TOWN OF ARBORG
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, October 26th, 2026

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 9:00 A.M.

Mayor Peter Dueck called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Peter Dueck
Councillors: Rob Thorsteinson, Donna Gislason, Ron Rogowsky
Also Present: Cindy Stansell, Chief Administrative Officer; Justin Hoplock, Operations Manager
Absent with regrets: Deputy Mayor Ron Johnston

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

227-2026 **Thorsteinson / Gislason**
BE RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting – October 14th, 2026

228-2026 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the following Meeting be adopted:

Regular Meeting – October 14th, 2026

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes be signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer. **CARRIED**

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Operations Manager Report

Justin reported on the following:
a) WTP Alarm Dialer Replacement

229-2026 **Rogowsky / Gislason**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg approve the quotation submitted by JD Electrical Services Inc. in the amount of $10,898.00, plus applicable taxes, for the supply and installation of a new Ewon Cozzy Wan/Lan Interface Module for future remote access at the Water Treatment Plant, including associated wiring, testing and commissioning, with the expenditure to be funded through the Water Treatment Plant Repairs and Maintenance budget. **CARRIED**

b) PR 326, Speed Limit Reduction Request

230-2026 **Thorsteinson / Gislason**
WHEREAS the Town of Arborg and Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton are proceeding with the development of a new Outdoor Sports Complex, which is anticipated to increase pedestrian and vehicular traffic along Provincial Road 326;

AND WHEREAS the Freedom Worship Centre is located along this roadway and currently generates pedestrian and vehicular activity;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of providing safe access to recreational and community facilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Arborg formally request that Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure review and reduce the posted speed limit along Provincial Road 326, from River Road northward to a point approximately one-half mile north of Road 130N, to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety in the area;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to seek a supporting resolution from the Council of the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and a letter of support from the Freedom Worship Centre;

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town's request be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, with any supporting resolutions or correspondence received from the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and the Freedom Worship Centre to be included or forwarded separately upon receipt. **CARRIED**

- Public Works Operations

Justin left the meeting at 9:30 A.M.

2. CAO Report

Cindy reported on the following:

a) Community Christmas Lighting Enhancement Project

231-2026 **Gislason / Thorsteinson**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg approve the establishment of a multi-year Community Christmas Lighting Enhancement Project, with Library Park serving as the primary Christmas lighting destination and the location for the Town's annual Community Christmas Lighting Ceremony, beginning in 2026;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Firefighter's Memorial Park, including the "Tree for the Future" planted in 2025, remain part of the Town's ongoing Christmas decorating plans, with opportunities for community partnerships and volunteer participation to be explored;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a maximum expenditure of $5,000 for the initial phase of the project, funded through existing 2026 budget allocations consisting of $4,000 from Library Repairs and Maintenance and $1,000 from Streetlighting – Christmas Lights;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to coordinate the purchase and installation of Christmas lighting and decorations within the approved budget, utilizing existing inventory wherever practical and subject to applicable purchasing requirements, with future enhancements to be considered through the annual budget process. **CARRIED**

b) ESS Full Scale Exercise

232-2026 **Thorsteinson / Rogowsky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg hereby approve the Emergency Social Services (ESS) Full-Scale Exercise Report, as presented, and authorize Administration to submit the report to Manitoba Emergency Management Organization (EMO). **CARRIED**

- Office Operations
- Election Preparation

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS

1. Conditional Use Public Hearing – **10:00 A.M.**
   * TA-26-12C, Mann/Kaur

233-2026 **Gislason / Thorsteinson**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg hereby approve and excuse the absence of Councillor Ron Johnston from the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 26, 2026, including the Public Hearing respecting Conditional Use Application No. TA-26-12C. **CARRIED**

234-2026 **Thorsteinson / Rogowsky**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg hereby recess the Regular Meeting of Council at 10:00 a.m. to convene a Public Hearing to consider a Conditional Use Application No. TA-26-12C to permit a "Two-Family Dwelling." **CARRIED**

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS – cont'd

235-2026 **Gislason / Rogowsky**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Hearing respecting the Conditional Use Application to permit a "Two-Family Dwelling" be closed at 10:09 and that Council reconvene the Regular Meeting of Council. **CARRIED**

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

3. Council Reports

Councillor Donna Gislason reported attendance at the following:
- ASRC Meeting

4. DELEGATIONS, HEARINGS AND PETITIONS -cont'd

1. Conditional Use Public Hearing – **10:00 A.M.**
* TA-26-12C, Mann/Kaur

Ravneet Kaur attended the meeting at 10:11 A.M. Council accepted her late attendance to discuss her proposal and designs for a two-family dwelling. Council thanked her for attending and she left at 10:23 A.M.

5. COUNCIL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS – cont'd

3. Council Reports – cont'd

Councillor Rob Thorsteinson reported on attendance at the following:
- ABFES Meeting

Councillor Ron Rogowsky reported attendance at the following:
- BAR Waste Meeting
- ABFES Meeting

Mayor Peter Dueck reported on attendance at the following:
- Meeting with Susie from Riverdale Place Workshop

4. Committee of the Whole Reports – Nil

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

1. Interlake Lightning U17AAA
* Request for Sponsorship

236-2026 **Gislason / Thorsteinson**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg approve a sponsorship contribution of $500.00 to the Interlake Lightning U17 AAA hockey team for the 2026–2027 season. **CARRIED**

2. Inglis Miller, Charted Professional Accountant Inc.
* Professional Audit Services, 2026-2028

237-2026 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg hereby approve the engagement of Inglis Miller Professional Chartered Accountants to provide municipal auditing services for the 2026, 2027 and 2028 fiscal years;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Inglis Miller Professional Chartered Accountants be appointed as the municipal auditors for the 2026 fiscal year. **CARRIED**

7. BY-LAWS & POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION - nil

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Birch Street Watermains

238-2026 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg identify replacement of the aging cast iron watermain along Birch Street, between Crosstown Avenue and Spruce Avenue, as a priority infrastructure project for 2027;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally request funding assistance from the Manitoba Water Services Board toward the proposed replacement, recognizing the ongoing water discolouration concerns, limited

effectiveness of temporary remedial measures, and financial constraints of the Town;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be authorized to obtain preliminary project cost estimates and pursue available funding opportunities. **CARRIED**

239-2026 **Gislason / Rogowsky**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg recognize that, although water supplied to affected properties along Birch Street continues to meet applicable drinking water safety requirements, the persistent water discolouration has affected the standard of service reasonably expected by residents;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve, in principle, the establishment of a Temporary Water Service Quality Credit Program, effective July 1, 2026, providing eligible properties with a credit equivalent to 100% of their quarterly variable water consumption charges, excluding fixed water service charges and sewer charges, which shall remain payable in full;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Administration be directed to confirm applicable regulatory requirements and obtain any necessary approvals prior to implementing the program;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any previous utility credits or write-offs approved for the same billing periods be considered to avoid duplicate assistance;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the program remain in effect until the identified water service quality concerns have been satisfactorily resolved or Council otherwise directs, subject to annual review. **CARRIED**

9. NEW AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Rural Strategic Immigration Initiative, Letter of Intent

240-2026 **Rogowsky / Thorsteinson**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg approves the joint Letter of Intent expressing support for the exploration of a regional strategic immigration initiative in collaboration with the Municipality of Bifrost-Riverton and other regional partners;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Letter of Intent for submission to the Manitoba Department of Labour and Immigration;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any future financial commitments, administrative responsibilities or formal program participation shall be subject to further consideration and approval by Council. **CARRIED**

10. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

1. Minister for Municipal & Northern Relations
   * Mobility Disadvantaged Transportation Program, 2026 Interim Operating Grant

2. Arborg Christmas Cheer Board
   * Request for Use of Training Centre

241-2026 **Gislason / Thorsteinson**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Arborg approves the request from the Christmas Cheer Board to utilize the Town's Training Centre building for its 2026 Christmas Cheer program, with an exit date of January 31st, 2027, as has been permitted in previous years, at no cost to the organization. **CARRIED**

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS

1. Conditional Use Public Hearing
   * TA-26-12C, Mann/Kaur

242-2026 **Thorsteinson / Gislason**
WHEREAS the following Application for Conditional Use, under the Town of Arborg Zoning By-law No. 6-2011, as amended, has been applied for:

Application: TA-26-12C
Area Affected: Lot 2, Plan 68528, Crosstown Avenue
Roll No.: 21200
Zoning: "RG" Residential General Zone
Proposal: To permit a Conditional Use for a "Two-Family Dwelling" consisting of a new side-by-side residential dwelling.

AND WHEREAS the Public Hearing has been completed and Council has given careful consideration to the application, including the planning recommendations and representations received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Application for Conditional Use Order No. TA-26-12C, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the development comply with all applicable requirements of the Town of Arborg Zoning By-law No. 6-2011, as amended, including applicable setbacks, lot coverage and parking requirements.
2. That all required development and building permits be obtained prior to commencement of construction.
3. That the development be substantially in accordance with the site plan and proposal submitted with the application, with any material changes requiring further municipal review and approval, as applicable.
4. That the applicant obtains a Lot Grading Permit and comply with all applicable requirements of the Town of Arborg Lot Grade Elevations By-law No. 2-2025, including approval of lot grading and drainage plan prior to commencement of construction.
5. That the applicant shall obtain a driveway permit from the Town of Arborg prior to constructing or altering any driveway access to the property. The location, design and construction of driveway access shall be subject to approval by the Town. **CARRIED**

12. IN CAMERA - nil

13. ADJOURNMENT – 10:50 A.M.

243-2026 **Thorsteinson / Rogowsky**
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council do now adjourn. **CARRIED**

Donna Gislason
Deputy Mayor

Cindy Stansell
Chief Administrative Officer