

Agenda

TOWN OF WATROUS

January 14th, 2026

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Meeting of December 10, 2025
- 4) NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS
- 5) PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 6) DELEGATIONS
- 7) COMMUNICATIONS
 - a) Municipal Update January 12, 2026
 - b) SUMAssure Premium Summary 2025 – 2026
 - c) SPSA Payment – LaLoche 2025
 - d) Bylaw Training Services – 2026 Winter Program
 - e) Watrous School of Dance – Annual Dance Festival
- 8) REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES
 - a) Municipal Health Funding Partners Meeting held Oct 2, 2025
 - b) REACT Waste Management Board Meeting Minutes November 18, 2025
 - c) Financial Report
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - d) Public Works Superintendents Report
 - e) CAO report
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
- 10) NEW BUSINESS **RFD – Request for Discussion**
 - a) Municipal Tax Abatements
 - Thrift Store
 - Interlake Human Resources
 - Heritage Centre
 - b) SUMA Convention April 12 – 15th, 2026 in Regina
 - c) MRS declaration submitted Dec. 15th, 2025
 - d) REACT – Council to vote for recycling program initiative
 - e) 2026 Council Committee and Appointment list
 - f) Indemnity payments – RFD currently bi-annually
 - g) Sask Alert – RFD
 - h) Young Fire Department request for donation on rental for fundraiser
 - i) Judo Club Tax Exemption Request
 - j) Building Official Appointments for 2025 submitted to the Ministry Jan 6th, 2026
 - k) Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers Request for Financial Support
 - l) Solicitor appointment for 2026
 - m) Kinsmen Room Cleaning Policy
 - n)
- 11) ACCOUNTS

12) NEXT MEETING - scheduled for Wednesday February 4th, 2026 at 6:15 pm

13) MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FORUM

- a)
- b)

14) IN CAMERA – PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

15) ADJOURNMENT

Ongoing/outstanding/unresolved issues:

- a) Policy
 - Social Media, Call Back/Responding to Inquiries/Complaints, Pride Month
- b) Asset Management Plans – update water and sanitary sewer network AMPs
- e) ~~OCP & Zoning Bylaws – develop & implement new bylaws~~
- d) ~~Update required Bylaw(s) re: business licensing & mobile food vendors~~
- e) Address Sanitary Sewer Capacity issues (engineering, borrowing, land control, etc.)
- f) EMO Plan Review/Revise/Update
- g) Capital/Strategic Planning
- h) Housing – Rental, Affordable, Seniors
- i) Minor Ball Facility Use Fees
- j)

MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2026 REGULAR MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WATROUS, SASKATCHEWAN

PRESENT

MAYOR J. Gunderson

DEPUTY MAYOR J. Allin

COUNCILORS J. Lewis
J. Margetts
A. Prokopchuk

ABSENT T. Engele
L. Manson

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Melissa Dieno

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR Anna Bearss

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT Dion Tarasoff

RECREATON DIRECTOR Chelsea Murfitt

CALL TO
ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM.

26-001
AGENDA

ALLIN & PROKOPCHUCK

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

26-002
ADOPT
MINUTES

MARGETTS & ALLIN

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 10, 2025, be approved as recorded and circulated and be now signed.

Motion Carried

26-003 PROKOPCHUCK & MARGETTS
COMMUN- THAT the Communications as identified on the attached agenda dated January
ICATIONS 14, 2026, having been read, be now filed.

Motion Carried

26-004 LEWIS & ALLIN
SPONSOR THAT we sponsor the 2026 Watrous School of Dance Festival in the amount of
FESTIVAL \$1,000.00.

Motion Carried

26-005 PROKOPCHUCK & MARGETTS
MUNICIPAL THAT the Municipal Health Funding Partners update for the meeting held
PARTNERS October 2, 2025 be accepted for information purposes.

Motion Carried

26-006 MARGETTS & PROKOPCHUCK
REACT THAT the minutes of the REACT Board meeting held November 18, 2025 be
accepted for information purposes and be now filed.

Motion Carried

26-007 ALLIN & LEWIS
FINANCIALS THAT the Bank Reconciliation and Statement of Financial Activities for the
month ending December 31, 2025, be accepted for information purposes and be
now filed.

Motion Carried

26-008 MARGETTS & PROKOPCHUCK
PUBLIC THAT the Public Works Superintendent's report for the period ending January
WORKS 14, 2026 be accepted for information purposes and be now filed.

Motion Carried

26-009 LEWIS & ALLIN
CAO
REPORT THAT the CAO's report for the period ending January 14, 2026 be accepted for information purposes.

Motion Carried

26-010 PROKOPCHUCK & MARGETTS
MUNICIPAL
REVENUE THAT we acknowledge the Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration was submitted on December 15, 2025 by CAO Dieno.

Motion Carried

26-011 MARGETTS & LEWIS
CURBSIDE
RECYCLING THAT the Town of Watrous intends to transition to automated curbside recycling in the spring of 2026 or as made available by REACT.

Motion Carried

26-012 ALLIN & PROKOPCHUCK
RECYCLING THAT the Town of Watrous Council supports the Community-Led option with REACT Waste Management taking the lead on program management and operations for Recycling.

Motion Carried

26-013 LEWIS & ALLIN
2026
SCHEDULE THAT we approve the 2026 Schedule of Council Committees & Appointments attached and forming part of these minutes.

Motion Carried

26-014 PROKOPCHUCK & MARGETTS
SASK

ALERT THAT the Town of Watrous participate in Sask Alert and that the following people take the training:

Melissa Dieno – CAO
Anna Bearss – Assistant Administrator
Chelsea Murfitt – Recreation Director
Shannon Craig -- Fire Chief

Motion Carried

26-015 MARGETTS & PROKOPCHUCK
YOUNG

FIRE DEPT THAT the Town of Watrous allows the Young Fire Department to use the Watrous Arena from June 5-7, 2026 for the Gord Bamford live concert and that the rental fee be waived as a community contribution towards rebuilding the Young Fire Department.

Motion Carried

26-016 ALLIN & LEWIS
JUDO
CLUB

THAT we approve the cancellation of the municipal portion of Watrous Ju-No-Ri-Judo Club taxes on Lot 1-2, Block 15, Plan C1002 in the amount of \$ _____

Tabled

26-017 ALLIN & PROKOPCHUCK
OFFICIAL
APPT.

THAT we acknowledge the Building Official Appointments for 2025 were submitted to the Ministry January 6, 2026 by CAO Dieno.

Motion Carried

26-018 MARGETTS & LEWIS
CRIME

STOPPERS THAT we donate \$200 for financial support to Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers.

Motion Carried

26-019 LEWIS & MARGETTS
KIN CLUB
ROOM

THAT the Town of Watrous be responsible for cleaning the Kin Club Room following events that are facilitated through the Town Office and where the Town Office would receive revenue for the event.

Motion Carried

26-020 PROKOPCHUCK & ALLIN
PAYMENTS

THAT cheque number 35956 to cheque number 36036 totaling \$204,099.80 and Online Payment number 772 to 788 totaling \$158,808.38 annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

26-021 LEWIS & ALLIN
DIRECT
DEPOSIT

THAT direct deposit numbers 539 to 559 totaling \$34,319.39 and 1 to 18 totaling \$27,527.19 and council remuneration direct deposit numbers 8 to 14 totaling \$18,842.24 annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

26-022 PROKOPCHUCK & MARGETTS
NEXT
MEETING

THAT we reconvene in regular session at 6:15 PM on February 4, 2026.

Motion Carried

26-023 LEWIS & ALLIN
ADJOURN

THAT the meeting now be adjourned, the time being 8:46 PM.

Motion Carried

John Gunderson
Mayor

Melissa Dieno
CAO

Date Approved

Motion Number