

TOWN OF ONOWAY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025 9:30 a.m. Council Chambers

Onoway Civic Centre (and Virtually Via Zoom)

Council Present: Mayor Lenard Kwasny

Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robin Murray Councillor Sheila Pockett

Administration: Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer

Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services

Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary

3 members of the public attended the meeting in person. 3 members of the public attended the meeting via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lenard Kwasny called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and advised that the meeting will be recorded and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty 6 Land.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion # 215-25

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson

THAT the September 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

4. CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

Motion # 216-25

MOVED by: Councillor Robin Murray

THAT all items on the proposed consent agenda and respective recommendations be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. Regular Council Meeting August 14, 2025 Minutes
- b. Special Council Meeting August 21, 2025 Minutes
- c. 11. Information Items
 - a. Onoway and District Agricultural Society August 15, 2025 letter regarding Town Council representative
 - b. Alberta Municipal Affairs Bill 20/50 Resources LAEA Amendments Nominations and Forms Factsheets July 22, 2025 letter
 - c. CCBF Allocation for 2025-26 August 8, 2025 letter from Minister Dan Williams
 - d. CCBF Online Portal Update August 18 email from Alberta Municipal Affairs
 - e. Summer Village of South View August 2025 Organizational Meeting Results
 - f. Summer Village of Castle Island 2025 Organizational Meeting Results
 - g. Summer Village of Val Quentin 2025 Organizational Meeting Results
 - h. Community Futures Yellowhead East Regional Investment and Attraction Marketing Strategy Newsletter (RIAMS) (August)

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - n/a

6. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

Ben Proulx (Catalyst Communications) attended the meeting from 9:45 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. to present the 2025 Citizen Engagement Survey Results.

Motion # 217-25

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson

THAT the presentation by Ben Proulx (Catalyst Communications) regarding the 2025 Citizen Engagement Survey Results be accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Monthly Cheque Listing August 1-31, 2025

Motion # 218-25

MOVED by: Councillor Robin Murray

THAT Council approve the monthly cheque listing from August 1 – August 31, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. POLICIES & BYLAWS

a. Bylaw 834-25 - Repeal Bylaw for Code of Conduct

Motion # 219-25

MOVED by: Councillor Sheila Pockett

THAT Bylaw # 834-25 the Repeal Bylaw be given First reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 220-25

MOVED by: Councillor Robin Murray

THAT Bylaw # 834-25 the Repeal Bylaw be given Second reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 221-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT Bylaw #834-25 the Repeal Bylaw be considered for third reading at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 222-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT Bylaw #834-25 the Repeal Bylaw be given third and final reading and be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACTION ITEMS

a. Alberta Munis Convention - Meeting with Honourable Dan Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Motion # 223-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT Council request a meeting with Minister Williams, Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss: a) Downloading of services to municipalities; b) Advocate for response of an ambulance stationed in Onoway and c) Distribution of Casino funds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Sanitary Sewer Main Spot Replacement 47 Street

Motion # 224-25

MOVED by: Councillor Sheila Pockett

THAT Council approve the sanitary sewer main replacement in two areas on 47 Street as discussed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 225-25

MOVED by: Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson

THAT Council authorize Administration to submit the sanitary sewer main replacement in two areas on 47 Street as a Canada Community-Building Fund Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. FCSS Round 2

Motion # 226-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT Council approve the following Committee funding amounts for the 2025 FCSS Funding Round 2 to a total amount of \$2,350:

Organization Name	Project/Program Name	Committee Funding Amount Recommendation
Lac Ste Anne Foundation (Chateau)	Flowers for Residences	\$ 750.00
Lac St. Anne East End Bus Society	Seniors In Motion 2025	\$1,000.00
Town of Onoway Public Library	Harvest Festiva Entertainment Hula Hoop Circ	Ψ 20000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 227-25

MOVED by: Councillor Sheila Pockett

THAT Council approve the minutes from the May 23, 2025 FCSS Committee Meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. 2025 Recreation Services Tax

Motion # 228-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT Administration conduct an advertising campaign within the community for public participation in the 2025 Recreation Tax distribution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. ATCO Franchise Fees

Motion # 229-25

MOVED by: Councillor Robin Murray

THAT Council approve the 2026 ATCO Gas Franchise fee remain at the current rate of 10.50% for 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f. FortisAlberta Franchise Fee

Motion # 230-25

MOVED by: Councillor Sheila Pockett

THAT Council approve the 2026 FortisAlberta Franchise fee remain at 10.50% for the year 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. COUNCIL, COMMITTEE & STAFF REPORTS

Motion # 231-25

MOVED by: Councillor Sheila Pockett

THAT the Council and staff reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

Approved under the Consent Agenda Motion #216-25

- a. Onoway and District Agricultural Society August 15, 2025 letter regarding Town Council representative
- b. Alberta Municipal Affairs Bill 20/50 Resources LAEA Amendments Nominations and Forms Factsheets July 22, 2025 letter
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12. CLOSED MEETING

Motion # 232-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and Division 2 of the Access to Information Act (AITA); Section 19 - Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Council move into Closed Meeting at 10:46 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed from 10:45 a.m. until 10:47 a.m. to allow the in-person attendees, Recording Secretary and zoom attendees to leave the meeting.

The following individuals attended the Closed meeting:
Mayor Lenard Kwasny
Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson
Councillor Bridgitte Coninx
Councillor Robin Murray
Councillor Sheila Pockett
Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer
Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services

Motion #233-25

MOVED by: Councillor Robin Murray

That Council move out of Closed Meeting at 12:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 234-25

MOVED by: Councillor Bridgitte Coninx

THAT Administration request legal counsel draft correspondence as discussed in Closed meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. ADJOURNMENT

As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Signed by Lenard Kwasny, Mayor

Signed by Jennifer Thompson
Chief Administrative Officer