

VILLAGE OF HILL SPRING

March 17, 2026

The Regular Meeting of Council was held at the Hill Spring Council Chambers on March 17, 2026 commencing at 6:30 p.m.

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

Officials: CAO La Vonne Rideout;

Absent:

CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Davis called the regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:33 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2026.03.01

Councillor French **MOVED** to accept the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2026.03.02

Councillor Shideler **MOVED** to accept the February 24, 2026 Council Meeting minutes.
CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Delegation – Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Quarterly Report

A representative from the RCMP attended to provide the quarterly policing report. The presentation included an overview of recent occurrences, enforcement activities, and community policing efforts within the region.

Council members engaged in discussion and asked questions for clarification. The report was received for information.

Delegation – Animal and Livestock Bylaw Review

Six residents attended as a delegation to speak to the draft Animal and Livestock Bylaw review. Delegates shared their perspectives, concerns, and feedback for Council's consideration.

Council asked clarifying questions and engaged in discussion to better understand the input provided.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 Seniors Week

Council discussed a request previously brought forward by the Cultural Society regarding Council representation during Seniors Week.

Administration returned the matter to Council for direction. Council directed that a formal request be submitted by the Cultural Society outlining the purpose of the request, along with relevant details, including anticipated numbers and expectations for Council's involvement.

5.2 Declaration of Seniors Week

Administration returned the previous Seniors Week Declaration to Council to confirm how Council wished to proceed. Council directed that Administration promotes the declaration via the Village website and social media, including Facebook.

5.3 Lighting Quote Hall 2026.03.03

Administration presented a quote to replace the fluorescent lighting in the Community Hall.

MOVED by Mayor Davis that Administration explore available grant opportunities, look at the existing budget, and bring the information back to Council again for consideration.
CARRIED

5.4 External Lighting/Flag Pole

Administration brought forward the need to replace external lighting and complete upgrades to flagpoles on municipal property, and sought Council's direction on whether to proceed.

Council directed Administration to obtain quotes, review budget implications, and bring the matter back to Council for consideration.

5.5 STARS Support

Administration brought forward a letter from STARS Air Ambulance requesting support.

	Council directed Administration to review previous donations and identify the appropriate general ledger account, and to bring the information back to Council for consideration.
5.6 OH&S	Administration provided an update regarding Occupational Health and Safety, including the status of the Order to Remedy and progress to date. Administration also identified the need for first aid provisions and training, as well as the posting of designated muster points. Council accepted the update as presented and directed Administration to investigate the cost of first aid requirements, procure muster point signage, and determine appropriate placement.
5.7 Indigenous Signage/Grants	Administration provided an update regarding a missed opportunity related to Indigenous signage, which was impacted by the deferral of items at a previous meeting. Administration sought Council's direction on how to proceed with time-sensitive grant opportunities. Council discussed the approach and indicated support for Administration circulating information to all members of Council via email when timelines are constrained, with the matter to be brought forward to a subsequent Council meeting for formal consideration.
Extension of Meeting (Time: 8:23 p.m.) 2026.03.04	MOVED by Councillor Campbell that the meeting be extended beyond the two-hour time limit. CARRIED
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS</u>	
6.1 Cheque Listing for February 2026	Council reviewed and accepted the cheque listing as information.
6.2 CAO Report	Administration provided a written and verbal report.
<u>BYLAWS</u>	
7.1 Animal Control Bylaw #2026.02	Council reviewed the draft Animal Control Bylaw and Livestock Control Bylaw, taking into consideration information gathered from multiple sources; Council and Administration research, community feedback received through delegations, written submissions, and informal discussions were all taken under advisement by council. Council considered the bylaws in preparation for third reading.
7.2 Livestock Control Bylaw #2026.03	MOVED by Deputy Mayor French that Administration be directed to incorporate amendments as discussed into the draft <i>Animal Control Bylaw</i> and bring it back to a future Council meeting for consideration. CARRIED
2026.03.05	MOVED by Deputy Mayor French that Administration be directed to incorporate amendments as discussed into the draft <i>Livestock Control Bylaw</i> and bring it back to a future Council meeting for consideration. CARRIED
2026.03.06	CARRIED
<u>POLICIES/SCHEDULES</u>	
8.1 Benefits/Pension Policy	Administration brought forward the Benefits and Pension Policy for Council's review and consideration.
2026.03.07	MOVED by Deputy Mayor French that Council adopt the Benefits and Pension Policy as amended. CARRIED
<u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>	
9.1 Dust Control	Council discussed the use of dust control, which was implemented in the previous year and received positively by members of the community. Mayor Davis brought forward interest in continuing the program. It was noted that dust control has been included in the 2026 budget for consideration. Council directed Administration to obtain quotes and bring the information back to Council for further consideration.
9.2 Village Signage/Wayfinding	Council discussed the need to upgrade signage within the Village, including wayfinding signage. It was noted that some existing signs are outdated and would require significant repair or replacement to be usable.

Council directed Administration to review existing signage assets, assess their condition, and identify options for repair or replacement. Council also discussed the potential need for a broader wayfinding plan, including signage at key entry and exit points and directional information for community amenities such as public washrooms.

9.3 Health QR Code

Mayor Davis brought forward information regarding a provincial health survey seeking community input on local needs. It was noted that the survey is accessible via a QR code.

Council expressed interest in supporting awareness of the survey and directed Administration to share the information through the Village's communication channels, including social media and community bulletin boards.

**ADMINISTRATOR
AND COUNCIL
REPORTS**

Members of Council provided verbal reports.

No discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

CLOSED SESSION

2026.03.08

12.1 Personnel
Updates

12.2 Land/Legal

12.3 Records Review

MOVED by Councillor Campbell at 9:12 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 personnel matters and land issues.

CARRIED

2026.03.09

MOVED by Councillor Shideler to end Closed Session and re-enter the public portion of the council meeting at 9:47 p.m.

CARRIED

2026.03.10

MOVED by Councillor Shideler that Council approve up to \$10,000 from reserves for training and administrative support.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

2026.03.11

Councilor Hegedus **MOVED** to adjourn the March 17, 2026 Council Meeting at 10:03 p.m.

CARRIED



Mayor Davis



CAO La Vonne Rideout