

Joint Councils, August 24, 2026

The Joint Councils of the Town of Carberry and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford met in the RM's council chambers at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026, with Reeve Drayson in the chair supported by Councilors Van Kommer, Murray, Jardine, Davidson and Olmstead, with outgoing CAO Unrau and Acting CAO Pasco and Mayor Muirhead supported by Councilors Rea, Van Damme, and Dobbin-Waters with CAO McConnell.

Delegation:

Most of the Splash Park Committee members were present to discuss the recently released Feasibility Study and its implications. With promises on both sides to discuss and explore possibilities, the committee were thanked for their dedication and their hard work.

Unfinished Business:

The Joint Committee passed a resolution approving the 'Joint Services and Shared Fire Department Compensation and Training Policy' (Joint Policy PS 01-2026) to take effect immediately. Councilor Rea, who has a family member among the Fire Department, absented herself from this discussion.

As a result of a request for quotations for casual on-call Weed Control Services, the quotation from Livingstone Landscaping was accepted. They will provide casual on-call weed control services for \$407.50/hr.

At the recommendation of the Joint Foreman, Zaine McConnell, an internal candidate, was hired as a full time Parks and Recreation Labourer effective immediately. CAO McConnell absented herself from this discussion.

The Committee also approved the estimate from Wall-Hung Eavestroughing to replace 50' of 6" eavestroughing at the library.

General Business:

Mayor Muirhead reported that he had reached out to Dauphin's City Manager to discuss the fate of the group of crosses that mark the site of the tragic bus accident. They are presently maintained at the intersection of Highways 1&5, but they will soon be overrun by construction of the new intersection. He suggested and she agreed that it would be better and more appropriate to move them to the site of the memorial garden. She contacted the families of the victims and received permission and encouragement for the move.

A modification to the Tendering and Procurement Policy was presented, by which the previously low maximum before which written quotes or tendering was required was raised. As a result, the administration will have more freedom to quickly address needed repairs and requirements. The

policy, JS 01-2026, was approved, and the previous policy rescinded. The administration will implement the revised policy immediately.

A suggestion from the Fire Chief to edit a policy outlining the election of Fire Chiefs was discussed. The policy will be put before the Department's members for discussion.

As they take over the insurance of the CPCC, Guild Insurance have assessed the value of the building, and suggest an increase in the level of coverage, which will affect the cost of the premium. The Committee agreed that it was wise to insure the building to its present value and accepted the rise in premium. There is still a considerable saving over the coverage offered by Western Financial (AMM).

Two Joint employees have for some time been classified as Joint Utility employees because they might be called to work at the Transfer Station. However, the greatest part of their work has been related to Parks and Recreation. It was resolved to reclassify them as Parks and Recreation workers.

Reports:

The Joint Foreman reports that preparations are starting for fall/winter. The refrigeration will be restarted on September 4, the Zamboni is being serviced in Winnipeg, and paint for the ice is on order. The generator at the Hall has been tested. The CP Park sees a weekly Farmers' Market and the Prairie Harvest Festival on the 22nd. The Library's stucco is just about complete, and its roof repairs are still waiting for quotes as are the repairs to the firehall roof. The old compost pile at the Transfer Station has been bulldozed. At the Campground, new trees have been planted, the office is open, and a few campers have set up. A bench has been installed at the zipline.

The Manager of Art and Recreation reports that the Day Camp was a great success, with 54 campers registered. Day trips and swimming (even in the 10° unheated pool) and special themed weeks kept them coming. She would like next year to have two full-time and one part-time staff. She has a Community Engagement program to find the 20 Waldos hidden about town. Fall activities are in development; Tots' Time and After-School Arts will restart and the Harvest of Hobbies is scheduled for November. Special craft evenings are planned in Carberry and Wellwood. A piano instructor is being sought.

The Archivist is preparing a walking tour map of Carberry, and a brochure about the trees in the Town. She is trying to get support for a program of plaques to mark the locations of vanished schools.

The Health Action Committee will be holding their annual Rummage Sale on October 19-21. They welcome volunteers.

The library continues to host Seniors' Teas on the second Tuesday of the month, Fibre Arts evenings on the second Thursday, Chess Club every Wednesday afternoon, a "Drop-In Book Club" on the evening of the third Thursday, and Magic the Gathering on the third Saturday. Pre-school Story Time every Wednesday morning.

The Museum will be open until the end of August. Their display of memorabilia and machinery from the Potato Industry is gathering material.

Service for Seniors has had a busy summer and is planning for fall. Service Canada will present and classes on aging memory are planned. She expects a shortage of drivers for the Handivan during harvest.

The cemetery is in fine condition and wishes to thank the volunteers who help keep it so. They are working with the archivist on interpretive signs. New signs have been ordered for the northeast and southeast corners.

The Daycare has now all its requirements, it is awaiting its license and ministerial approval.

The campground has awarded contracts for their washroom and mechanical building and for the installation of the potable water main. Work to be done soon. Details are being handled; signage that will be placed on the highway still requires permission. Sponsorship of trees will be offered as soon as details are settled. Cement pads will be acquired to support the firepits, a firewood storage will be built, and some bales will be needed to winterize the lift station. The winter will be time to organize a grand opening ceremony for the spring.

Consideration is being given to purchasing items of used equipment from the closing of Turtle Crossing Campground in Brandon. There is a large set of privacy fences, a mini-golf set, some trampolines, sun sails, swings and monkey bars. The meeting was inclined to purchase new items for the opening of our own facility.

Communications:

Captain/Inspector Denton of the CNCLFD sent inspection reports of his visits to Carberry Collegiate and R.J. Waugh School.

Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire Department sent the minutes of their August 18 meeting.

Around the Table:

Councilor Dobbin-Waters reported on the Prairie Heritage Festival that was held on August 22. The children's area was held open for four hours after the advertised close to please the children who enjoyed the games provided. The food trucks did a regular business until seven; the Legion's beer garden served over 250, and the stage presentations drew an audience of 20-30. She heard no bad reviews; it seems to have been a success. The PHF Committee has been facilitating the Farmers' Market on Tuesdays; the last of them runs on the 25th with barbecue provided by Total Freedom.

Councilor Van Damme announced that bowling is starting up again for the fall, and several leagues and classes are available.

Councilor Van Kommer had enjoyed the Prairie Harvest Festival.

Retiring CAO Valorie Unrau announced that this would be her last meeting of the Joint Councils, and that it had been a pleasure to meet and work with all present. She was thankful for the kindness shown her and wished the councils the very best. She looks forward to participating in all the amenities the community has to offer. In reply, speaking for the whole meeting, Mayor Muirhead thanked her for her capable and cheerful service, and wished her the best of luck in whatever she chose to do next.

With that, the meeting went *in camera* to discuss personnel and preliminary matters.