REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 9, 2026, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers & Zoom Access

In Person: CAO Fuller (5:30pm), Mayor Orom (5:55pm), Deputy Mayor McIntosh (5:45pm), Councillor Masyk (5:29pm), Councillor Kohlman (5:47pm), Councillor Meger (5:29pm)

Council by Zoom: none

Absent with notice: none

Recording Secretary: CAO Fuller

Public: none.

Public Zoom: Michael Miller

Press by zoom: Kevin Sabo (6:00 pm), Cheryl Bowman (6:00 pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Orom (6:01pm)
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Masyk to approve the September 9, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council agenda.

MOTION #175-2026 CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS - none
4. DELEGATIONS - none
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council

MOVED by Councillor Kohlman to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026, Regular Meeting of Bashaw Town Council.

MOTION #176-2026 CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Rail Safety Week Proclamation – September 21 – 27, 2026
6.2 Canadians For Safe Technology – Notification of public consultation and feedback opportunities
6.3 Town of Bashaw Monthly Statement – July 31, 2026

Deputy Mayor McIntosh requested to add 6.1 Rail Safety Week Proclamation as 7.9 on the agenda as New & Unfinished Business, and 6.2 Canadians for Safe technology as 7.10 on the agenda as New & Unfinished business.

7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Candidly AI Proposal Update

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh that Council approve the Candidly AI one-time engagement campaign at a cost of $2,900.00 plus GST, accessing the unrestricted cash surplus.

MOTION #177-2026 CARRIED

7.2 Deputy Mayor McIntosh – Notice of Motion – Recreation Summit for Strategic Planning

Deputy Mayor McIntosh submitted the following Notice of Motion:

RE: Recreation Summit for Strategic Planning – Deputy Mayor Kyle McIntosh

WHEREAS the purpose of the municipality pursuant to sections 3(a) and 3(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* is to provide good government AND to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS recreation matters, particularly around sport, have been a recurring theme of the 2025-2029 Council term, including in initial Strategic Planning meetings held with the public;

AND WHEREAS recreation encompasses a range of activities including physical, artistic, creative, social, and other endeavours;

AND WHEREAS recreation is important across all age and other demographic groups;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct administration to hold a recreation focused Strategic Planning session with the relevant stakeholder groups (Appendix I) on or before the last week of October 2026, focusing on:

A. The priorities of each stakeholder groups in the short, medium, and long term;

B. Balancing budget priorities and seeking sustainable funding pathways;

C. Seeking opportunities for alignment between groups, sharing of best practices, strategic partnerships, or other forms of collaboration;

D. Ensuring equitable access to recreation for all demographics;

E. Any other items deemed relevant by administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council establish this event as a "Mayor's Summit" to convey the importance and seriousness the Council places on community input and creating viable communities.

Appendix I : Possible Stakeholder Groups (in no particular order)Bashaw Minor Ball, Bashaw Minor Hockey, Fun Hockey, Bashaw Skating Club , Majestic Theatre, Bashaw School, Bashaw Pickleball Club, Bashaw & Area Recreation Board, Bashaw Art Club, Happy Gang Centre, Bashaw Soccer Club, Town of Bashaw Library, Camrose County, Lacombe County, Stettler County, Ponoka County, Bashaw Golf & Country Club, Country 9 Golf Course Bashaw & District Agricultural Society, Bashaw Wellness Team , The Bethany Group, Bashaw Youth Centre, Bashaw Community Theatre, and Bashaw Pistol club

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McIntosh, **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Council direct administration to hold a recreation focused Strategic Planning session with the relevant stakeholder groups (Appendix I) on or before the last week of October 2026, focusing on:

A. The priorities of each stakeholder groups in the short, medium, and long term;

B. Balancing budget priorities and seeking sustainable funding pathways;

C. Seeking opportunities for alignment between groups, sharing of best practices, strategic partnerships, or other forms of collaboration;

D. Ensuring equitable access to recreation for all demographics;

E. Any other items deemed relevant by administration.

MOTION #178-2026 CARRIED

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McIntosh; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council establish this event as a "Mayor's Summit" to convey the importance and seriousness the Council places on community input and creating viable communities.

MOVED BY Councillor Masyk to amend the motion; BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish this event as; from Mayor's Summit to; "Bashaw's – The Next Big Thing" to convey the importance and seriousness the council places on community input and creating viable communities.

MOTION #179-2026 CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Masyk; BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish this event as "Bashaw's – The Next Big Thing" to convey the importance and seriousness the council places on community input and creating viable communities.

MOTION #180-2026 CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor Kohlman to direct administration to book the small room at the Bashaw Community Hall for October 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm to host "Bashaw's – The Next Big Thing".

MOTION #181-2026 CARRIED

7.3 Land Use Bylaw 780- 2018 Amendment –– Bylaw 844-2026 – add RV Storage and eliminate requirement for Development permit for Rooftop Residential Solar Panels

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor McIntosh to approve first reading of #844-2026 amending Land Use Bylaw 780-2018 to:

1. Adding a definition for "Outdoor Storage" in Section 2.2 Definitions of the Land Use Bylaw 780-2018 as follows:

"Outdoor Storage" is as the keeping, stockpiling, or leaving of goods, materials, commodities, equipment, or vehicles in an unroofed or open area for an extended period. This includes the storage of Recreational Vehicles (RVs) including campers, trailers, boats, side-by-sides and motorhomes.

2. Adding "Outdoor Storage" as a discretionary use in Section 12.10 Highway Commercial (C2) District and Section 12.11 Industrial (M) District.

3. Amending Section 3.2 Development Not Requiring a Development Permit to permit rooftop solar panels in all districts to not require a development permit if in compliance with Section 9.7 Solar Collectors as follows:

(q) roof-top solar collectors that comply with the specific use regulations outlined in Section 9.7 Solar Collectors.

MOTION #182-2026 CARRIED

7.4 Rebook Part 2 – Council Facilities Tour

MOVED by Councillor Kohlman to book October 1, 2026 – 4:00 pm for Part 2 of the Bashaw Town Council Facilities tour.

MOTION #183-2026 CARRIED

7.5 Review Fortis Franchise Fee

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh to have the Fortis Franchise fee remain at 2%.

MOTION #184-2026 CARRIED

7.6 Review Atco Franchise Fee

MOVED by Councillor Meger to have the Atco Gas & Pipelines Ltd. Franchise fee remain at 13%.

MOTION #185-2026 CARRIED

7.7 Alberta Community Partnership Grant – Collaboration with Alix and Lacombe County.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh that the town of Bashaw hereby resolves to support the collaborative application to the Alberta Community partnership grant for $70,000 for the purpose of completing a Community Needs Assessment, and further that the Village of Alix will be the managing municipality in partnership with the Town of Bashaw and Lacombe County on the project.

MOTION #186-2026 CARRIED

7.8 Library Trustee Motions Approval

MOVED by Councillor Kohlman to appoint the following individuals to the Town of Bashaw Library Board for the specified terms:

- Councillor Reina Masyk – Term expiry July 15, 2029
- Rob Dann – Term expiry April 26, 2029

Deputy Mayor McIntosh called Point of Order – the motion contravenes the libraries act; Councillor Masyk's term is longer than 3 years.

MOTION #187-2026 - Motion has been deemed to be out of Order.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh to direct administration to invite the Alberta Libraries Legislative Advisor to present in person at a November Regular Meeting of Bashaw Town Council.

MOTION #188-2026 CARRIED

7.9 Rail Safety Week Proclamation – September 21 – 27, 2026.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh whereas Rail Safety week is to be held across Canada from September 21 to 27, 2026:

Whereas, 252 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2025; resulting in 69 avoidable fatalities and 60 avoidable serious injuries;

Whereas, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN and Operation Lifesaver have requested town Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

Council direct the Mayor to proclaim September 21 -27, 2026 Rail Safety week in the town of Bashaw.

MOTION #189-2026 CARRIED

7.10 Canadians for Safe Technology – Notification of public consultation and feedback opportunities

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh to direct administration on behalf of Council to submit reply comments to the Consultation on Amendments to the Tower siting process and decision on Roaming; to reflect our concern regarding the following areas:

- The shortened timelines for approvals
- Automatic approvals
- Lack of ability to impose tower sharing

MOTION #190-2026 CARRIED

8. <u>CELEBRATORY CORRESPONDENCE FROM COUNCIL</u>

8.1 Jessalyn Schneider – Gold Medal In Softball

Council recognized Jessalyn Schneider for obtaining a Gold Medal in Softball. She is an inspiration to the youth in the community and area. Notice of Jessalyn's accomplishment will be circulated as per the Town of Bashaw Communication policy.

8.2 Keela Quance – Gold Medal in Softball

Council recognized Keela Quance for obtaining a Gold Medal in Softball. She is an inspiration to the youth in the community and area. Notice of Keela's accomplishment will be circulated as per the Town of Bashaw Communication policy.

8.3 Shaya Sehlstrom – Gold Medal in Softball

Council recognized Shaya Sehlstrom for obtaining a Gold Medal in Softball. She is an inspiration to the youth in the community and area. Notice of Shaya's accomplishment will be circulated as per the Town of Bashaw Communication policy.

9. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL

10. NEXT MEETING: – September 23, 2026, 6:00 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT – Deputy Mayor McIntosh adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.

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MAYOR, Cindy Orom

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Theresa Fuller