

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE RURAL
MUNICIPALITY OF MANITOU LAKE NO. 442 HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
101 CENTRE STREET, MARSDEN, SASKATCHEWAN ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026.**

Present **Reeve:** Brian Graham
Councillors: Division 1 – Travis Lindsay – Absent
 Division 2 – Ben Graham
 Division 3 – Norman Wright
 Division 4 – Jason Paterson
 Division 5 – Brian Nattress
 Division 6 – Roland Koch
CAO: Joanne Loy
Foreman: James Czerniak

Call to Order Reeve Brian Graham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest regarding 6.1 Oil Company Arrears with Fallon Energy.

In Camera **26/050 GRAHAM:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council moves to an in-camera session to discuss human resources as authorized by the legislative authority of Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* including the exemptions in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 9:02 am.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Attendees at the in-camera session: Reeve Brian Graham, Councilors Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, and Koch, Foreman James Czerniak, CAO Joanne Loy. Applicant #1 attended the in-camera session from 9:03 am to 9:19 am. Applicant #2 attended the in-camera session from 9:24 am to 9:42 am.

Out of Camera **26/051 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council rises from the in-camera discussion at 9:44 am.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Minutes **26/052 NATTRESS:** That the minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 12, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Statement **26/053 PATERSON:** That the Statement of Financial Activities for February 2026 be accepted as presented.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Accounts **26/054 KOCH:** That the accounts to March 13, 2026 be authorized for payment and that a list of cheques numbered 23635 to 23669 inclusive and including EFT Payroll deposits and online Remittances totaling \$215,380.34 be annexed to and form a part of these minutes.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Ben Graham declared a conflict of interest on Agenda Item 6.1 Oil Company Tax Arrears – Fallon Energy and left the council chambers at 10:13 am.

Councilor Ben Graham returned to the council chambers at 10:18 am.

RCMP **26/055 GRAHAM:** That the Cut Knife RCMP Detachment be advised that the RM of Manitou Lake #442 Council identifies Theft and Property Crime, Drugs, and Community Engagement as the key areas of focus.
Action Plan

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Weed Binder **26/056 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 purchase an Invasive Plant Management Resource Binder from North Saskatchewan River Basin Council at a cost of \$500 plus applicable taxes.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Ag in the Classroom **26/057 PATERSON:** That the RM of Manitou Lake donate \$250 to Ag in the Classroom.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Cenovus Reclamation **26/058 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake acknowledge the following Cenovus well leases as being reclaimed: A9-36-45-27-W3M, 3-12-46-25-W3M.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Correspondence **26/059 NATTRESS:** That the following list of correspondence having been read be filed:

- SARM – RESPECT IN THE WORKPLACE & MENTAL HEALTH
- SARM – DIRECTOR ELECTIONS RESULTS
- SARM – EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RURAL SAFETY
- SARM – PEST BIOSECURITY FEEDBACK
- APAS – NPF SUMMIT MARCH 25
- RCMP REPORTS & ACTION PLAN
- NCTPC – DIV 6 BOARD MEMBER & AGM APRIL 30TH
- NCTPC – WORKSHOPS RESCHEDULED – MARCH 31 & APRIL 1
- WCMGC – JAN MINUTES, MARCH 26TH AGENDA
- MLBC – NEWSLETTER
- NOTICE NATURE – WEED INSPECTOR RESOURCES
- AG IN THE CLASSROOM

- ASI – ROAD CONDITION ASSESSMENT
- SCOTT LAND & LEASE – LAND SERVICES
- CENOVUS RECLAMATIONS – A9-36-45-27, 3-12-46-25

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Councilor Roland Koch provided a verbal report on the SARM Annual Convention.

Councilors Norman Wright and Brian Nattress provided a verbal report on the Zone 46 Wildlife Meeting.

**BAR
Costing**

26/060 GRAHAM: That the RM of Manitou Lake accept the engineer cost estimates from BAR Engineering for RGE RD 3271 in the amount of \$11,500 and Grid 675 in the amount of \$45,000 plus applicable taxes and authorize BAR Engineering to proceed with engineering consulting services to provide design and cost options.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Spring
Bans**

26/061 KOCH: That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 opt out of participating in the Ministry of Highways Spring Road Restrictions.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Foreman
Report**

26/062 GRAHAM: That Council accepts Foreman James Czerniak's written report as circulated and that it be filed.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**Janitorial
Services**

26/063 NATTRESS: That the CAO be authorized to advertise for janitorial services for the Office.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

**CAO
Report**

26/064 GRAHAM: That Council accepts CAO Joanne Loy's verbal report.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Council recessed for lunch from 11:45 am to 12:40 pm.

In Camera

26/065 NATTRESS: That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council moves to an in-camera session to discuss human resources as authorized by the legislative authority of Section 120 of *The Municipalities Act* including the exemptions in Part III of *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 12:55 pm.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Attendees at the in-camera session: Reeve Brian Graham, Councilors Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, and Koch, Foreman James Czerniak, CAO Joanne Loy. Applicant #3 attended the in-camera session from 12:55 pm to 1:10 pm. Applicant #4 attended the in-camera session from 1:11 pm to 1:20 pm.

Out of Camera **26/066 KOCH:** That the RM of Manitou Lake No 442 Council rises from the in-camera discussion at 1:34 pm.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Seasonal Operator **26/067 NATTRESS:** That the RM of Manitou Lake #442 hire Barry Mitchell as a Seasonal Operator at a rate of \$33.00 per hour with a review to be completed one month after the start date which will be at the Foreman’s discretion.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Adjourn **26/068 PATERSON:** That this meeting does now adjourn at 1:42 pm this day.

FOR: B Graham, Graham, Wright, Paterson, Nattress, Koch
AGAINST:

Carried

Adopted this 9th day of April 2026

Reeve

CAO