

Agenda
TOWN OF WATROUS
February 25, 2026

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) AGENDA APPROVAL
- 3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Meeting of February 4th, 2026
- 4) NOTICE OF PROCLAMATIONS
 - a)
- 5) PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a)
- 6) DELEGATIONS
- 7) COMMUNICATIONS
 - a) SUMA Municipal Update Feb 9th, 2026
 - b) SUMA Convention and Trade Show Exhibitors
 - c) SUMA webinar – Planning Canada’s Next Deep Geological Repository
 - d) SEDA Inspirational File Feb 12 & 17
 - e) Annual Rural Fire Meeting – NEW date: February 24th, 2026
 - f) SUMAssure Virtual AMG – March 18, 2026
 - g) 2025 Municipal Potash Tax Sharing – Audited Financial Statement
 - h) SUMA – MLDP modules information
- 8) REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES
 - a) Financial report
 - Bank Rec
 - Reserve transfers
 - b) Public Works Superintendents Report
 - c) CAO Report
- 9) OLD BUSINESS
 - a)
- 10) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Resolution to hire consultant Laurie Anne Rusnuk
 - b) Kinette request for reduced rental for fundraising event
 - c) Kinette Spray Park Project proposal
 - d) Bylaw enforcement – Resident reply
 - e) Resolution to pay the Watrous Rural Fire Assc. 50% of SPSA payment
- 11) ACCOUNTS
- 12) NEXT MEETING Wednesday March 18th, 2026 at 6:15 pm.
- 13) MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FORUM
- 14) IN CAMERA (if required)
- 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
- c) 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)

MINUTES FEBRUARY 25, 2026 REGULAR MEETING HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WATROUS, SASKATCHEWAN

PRESENT

MAYOR J. Gunderson

COUNCILORS

J. Lewis
J. Margetts
T. Engele
L. Manson

ABSENT

J. Allin
A. Prokopchuk

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Melissa Dieno

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT Dion Tarasoff

CALL TO
ORDER

A quorum being present Mayor Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:23pm.

26-046
AGENDA

MANSON & LEWIS

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried

26-047
ADOPT
MINUTES

MARGETTS & MANSON

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 4, 2026, be approved as recorded and circulated and be now signed.

Motion Carried

26-048
COMMUN-
ICATIONS

LEWIS & MARGETTS

THAT the Communications as identified on the attached agenda dated February 25, 2026, having been read, be now filed.

Motion Carried

26-049
RESERVE
FUNDS
TRANS.

LEWIS & MANSON

THAT we approve the following 2025 Reserve Fund Transfers:

To:	Other Municipal PH&W	\$ 13,146.47
	Arena Reserves	\$ 7,358.00
	Fire Department	\$ 4,148.00
	Water/Sewer	\$ 300,000.00
	Capital Trust Fund	\$ 25,000.00
	Rec Other (Gym) Reserves	\$ 19,606.73
From:	Lot Development	\$ 400,000.00
	Water/Sewer	\$ 500,000.00
	Capital Trust Fund	\$ 100,000.00
	Municipal PH&W (TOW)	\$ 5,000.00

Motion Carried

26-050
PUBLIC
WORKS

MARGETTS & ENGELE

THAT the Public Works Superintendent’s report for the period ending February 25, 2026, be accepted for information purposes and be now filed.

Motion Carried

26-051
CAO
REPORT

ENGELE & MANSON

THAT the CAO’s report for the period ending February 25, 2026, be accepted for information purposes and now be filed.

Motion Carried

26-052
CUPE
CONTRACT

MANSON & LEWIS

THAT Laurie – Anne Rusnak with LADR HR Consulting be retained to assist the Town of Watrous with the CUPE Contract Negotiations AND THAT the Town agrees to pay her \$110.00/hr for time spent consulting.

Motion Carried

26-053
REDUCED
RENTAL

MANSON & LEWIS

THAT we grant the Watrous Kinette Club the reduced rental rate of 50% of the rental cost for their dueling piano fundraiser at the Civic Centre on April 25th, 2026.

Motion Carried

26-054 MARGETTS & LEWIS
SPRAY
PARK

THAT the Town of Watrous supports the Kinette Spray Park proposal and fundraising campaign for this project.

Motion Carried

26-055 LEWIS & MANSON
RURAL
FIRE

THAT the Town of Watrous approve payment to Rural Fire in the amount of \$69,783.23, representing fifty percent (50%) of the funding received from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency for services provided from July 23-August 1, 2025 in La Loche.

Motion Carried

26-056 ENGELE & MANSON
PAYMENTS

THAT cheque number 36110 to cheque number 36150 totaling \$113,103.47 and Online Payment number 799 to 811 totaling \$88,079.84 annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

26-057 LEWIS & MARGETTS
DIRECT
DEPOSIT

THAT direct deposit numbers 58 to 76 totaling \$26,934.59 annexed hereto and forming part of these minutes be approved for payment.

Motion Carried

26-058 MANSON & ENGELE
NEXT
MEETING

THAT we reconvene in regular session at 6:15 PM on March 18, 2026.

Motion Carried

26-059 ENGELE & MARGETTS
ADJOURN

THAT the meeting now be adjourned, the time being 8:41 PM.

Motion Carried

John Gunderson
Mayor

Melissa Dieno
CAO

Date Approved

Motion Number