

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING
May 19, 2026

The Regular Meeting of Council was held at the Hill Spring Council Chambers, 11 E 2nd Avenue South, on May 19th, 2026 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Davis, Deputy Mayor French and Councillors Shideler and Hegedus;

Officials: CAO La Vonne Rideout; CFO Hakon Skoien;

Absent: Councillor Campbell

<u>CALLED TO ORDER</u>	Mayor Davis called the regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:33 p.m.
<u>ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</u> 2026.05.01	Councillor Hegedus MOVED to accept the agenda as amended. CARRIED
<u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u> 2026.05.02	Councillor Shideler MOVED to accept the April 21, 2026 Council Meeting minutes. CARRIED
<u>DELEGATIONS</u>	Delegation – Community Futures
<u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</u>	
5.1 Cemetery	Administration provided Council with an update regarding ongoing work related to the cemetery. Administration advised that further research is required to better determine the specific information and direction needed before proceeding with a cemetery survey. Administration recommended that Council re-establish the Cemetery Committee to assist with reviewing cemetery matters and providing recommendations. Administration also recommended placing the previously discussed cemetery survey on hold until additional research has been completed
5.2 Village Signage	Administration requested clarification from Council regarding the type of signage Council wished to pursue, specifically in relation to wayfinding signage within the community. Discussion took place regarding community needs, priorities, and the potential costs associated with various signage options. Councillor Shideler MOVED to directing Administration to investigate the cost of an electronic sign and to explore and apply for available grant opportunities. CARRIED
2026.05.03	
5.3 Plow Truck	Administration provided Council with the policy regarding asset disposal and disbursement in relation to the plough truck and the older half-ton truck. Discussion took place regarding the potential value and disposal process for the vehicles. Mayor Dwight Davis advised that he would look into the value of the plough truck and report back to Council with additional information.
5.4 Spring Community Engagement Session	Administration advised Council that, due to time constraints, a Spring Community Engagement Session had not yet been organized and apologized for the delay. Administration indicated plans to move forward with organizing the session in June. Council discussed the engagement session and recommended that Mark Brown from Community Futures be invited to participate as part of the community discussion.

5.5 Audit	Administration advised Council that the audit is currently in progress and is anticipated to be brought forward for Council review at the next regular Council meeting.
5.6 Website	Administration advised Council that arrangements had initially been made for an individual to begin work on the Village website; however, the individual later advised that they did not have the capacity to take on additional work at this time. Administration acknowledged that updating the website remains a priority and is currently exploring other options. In the interim, Administration believes several improvements and updates can be made to the existing website to ensure it remains functional and sufficient until a larger update or redesign can be completed.
5.7 Dust Control/Road Upgrades	Administration provided Council with the quotes received in relation to both dust control and potential road upgrades. Administration advised that dust control had been included within the 2026 budget, whereas the proposed road repairs had not been budgeted for at this time. Discussion took place regarding the various options presented, including the associated benefits, challenges, and costs.
2026.05.04	Councillor Hegedus MOVED to proceed with dust control at this time. CARRIED
2026.05.05	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to direct Administration to begin preliminary work on an Infrastructure Master Plan and to determine the potential costs associated with developing such a plan. CARRIED
5.8 Pasture Lease Agreement	Administration presented a draft pasture lease agreement for Council's review and discussion. Discussion took place regarding the terms and conditions of the agreement.
2026.05.06	Councillor Hegedus MOVED to approve the pasture lease agreement as presented. CARRIED
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS</u>	
6.1 Cheque Listing for May 2026	Council reviewed and accepted the cheque listing as information.
6.2 CAO Report	Administration provided a verbal report with a written one to follow.
<u>BYLAWS</u>	
7.1 Assessment Review Board Bylaw #PLN-2026-133	Mayor Dwight Davis made MOVED to give first reading to the Assessment Review Board Bylaw.
2026.05.07	CARRIED
	Councillor Don Shideler MOVED to give second reading to the Assessment Review Board Bylaw.
2026.05.08	CARRIED
	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to proceed to third reading of the Assessment Review Board Bylaw at the same meeting.
2026.05.09	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
	Councillor Mike Hegedus MOVED to give third and final reading to the Assessment Review Board Bylaw.
2026.05.10	CARRIED
7.2 Planning Document Hierarchy Bylaw PLN-2026-03	Councillor Don Shideler MOVED to give first reading to the Planning Document Hierarchy Bylaw.
2026.05.11	CARRIED
2026.05.12	Councillor Mike Hegedus MOVED to give second reading to the Planning Document Hierarchy Bylaw.
	CARRIED
	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to proceed to third reading of the Planning Document Hierarchy Bylaw at the same meeting.
2026.05.13	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2026.05.14	Councillor Don Shideler MOVED to give third and final reading to the Planning Document Hierarchy Bylaw. CARRIED
7.3 Tax Bylaw 2026-315	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to give first reading to the Tax Rate Bylaw.
2026.05.15	CARRIED
	Councillor Mike Hegedus MOVED to give second reading to the Tax Rate Bylaw.
2026.05.16	CARRIED
	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to proceed to third reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw at the same meeting.
2026.05.17	CARRIED
	Discussion took place regarding the implications of delaying passage of the Tax Rate Bylaw, due to lack of unanimous consent.
	Councillor Mike Hegedus MOVED to reconsider the motion to proceed to third reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw at the same meeting.
2026.05.18	CARRIED UNANIMOUS
	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to proceed to third reading of the Tax Rate Bylaw at the same meeting.
2026.05.19	CARRIED UNANIMOUS
	Councillor Don Shideler MOVED to give third and final reading to the Tax Rate Bylaw.
2026.05.20	CARRIED
<u>POLICIES/SCHEDULES</u>	
8.1 Approach and Culvert Policy 2026-04	Councillor Don Shideler MOVED to approve the Approach and Culvert Policy as presented.
2026.05.21	CARRIED
Extension of Meeting (Time: 8:41 p.m.)	MOVED by Councillor Shideler that the meeting be extended beyond the two-hour time limit.
2026.05.22	CARRIED
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>	
9.1 Mill Rate/Budget	Chief Financial Officer Hakon Skoien presented information regarding the proposed mill rate and budget and responded to questions from Council.
	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to approve the mill rate and budget as presented.
2026.05.23	CARRIED
	Discussion took place regarding concerns over the financial burden being placed on taxpayers and the importance of reviewing expenditures where possible.
	Councillor Sue French MOVED to direct Administration to review the future budget and identify potential areas for cost savings and reductions.
2026.05.24	CARRIED
9.2 Appointing of a trained clerk to the SDAB (Sec 627.1 (1) of the MGA)	Council discussed the appointment of a clerk for the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board in accordance with section 627.1(1) of the Municipal Government Act.
	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED that Council appoint the Oldman River Regional Services Commission as Clerk to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) for the Village of Hill Spring; and FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges that, in accordance with Section 627.11 of the Municipal Government Act, any person appointed to act as Clerk to the SDAB must complete the required training prior to serving on a panel of the Board.
2026.05.25	CARRIED
9.3 Weed Inspector	Administration advised Council that, following direction from the previous Council meeting, discussions had taken place with Cardston County regarding the provision of weed inspection services for the Village of Hill Spring. Cardston County indicated they would be willing to provide weed inspection services on behalf of the Village, provided the Village formally appoints Cardston County for this purpose. Any

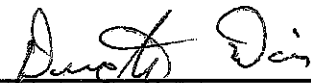
	enforcement actions, including non-compliance matters, associated costs, and financial obligations would remain the responsibility of the Village of Hill Spring. Councillor Hegedus MOVED to appoint Cardston County to provide weed inspection services on behalf of the Village of Hill Spring, with all associated enforcement costs and financial obligations to remain the responsibility of the Village of Hill Spring. CARRIED
2026.05.26 9.4 Playground	Administration presented a letter from a resident in support of installing a preschool playground adjacent to the Administration Building. Discussion took place regarding the value of providing additional recreational opportunities for young children in the area, as well as the benefit to families utilizing the Community Hall. It was also noted that the location along the highway could serve as an attractive feature for visitors and tourists travelling through the community toward Waterton Lakes National Park. Council expressed general support for exploring the concept further.
2026.05.27 9.5 Committee of Council	Councillor Don Shideler MOVED to direct Administration to research potential grant opportunities for a preschool playground project and bring the information back to Council for review. CARRIED Administration presented the idea of re-establishing a Committee of Council meeting structure to assist in reducing the length of regular Council meetings and to provide Council with additional opportunities for more informal discussion, strategic planning, and detailed review of issues prior to regular meetings. Council expressed strong support for the concept and discussed potential meeting scheduling.
2026.05.28 9.6 Pincher Creek Parade	Mayor Dwight Davis MOVED to re-establish Committee of Council meetings to be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. CARRIED Discussion took place regarding participation in the Pincher Creek Parade as a recruitment and community engagement opportunity. Mayor Dwight Davis offered to attend and represent the Village of Hill Spring at the parade. Council expressed support for Mayor Davis attending.
9.7 Sound System for Council Meetings	Administration provided Council with an update regarding research completed to date in relation to a sound system for Council meetings. Discussion took place regarding the importance of ensuring both Council members and members of the public attending meetings are able to clearly hear proceedings. Council encouraged Administration to continue researching options and to identify a sound system solution that would effectively meet the needs of both Council and the public.
<u>COUNCIL REPORTS</u>	Members of Council provided verbal reports.
<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>	No discussion.
<u>CLOSED SESSION</u> 12.2 Land/Legal 2026.05.29	MOVED by Mayor Davis at 9:46 p.m. that Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Sections 17 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss land issues. CARRIED
2026.05.30	MOVED by Deputy Mayor French to end Closed Session and re-enter the public portion of the council meeting at 9:37 p.m. CARRIED

2026.05.31

ADJOURNMENT
2026.05.32

MOVED by Mayor Davis that administration seek legal counsel in regards to the land issue.
CARRIED

Councilor Hegedus **MOVED** to adjourn the May19, 2026 Council Meeting at 9:40 p.m.
CARRIED



Mayor, Dwight Davis



CAO, La Vonne Rideout