

AGENDA

Committee of the Whole

September 9, 2026

9:00 a.m.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - 2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
 - 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
 - 4. DELEGATIONS**
 - 5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - 5.1 Minburn Lagoon Assessment
Administration Presenter:
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations
 - 6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION / PROGRAM REQUESTS)**
 - 6.1 Division Reports
 - 6.2 Councillor Request Report
 - 7. CLOSED SESSION**
 - 7.1 Gravel Crush Project
ATIA Section 20, Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
 - 7.2 Tax Forfeiture Properties
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials
 - 8. OPEN SESSION**
 - 9. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION**
 - 10. ADJOURNMENT**



Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3
Deputy Reeve Tara Kuzio, Division 5
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1
Councillor Ray Nedzielski, Division 2
Councillor Allen McCutcheon, Division 4
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6
Councillor Jerri Ziegler, Division 7

Administration Present:

Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning & Community Services
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2026-W061

Moved by: Councillor Ziegler

THAT the Agenda for the August 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2026-W062

Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski

THAT the July 20, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

2026-W063

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

THAT the Committee of the Whole meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA), *Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party*, at 10:03 a.m.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS**4.1 Economic Development Opportunity**

ATIA Section 19, Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Presenters	

2026-W064

Moved by: Councillor Ziegler

THAT the Committee of the Whole revert to Open Session at 10:41 a.m.

Carried

Jason Warawa, Mike Fundytus, Norm De Wet and Audra Kropielnicki entered the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION**5.1 Circular Materials Household Recycling Program****Administration Presenter:**

Norm De Wet, Director of Operations

2026-W065

Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski

THAT the Committee of the Whole accept this report for information.

Carried

5.2 Rural Broadband Policy**Administration Presenter:**

Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services

2026-W066

Moved by: Councillor McCutcheon

THAT the Committee of the Whole directs administration to prepare an RFD for consideration at the August 17, 2026 Council Meeting, recommending that Council repeal Policy PDS 7001-01, Rural Broadband, and incorporate rural broadband initiatives as an action item supporting the County's economic development goal within the County's Strategic Plan.

Carried

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION/PROGRAM REQUESTS)

- 6.1 Divisional Reports
- 6.2 Councillor Request Report

2026-W067

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Divisional Reports and Councillor Request Report be accepted as presented.

Carried

Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION

2026-W068

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Committee of the Whole meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA), specifically Section 26, Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations and Section 29, Advice from officials, at 11:30 a.m.

Carried

- 7.1 Fire Services Agreement
ATIA Section 26, Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mike Fundytus	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization

Mike Fundytus left the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

- 7.2 2027 Capital Equipment
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Norm De Wet	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Warawa	Strategic Leader of the Organization

Norm De Wet and Jason Warawa left the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Davin Gegolick entered the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Deputy Reeve Kuzio left the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

- 7.3 Mannville Agriculture Society Funding Request
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

- 7.4 Viking Health Foundation
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

- 7.5 Vegreville FCSS Funding
ATIA Section 29, Advice from officials

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Davin Gegolick	Strategic Leader of the Organization

8. OPEN SESSION

2026-W069

Moved by: Councillor Nedzielski

THAT the Committee of the Whole revert to open session at 12:45 p.m.

Carried

9. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

- 9.1 2027 Capital Equipment

2026-W070

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Committee of the Whole recommend to County Council the purchase of three Cat 160 Graders at a total cost of \$1,950,000.00 (excluding GST), and that these items be approved and included in the 2027 Capital Budget; and further, that Units 326, 335, and 336 be sold by tender following delivery of the new graders.

Carried

- 9.2 Mannville Agriculture Society Funding Request

2026-W071

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Committee of the Whole direct Administration to bring the Mannville Agriculture Society Funding Request to the August 17, 2026 Council meeting for discussion.

Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DISCUSSION PAPER

Topic: Minburn Lagoon Assessment

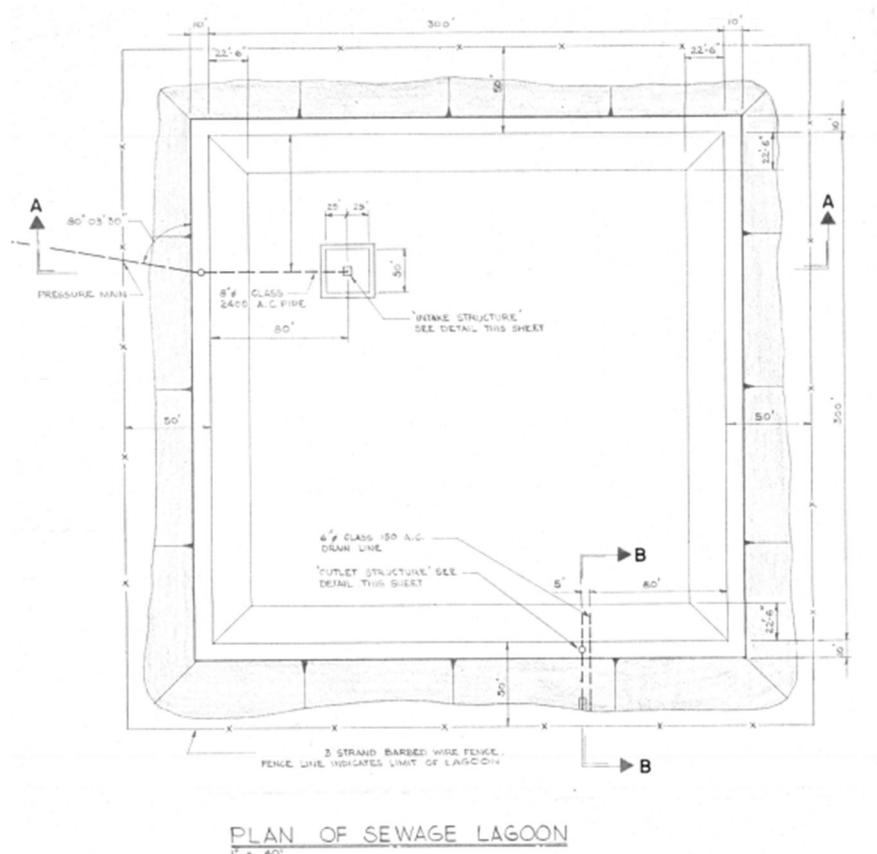
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Background

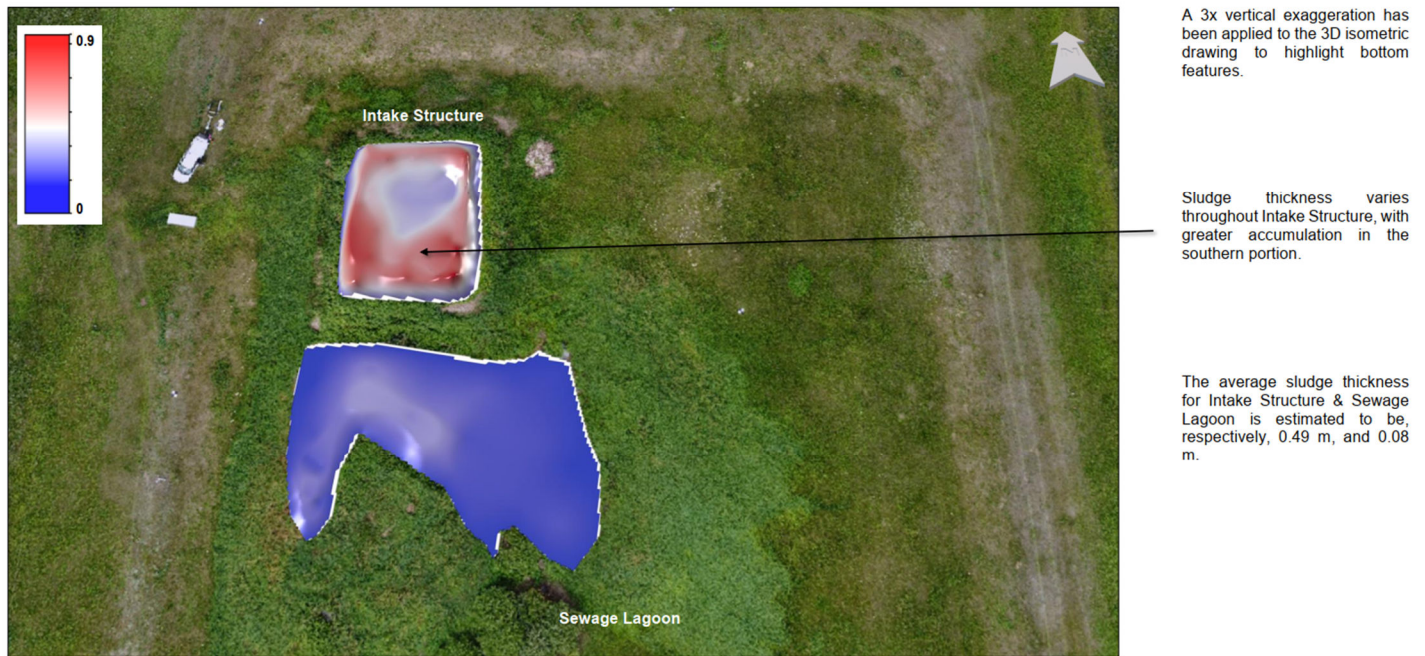
To provide the Committee of the Whole with information regarding the results of the 2026 sludge survey completed on the Minburn wastewater lagoon intake structure and sewage lagoon.

Information for the Committee

Hydrasurvey Ltd. completed a sludge survey of the Minburn wastewater lagoon on July 13, 2026. The purpose of the survey was to map and estimate sludge accumulation within the intake structure and sewage lagoon. Only the water-covered portion of the sewage lagoon was surveyed, so the lagoon results apply only to that area.



INTAKE STRUCTURE & SEWAGE LAGOON – SLUDGE THICKNESS 3D PROFILE



The survey found:

- Total potential volume: 323 m³
- Estimated sludge volume: 148 m³
- Average sludge thickness: approximately 0.49 m
- Current hydraulic capacity: approximately 127 m³
- Percentage of structure volume occupied by sludge: approximately 54% (at the surveyed water level)

The survey indicates that sludge thickness varies throughout the intake structure, with greater accumulation toward the southern portion.

While sludge accumulation within the intake structure is significant, the main sewage lagoon currently has substantial unused capacity. At the time of the survey, only a portion of the lagoon contained water, with water depths of approximately 5 to 10 cm in the surveyed area.

Based on the survey findings, Administration will work with bio-enzyme treatment suppliers to determine whether biological treatment may be a feasible and cost-effective method of reducing the existing sludge accumulation. Given the available capacity within the main sewage lagoon, there may be an opportunity to use this approach before considering more extensive mechanical sludge removal.

Recommendation

THAT the Committee of the Whole accept the 2026 Minburn Wastewater Lagoon Sludge Survey report as information.



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DIVISION REPORT

Name: Councillor Joey Nafziger

Division: 1

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Complaints of grass on roads from ditch mowers.
Complaint of pot holes in Minburn.



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DIVISION REPORT**

Name: Councillor Ray Nedzielski

Division: 2

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Received phone call requesting a road be graded. Referred to Director of Operations.



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DIVISION REPORT**

Name: Reeve Roger Konieczny

Division: 3

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Received call regarding culvert placement.



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DIVISION REPORT**

Name: Councillor Allen McCutcheon

Division: 4

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Blocked culvert on Twp Rd 522 west of RR 125. Reported to Operations.
Blind intersection requiring brushing, Twp Rd 522 and RR 125. Reported to Operations.



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DIVISION REPORT**

Name: Deputy Reeve Kuzio

Division: 5

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Received call regarding calcium dust control.



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DIVISION REPORT

Name: Councillor Carl Ogrodnick

Division: 7

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Complaint about culvert cleaning.

Complaint about culvert plugged.

Complaint about Imperial Road being rough.

Complaint about Welsh Road - why are they ripping it up and why aren't we fixing it properly.

Complaint about road mowing going to wide and taking out farmer's crop.

Compliment on RR 144.

Road construction - comments about more work needs to be done.

Road construction weed issue.

Dust complaint on Emcon Road.



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
DIVISION REPORT**

Name: Councillor Jerri Ziegler

Division: 7

For Presentation at 09/09/2026 **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

From Date: 08/06/26

To Date: 09/02/26

Resident Comments:

Inquired about what's happening on Twp Rd 532 and 857 corner.
Inquired about repairs to Twp Rd 540 west of 857.

Request #	Councillor Name or Motion Number	Request Title	Request	Responding Dept		Response Date	Status
CR25-34	2025-ASB022	ALUS Program Budget	Administration prepare the Terms of Reference for the Project Advisory Committee	Operations	Waiting on ALUS for a response to the application process	04-Feb-26	Ongoing
CR25-35	2025-ASB023	ALUS Program Budget	Administration prepare a contract for sharing a coordinator with the County of Two Hills for the June ASB meeting	Operations	ALUS application submitted, waiting on a response	08-Apr-26	Ongoing
CR25-36	Councillor Ogrodnick	Grains Connect Road	Look into possible solution to Grains Connect Road, Hwy 857 to Hwy 16A, semis unable to make the turn	Office of the CAO	CAO was going to see what concerns were shared with the Town of Vegreville and send same to AT. Town isn't interested at this time.	20-Aug-26	Closed
CR25-40	2025-W0106	Fire Agreements	Administration prepare RFD recommending Council direct Administration proceed with Fire Agreement Fee Structure negotiations with Villages of Mannville and Innisfree	Office of the CAO	Email sent to Village CAOs that we will be contacting them during first quarter of 2026	02-Sep-26	Closed
CR26-18		Asphalt Asset Mgmt Plan	Administration revisit discussion with Council for their direction on long-term approach for managing County's deteriorating asphalt roads	Operations	Council requested to review the discussion in July 2026	20-Jul-26	Complete
CR26-20	2026-W034	M-M-I FCSS	Administration arrange a meeting between the CAOs and Council M-M-I FCSS representatives for Innisfree, Mannville and the County to discuss the current makeup of the regional partnership	Office of the CAO	Coordinating a date with Regional CAOs		Ongoing
CR26-22	2026-W039	CAO Bylaw	Administration to make amendments as discussed and bring to the June Council meeting for first reading	Office of the CAO	Being presented at the June Council meeting	25-May-26	Complete
CR26-23	Deputy Reeve Kuzio	Summer Tour	Administration to confirm with Council their desire for a Road Tour in late June prior to Strategic Planning Session	Office of the CAO			Ongoing
CR26-25	Council	Scholarship Committee	Administration to update Council Scholarship Committee Composition at next Organizational Meeting Agenda	Office of the CAO			Ongoing
CR26-27	2026-ASB013	Pest Control Policy	Administration prepare an RFD for July Council for Council approval of the new Pest Control Policy	Operations	Policy approved	18-Jun-26	Complete

CR26-30	2026-W057	Asphalt Asset Mgmt Plan	Administration bring capital projects identified throughout the asset management planning process to Council for approval on a case-by-case basis	Operations	Vegreville road being brought to budget deliberations	22-Jul-26	Ongoing
CR26-31	2026-W066	Rural Broadband	Administration to prepare an RFD for the August Council meeting recommending Council repeal Rural Broadband Policy PDS 7001-01, and include rural broadband initiatives as an action item supporting County's economic development goal with the County's Strategic Plan	Planning and Community Services	RFD Prepared	13-Aug-26	Complete
CR26-32	2026-W070	2027 Capital Equipment	Administration prepare an RFD for the August Council meeting recoming to Council to purchase 3 CAT 160 Graders and that items approved be included in the 2027 capital budget, and that Units 326, 335, and 336 be sold by tender following the delivery of the new graders	Operations	Approval emails to Finning	17-Aug-26	Complete
CR26-33	2026-W071	Mannville Agriculture Society	Administration prepare an RFD with the Mannville Agriculture Society Funding Request for discussion at the August 17, 2026 Council meeting	Planning and Community Services	RFD Prepared	13-Aug-26	Complete