

Town Council, June 9, 2026

The council of the Town of Carberry met in their chambers at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 with Mayor Muirhead in the chair and all members present. Also present were CAO McConnell and YC Boganes.

Minutes of four meetings were approved — the regular meeting of May 12, the Joint Committee meeting of April 27, and special meetings of May 25 (at which the Town appointed NCL's weed inspector as theirs as well) and May 27 at which the Town committed to purchase, together with NCL, a pumper for the Fire Department.

Finance and Accounts:

Council accepted the finance report as presented. They received the Financial Statement for May 2026, and approved for payment accounts, electronic payments and direct withdrawals totalling \$221,529.96.

Unfinished Business:

Many resolutions were passed confirming decisions of the Joint Committee:

The Joint Capital Purchase of a truck for Parks and Recreation and the Cemetery for \$13,000 plus PST and safety was approved. Costs were split between the Cemetery Board and the two Municipalities.

(In the temporary absence of CAO Mconnell) Zaine McConnell was hired as the term Joint Utility Labourer, as recommended by the Manager of Arts and Recreation.

Several purchases were approved for the Campground Project:

To supply irrigation pipe to the Campground, the bid of Reilly's Home Hardware was accepted, and Sandhills Electric were approved to assist in the installation.

Strongbox Containers Ltd. were approved to supply a 40' container to serve as an equipment storage.

A 10' x 24' cabin, to be used as the campground office, was approved to be purchased from Premier Buildings of Glenboro.

The rental of a two-stall portable washroom trailer was approved from VIP Portable Restroom Rentals of Brandon.

For the Transfer Station, pushing the burn pile and the concrete pile, the quote of Backroad Transport was accepted for the necessary bulldozer work.

General Business:

The lots of the Wells Subdivision on Kingsnorth Bay had been without official civic addresses, so a plan was approved to assign addresses to those lots which do not face Second Avenue.

Because of Public Works' difficulties on glass collection day (the first Tuesday of the month) a policy has been developed requiring items to be collected be set out by 7:00 a.m., as is done with the collection of garbage and recycling. The policy combines the requirements for all three collections. It was approved by motion of Council.

Reports:

Youth Councilor Boganes, in what will be the last report of his term of office, reported that the provincial high school track meet will be held in Winnipeg from June 12 to 14. The Provincial Applied Mathematics exams will be held on June 11. The Grade 8 Camp Trip will this year be held in Spruce Woods Park, a departure from past years' visits to Clear Lake. It takes place June 17. Graduation Day is June 24, and the awards for grades 5-11 will be given on June 25. June 26 will be the last day of classes.

The CAO commented on the civic addressing she developed with the ACAO and on the glass/waste pickup policy she reframed. She has a commitment on July 14, the day of the next meeting, and hopes that the meeting will be shifted to the 13th or 15th. She has been meeting with Public Works and the Fire Department to consider the staged expansion of the network of fire hydrants into the new lots in the west.

The ACAO has been working on the website, checking each page for accuracy and currency. She is sourcing some new photographs of civic amenities for the website as well. The U of M Rural Medical Week has passed, with four students coming to shadow the physicians at the hospital, and lots of other entertainment: a visit and meal at the casino, a supper from the HAC, a display of vehicle extrication at the firehall, a tour of Acadia colony, and a presentation to the high school students. Thanks are due to the HAC, the Fire Department and the Colony. Hanging baskets are up and planters filled in town, with thanks to the volunteers who planted and maintain them.

Applications to register as a candidate for mayor are now open, with applications for councilor to open on June 30. Any changes to the Voters' List should be forwarded to the ACAO as elections officer.

Public Works is kept busy with mowing and cleanup and has taken time to build a fence at the north end daylily and dog park. They also built a road for the new Daycare. The work on the back lanes has been aided by the quality of the gravel provided by Mitchell; it packs much better. PW warns

that the newer John Deere mower is not going to last in our environment; it has already needed many new deck parts.

The Fire Department's Texas Breakfast is coming up on June 20. The deposit has been paid on their new truck, which should be ready in a matter of weeks.

Stucco work continues on the library

With the assistance of many P&R staff and some volunteers, the field downwind of the Transfer Station has been cleaned up and can pasture cattle again.

The Archivist and the Manitoba Historical Society formally dedicated a plaque at 43 Simcoe Street commemorating the WWI ace, pioneer bush pilot and search-and-rescue pilot Wop May, who was born there.

Dr. Maharajh's equipment is in place, waiting only on final inspection and certification.

The activities of the splash park committee are on hold pending the results of a feasibility study.

The White House was host to two of the student visitors for Rural Medical Week.

Communications:

The Western Manitoba Regional Library sent the draft minutes of their May Board meeting.

Around the Table:

Councilor Rea had been asked if there were a map of participants in the Town-Wide Yard Sale and was advised that no such map was planned. She wondered if there were plans to enter a float in the Fair Parade. The trailer is ready, but nothing has been organized yet. Thinking about the problems of refuse escaping from the Transfer Station, she wondered if a higher (perhaps 8') fence in welded wire or even chicken wire would contain the problem. The example of Onanole was cited, where the transfer station is a very large, high-walled enclosed building into which everything is brought and piled with a skid-steer.

Councilor VanDamme reminded everyone that the Firemen's Breakfast and Town-Wide Yard Sale were coming up on the 20th.

Councilor Kalinowich complimented those who have been keeping up their yards this summer. He was glad to see that the Campground Project is well underway, and commended the students assembling picnic tables for it, and the Youth In Philanthropy for their fundraising and 50/50 draw to provide Carberry Minor Ball with new dugouts.

Councilor Dobbin-Waters announced that this day was the start of the Farmers' Markets, which will be held every Tuesday night from now until August 25. [yes, Tuesday, not Wednesday from now on.]

Mayor Muirhead mentioned that he had been present on Sunday at the unveiling of the Wop May plaque on Simcoe Street and had presented the Town's greetings. Talking with Gordon Goldsborough of the Manitoba Historical Society the idea of naming the street for Wop May was brought up. We already have "James White Way": at the end of the block, so the precedent has been established. He warned people that with the amount of construction at the Care Home and Health Centre, Toronto Street should be avoided in the block north of First Avenue if possible. He returned to his concern about young people on electric scooters without helmets. The vehicles with their small-diameter wheels are not very stable, and the results of being thrown headfirst at those speeds could be very serious, even fatal. Please, parents, make helmet wearing compulsory. He went on to ask what results the Commissionaires have been producing with offenders on the unsightly or derelict buildings. The monthly cheque to them is large enough to demand better results. They have the ticket books to issue fines; let them get to work and use them. Lastly he welcomed Carla Dawn Smith to the staff of the office for a term position to cover a maternity leave.

With that, Council went *in camera* to discuss personnel and preliminary matters. When they emerged, they passed a resolution to hire Carla Dawn Smith for the interim office clerk position, effective June 8, 2026. They also passed a resolution that the July regular meeting of Council be postponed from July 14, to July 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Council then adjourned at 8:38 p.m.