White that second reading be given to Rescinding Bylaw 05-26, to rescind Bylaw 03-24, this 22nd day of August 2026.

CARRIED

Res. 007-08-22-26 MOVED by Councillor Sumyk that unanimous consent be given to go to third reading of Rescinding Bylaw 05-26, to rescind Bylaw 03-24, this 22nd day of August 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Res. 008-08-22-26 MOVED by Councillor Sumyk that third and final reading be given to Rescinding Bylaw 05-26, to rescind Bylaw 03-24, this 22nd day of August 2026.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Res. 009-08-22-26 MOVED by Deputy Mayor White that administration bring back quotes for putting big rocks and trees along the ditch on the municipal reserve at the boat launch, and a quote for extending the fence.

CARRIED

Res. 010-08-22-26 MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the 2 trees bordering 28 Oriole Drive and the walkway be taken down.

CARRIED

Res. 011-08-22-26 MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the doors for the information sign at the boat launch be repaired with new plexiglass and hinges and to have the signs at the parking lot of the beach be combined into one post.

CARRIED

Res. 012-08-22-26	MOVED by Mayor Pretula that administration respond to the request to broaden the approach along Mewatha Drive by advising the property owner that they are required to obtain letters of support from the affected neighbouring property owners and submit them to Administration for consideration at the next Council meeting. Any costs associated with the requested work shall be the responsibility of the requester.	CARRIED
Res. 013-08-22-26	MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the Fortis Franchise Fees remain at 2%.	CARRIED
Res. 014-08-22-26	MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the Summer Village of Mewatha Beach applies for an Alberta Community Partnership Grant to collaborate with the Summer Village of Bondiss for a Vegetation Study.	CARRIED
Res. 015-08-22-26	MOVED by Mayor Pretula that administration be approved to attend ATIA Training September 22, 2026.	CARRIED
Res. 016-08-22-26	MOVED by Deputy Mayor White that the posts at evergreen municipal reserve entrance be put back up.	CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Mayor Pretula opened the meeting to resident questions & concerns at 11:49 a.m.

- Posts on upgraded trail on poplar
- Land Use Bylaw and enforcement
- Speeding

Deputy Mayor White left the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and returned at 12:07 p.m.

- Boat lift at the west side of the beach
- Trees in the water west of the beach
- Peg in the water that the rope is anchored to at the main beach
- Storage on Municipal Reserve
- Stormwater management on CAO report

Mayor Pretula called for a break at 12:20 p.m.

Res. 017-08-22-26	MOVED by Mayor Pretula that the meeting goes into closed session to discuss Agenda Items: ATIA Division 2 Section 32 (1) (a) Privileged Information ATIA Division 2 Section 29 (1) (g) Administrative Planning ATIA Division 2 Section 29 (1) (c) Contractual at 12:30 p.m.	CARRIED
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- Res. 018-08-22-26 MOVED by Councillor Sumyk that council and administration come out of closed at 1:22 p.m.
CARRIED
- Res. 019-08-22-26 MOVED by Councillor Sumyk that there be a special meeting on September 28, 2026, via zoom at 6:30 p.m. to discuss ATIA Division 2 Section 32 (1) (a) Privileged Information.
CARRIED
- Res. 020-08-22-26 MOVED by Deputy Mayor White that administration respond to the delegation as discussed.
CARRIED
- Res. 021-08-22-26 MOVED by Mayor Pretula that administration request a meeting with 198 Lakeview Drive on September 19, 2026.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

September 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at the Boyle Seniors Centre at 4800 Third Street South.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pretula adjourned the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Mayor

Recording Secretary