

The regular meeting of the Hughenden Village Council was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Office Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor Hall
Deputy Mayor Willan
Councillor Laing
CAO Holsworth

Public Attendees:

Kathy Gramlich	Linda Perry
Ann Hutchinson – delegation	Jennifer Johnson
Pat Mackie	Karen Carson - delegation
Katrina Lumayko	Patti Hovde
Brent Lumayko	Donna Lefebvre
Wayne Robertson	Mark Wight - delegation

Call to Order Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Additions and Deletions to Agenda No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Acceptance of Agenda

#562-07-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Willan that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Previous Minutes

#563-07-26 Moved by Councillor Laing to accept the June 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED

Delegations

A - Mark Wight and Karen Carson – Bethany Lutheran Church – Curb-stop water valve
-Discussion involving the curb stop valve being broken as well as the internal water shut off and the need for the Village to repair / replace in order for further repairs to be completed in the church.
-Council was appreciative of the delegation and discussion and agreed to replace the valve as soon as possible and notify Mark when completed.

B – Ann Hutchinson – “Nuisance and Unsightly Bylaw #530-24” – Questions and Discussion

- Discussion of bylaw based on questions posed by delegate:
 - Resident complaint process and additional identification of properties in need of maintenance.
 - Process involved once a complaint is submitted to the property being cleaned.
 - Cost for the village to have the work completed and recoup methods in place.
- Discussion of weed and vegetation management plan for sidewalks, curbs and roadways.
- Discussion of council meeting minutes and level of details recorded.
- Discussion of village employees and employment status.
- Council was appreciative of the delegation and discussion.

Old Business

A – MAP Review - Assessment Review Board (ARB) Members – Discussion

-Member training (3 days online) will be next available in September. Since the training is quite extensive it seemed more beneficial to request that current (and future) members for the M.D. of Provost ARB join the Village of Hughenden ARB and be named as such at the Organizational Meeting in October.

-The Village CAO will take the ARB Clerk training (1 day online) in September as required.

B – Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries

-Discussion and review of the previously provided information templates in response to Bill 28.

#564-07-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Willan that:

WHEREAS the Village of Hughenden is the secondary funder and governance authority for the Hughenden Public Library, providing \$5,250 in annual operating support;

WHEREAS the Hughenden Public Library Board, appointed by this council, has full management and control over library operations under Alberta's Libraries Act, including collection development, service delivery, and local policy;

WHEREAS Bill 28, the Municipal Affairs and Housing Statutes Amendment Act, 2026, proposes to give the Minister of Municipal Affairs new powers to inspect public libraries, make regulations governing access to and borrowing of library materials, and issue directives to library boards – responsibilities that currently rest with locally appointed boards and trained library professionals;

WHEREAS these proposed changes were introduced without meaningful consultation with the library sector, municipalities, or the communities that fund and depend on public library services;

WHEREAS the proposed legislation would impose significant new operational requirements on libraries – including physical separation of materials, age verification, parental consent administration, and inspection readiness – without any new provincial funding;

WHEREAS this council believes that decisions about library services are best made at the local level, by the boards and professionals who understand the needs of their communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Hughenden:

1. Expresses concern regarding the public library provisions of Bill 28 and their potential impact on local governance, library operations, patron privacy, and the quality of library services in Hughenden;
2. Affirms its confidence in the Hughenden Public Library Board and its professional staff to manage library collections and services in accordance with existing legislation, board policies, and community standards;
3. Calls on the Government of Alberta to engage in direct, structured consultation with the Coalition of Alberta Public Libraries, municipalities, and library boards before finalizing any regulations or guidelines under Bill 28;
4. Calls on the Government of Alberta to ensure that any operational requirements imposed on public libraries are accompanied by dedicated provincial funding;
5. Directs administration to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Premier, the local MLA(s), Alberta Municipalities, and the Rural Municipalities of Alberta.

CARRIED

#565-07-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Willan that a letter be sent from the Village of Hughenden to the local MLA outlining concerns of Bill 28 and the impacts to the Hughenden Public Library.

CARRIED

New Business	A – Village of Hughenden Lagoon Access Road Repair -Recent rains and the need to access the lagoon with a vac truck has caused damage to the site. -Discussion on needs to repair the damage from recent use and long past vehicle use. -While there is one cost quote provided to detail the repair the request for 2 additional localized quotes is to be requested and this item be brought back to council in August. B – Village of Amisk request to meet in September -The invitation from Amisk is to the Villages of Czar and Hughenden to meet and discuss possibilities for administration coverage throughout the year for vacations, illnesses, general leaves, etc. -Council agreed to participate in a meeting with Amisk and Czar in September.	
Bylaws / Policies	None	
Councillors Reports	Deputy Mayor Willan -None Councillor Laing -None Mayor Hall -EC911 -Year end documents presented and reviewed. -Radio system proposed change for improved coverage. -Parkland Regional Library System Board Information -Software program change requirements update. -Hughenden Public Library Board -Library Act amendments and implementation.	
CAO Report	Submitted	
PW & WTP Reports	Submitted	
#566-07-26	Moved by Deputy Mayor Willan to accept the CAO, PW and WTP reports as presented.	CARRIED
Financial Reports	Village of Hughenden Cheque Registry - #354-383. Village of Hughenden Financial Report – Current Chequing and Savings Account Balances-13July26.	
#567-07-26	Moved by Mayor Hall to accept the Financial Reports as presented.	CARRIED

Correspondence

- A – RCMP Monthly Policing Report and Occurrence Stats – June 2026
- B - MD of Provost Peace Officer Monthly Policing Report – June 2026
- C – Village of Hughenden Fire Chief – Quarterly (April, May, June) 2026 Report
- D – Alberta Municipal Affairs Letter – 2026 Grant Funding Allocations
- E – Alberta Municipal Affairs Letter – MAP Review Extension to October 31, 2026
- F – Elections Alberta Letter – Oct 19, 2026 Referendum – Election Worker Opportunities
- G – National Police Federation Email – Call to Action – Policing and Public Safety Changes

Correspondence accepted as information.

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None

Adjourned

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

