

R. M. OF COLDWELL
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2026

AGENDA – 9:00 A.M.

1. Call to Order –
2. Adopt Agenda
 - b) Review Action Items-
3. Delegations 10:00- K. Thomas
 10:30-
4. Adopt minutes –January 9, 23, 28
5. Council / Staff reports-
 - a)
6. Accounts Payable & Financials –
 - a)
7. Correspondence for Action
 - a) AMM- Webinar for Together All Platform
 - b) Epilepsy & Seizure MB
 - c) WIWD- Narcisse Mtg – Feb 5(emailed previously)
 - d) Manitoba Water Services Board- 5 Year Capital grant
 - e) Manitoba Environment and Climate Change- Response to letter
 - f) CEWDG Budget approval
 - g) Manitoba Hydro- Permits& guidelines for Hangers installation
 - h) Manitoba Accessibility Grant
 - i) MMSM Draft Transition Plan(In an AMM News Letter)
 - j) AMM- Outside User Policy
 - k) Long Term Continuing Care Assoc.
 - l) LSD – Vision & Voice Mtg
 - m) ITA – Tourism Grant
 - n) CFRY Hometown Highlights & marketing
 - o) Outfitter Proposal
 - p) Pool Heaters
 - q) Com. Futures- Economic Development
8. Correspondence Information Only-copies on request (*copied in pkg, # in baskets/emailed previously)
 - a) # AMM newsletters- emailed & copied ,
 - b)# RCMP Policing report- January
 - c) # WIPD –minutes –
 - d) FCM- News Letters(2) – Emailed
 - e) * Minister of Environment& Climate Change- Provincial Parks update
 - f) *AccuPipe
 - g) MTI- Investment Strategy
 - h)
9. By-Law/Policies-
 - a) enforcement info
 - b) Election Bylaws- requested changes?
 - c)
10. Unfinished Business
 - a) Vincent Rd
 - b) Scholarship/Bursary
 - c)
11. General Business
 - a) LUD- RSN's
 - b) P.Works- Hiring
 - c) SEO
 - d) Climate Adaptation
 - e) Road Concerns/Requests
 - f) Don'n-C.Cupboard
 - g) Scale Printer& repairs
 - h) Arena Play area
 - i) Equipment Housekeeping
 - j) snow clearing at lake
 - k)
 - l)
12. In camera
13. Adjourn –

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REGULAR MEETING **FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Coldwell held in the Council Chambers, Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 9:00 am.

Present: Virgil Johnson, Reeve
Bill Eyolfson, Deputy Reeve
Gary Sherbeth, Councillor
Grant Sigfusson, Councillor
Celynne Miller, Councillor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman

Agenda

Motion
28/26

Moved by: Gary Sherbeth Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda be adopted as prepared and circulated and amended.

Carried

b) Review of Action Items from the January meeting:
- Virgil was to look into Kyle King about Lundar Video- have not done but Breanna was looking into this elsewhere

Minutes

Motion
29/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of January 9,23&28 be adopted as prepared and circulated.

Carried

Council reports

Grant Sigfusson

- CEWDG mtg- budget
- WIPD mtg
- Grettir
- Worked on grader, plow truck pins

Bill Eyolfson

- 14^h-Preliminary budget mtg
- 20th- MTI mtg
- 20th- WIPD mtg
- 22nd- Grettir
- 23rd- Planning mtg
- 26th- CEWDG mtg
- 28th- budget mtg
- Feb 5th- CEWDG to finalize budget
- 17th- WIPD

Celynne Miller

- 14th- MTI mtg cancelled
- Budget planning
- 15th- CFRY Marketing Seminar
- 28th-30th- Disaster Management Conference
- Feb 4. - LCRC

Gary Sherbeth

- Helped Jim with Grader
- Worked on Plow truck back brakes
- Went to Vincent Rd with Neil and cleared snow at Katie's for bus
- Library mtg

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Virgil Johnson

- 12th- Foundation mtg
- - RM office going over bills
- 14th- MTI mtg cancelled to 21st
- 21st- MTI mtg
- Snow guard permissions, talking to Jason about ice on PR419
- 22nd- RM & Grettir mtg
- 23rd- planning mtg
- 28th- Budget mtg
- Phone calls about drifting roads; talked to FD about water truck and budget needs, Fire Truck to be delivered later today
- Feb 9th- Foundation mtg
- 13th- met with Larry , Jim & Neil to go over budget items
- Phone calls throughout the month
- Yesterday CBC called to discuss drought situation – looking to talk to producers

CAO

- Advised that still waiting for invoice for gravel. Can not complete 2025 expenses and projects without it.
- Advised that Foundation Grant will be due at end of Month therefore will be providing support letters as per previous years

Delegations

10:00 – Keagan T.

- Just wanted to make sure what drainage Council was referring to when subdivision was approved- **the one that goes by Rorie's towards Keifer's**
- Crossing is going off of Otto Church Rd and will match the culvert to each side, will need the crossing this spring/summer once it's dry, will be present when installing (need line locate before installation)
- Council advised just to make sure water does not back up onto anyone

Payroll

Motion
#30/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that the January 23 payroll in the amount of \$10,500.40 and the February 6 payroll in the amount of \$10,616.90, and the February 20 payroll in the amount of \$11,565.55 be accepted as paid.

Carried

Acc's Payable

Motion
#31/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the January 16 Accounts Payable to reissue stale payments in the amount of \$953.17 being cheque #7277-7279, and online Payments 2025-008 in the amount of \$2,327.65 be approved as listed and paid.

Carried

Jan Acc's Payable

Motion
#32/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the January 8- February 13 Accounts Payable in the amount of \$236,871.77 being cheque #7280-7353, and online Payments 2025-009 to 2025-0021 in the amount of \$19,552.99 be approved as listed and paid.

Carried

Statements

Motion
#33/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the January Income Statement and Budgetary Controls be accepted as prepared.

Carried

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Correspondence for Action

- a) AMM Webinar for the Together All Platform- Nicole and Davina Attended- it is a mental health platform for any employees or elected members of municipalities that allows you to search out resources or just talk anonymously to chat groups.

Epilepsy Awareness

Motion
#34/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
WHEREAS March 26 is Purple Day; a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world;
AND WHEREAS epilepsy is a physical condition characterized by sudden, brief changes in how the brain works;
AND WHEREAS epilepsy is a neurological condition involving the brain that makes people more susceptible to having recurrent seizures;
AND WHEREAS Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26th annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma, and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Coldwell hereby proclaims March 26,2026 as Purple Day in the RM of Coldwell.
Carried

c)WIWD- Narcisse mtg Feb 5 was emailed out previously, was cancelled and has not been rescheduled.

d) Manitoba Water Services Board- 5-year Capital grant program- need to discuss with Kevin as to needs; some items are installing sewer to lot on North side of PR 419, upgrading line to the Hotel, dip on Main Street needs repair.

e) Manitoba Environment and Climate Change – response letter to Council request to review Park camping timeline. Gary is to phone and discuss their response further and see if there is something the RM can do to assist with the possibility.

CEWDG Budget

Motion
#35/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that Council has reviewed the CEWDG budget as prepared and accepted by the board;
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the 2026 CEWDG Budget and the Capital Project of North Berm Modification in approximate cost of \$60,000 to be split 50/50; to be funded by Gas Tax Funds.

Carried

g) Manitoba Hydro has provided guidelines to installing hangers on their poles along with permit requirements. Will need to measure our hangers for flowers and Christmas lights to ensure we are compliant.

h) Manitoba Accessibility Grant- reapplied for the accessibility technician project from last year- tweaked the application.

i)MMSM draft Transition Plan was available in the AMM newsletter and to the CEWDG board.

j) Outside User Policy – advised that any outside users that rent/ utilize any RM facility should be getting Outside User coverage.

Long Term Care

Motion
#36/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell pay for the LCRC to have a membership with the Long Term & Continuing Care Association of Manitoba in the amount of \$250.00 (if they wish to participate).

Carried

LSD Vision&Voice

Motion
#37/26

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Grant Sigfusson
BE IT RESOLVED that any member of Council be authorized to attend the Lakeshore School Division Vision and Voice meeting February 24.

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ITA Grant
Motion
#38/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell apply to the Interlake Tourism Development Grant to create a marketing video for our community.

Carried

n)Celynne briefed Council on the marketing opportunities fromCFRY. Hometown Highlights advertising on CFRy was reviewed but felt that another station might be more beneficial-Nicole to get more info and bring back to the planning meeting. Should look into starting a Chamber- check with Eriksdale & Arborg as to how they operate, check with Community Futures to see if they can assist.

o)Outfitter Proposal was submitted to Council for review- Council has no issue with this and suggests going through the necessary process with the Planning District.

Pool Heaters
Motion
#39/26

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Coldwell fund up to \$11,000.00 for the replacement of a pool pump; funds to come from AMM Insurance Rebates.

Carried

q) Community Futures- Economic Development Course- no interest

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** All filed**

By-laws/ Policies

- a) Enforcement of breach of bylaw was challenged by legal and Council does not wish to pursue. In future will need to ensure enforcement right from the beginning and not give any leeway. Need to advertise for Pound Keepers, will review Animals At Large Bylaw at next meeting.
- b) CAO advised that all Election bylaws such as changing number of Council members or creating wards, campaigning, use of municipal resources all need to be done now and passed by May to take effect for next General Election. There was no wish to change anything.

Unfinished Business

- a) Vincent Road- snow issue was looked after
- b) Scholarship/Bursary-. Discuss at Planning meeting

General Business

a)LUD resolutions- none.- LUD will not meet until March

2nd Pub Works
Motion
#40/26

Moved by: Grant Sigfusson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that Council ratify that Neil Thorkelson be hired as a Public Works at a rate of \$25/hr ; to assist Jim and Larry but mainly to drive the snow plow truck, cut roadsides and other duties as assigned .

Carried

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SEO
Motion
#41/26

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Celynne Miller
WHEREAS the Municipal SEO(Senior Election Officer) has resigned as of January 2026;
BE IT RESOLVED that Davina Mason be appointed as the SEO for the RM of Coldwell at her regular wage with understanding that majority of hours will be worked during regular work hours and additional hours will be banked.

Carried

Climate Adaptation
Motion
#42/26

Moved by: Celynne Miller Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that Rural Municipality of Coldwell accept the Climate Adaptation Report as prepared by Narratives and use this for further projects.

Carried

Com Cupboard
Motion
#43/26

e)Road Concerns: Virgil dealt with those he received immediately so not an issue.
Gary would like grader on roads right away in spring to cut out washboard & holes before complete thaw and rain.
Should talk to West Interlake about cost share of TDA on Deerhornline and what results they have seen from there project.

Moved by: Bill Eyolfson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that \$250.00 of donated funds be donated to the Community Cupboard.

Carried

f) Scale printer was requested by a ratepayer- will look into costs and benefits of adding this feature again- years ago Council opted not to fix the issue and remove it. Should order a sign” not for Legal Trade” - CAO to inquire on legalities. Will need to organize the necessary repairs that were determined last fall.CAO will contact the company.

Mini Stick Arena
Motion
#44/26

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Gary Sherbeth
BE IT RESOLVED that the RM support Grettir’s Mini Stick Arena Project in the amount of \$1,500.00 from VLT funds.

Carried

h) Discussed the equipment upgrades that Public works requires: Grader tire needs replacing, proper welder, plasma cutter, air compressor (Vern has one for sale \$650), need RM jacket for Neil, want a wheel on the Vermeer mower, circle drive gear on grader, water truck needs repair and safety, backlanes need trimming, Tractor & mower rental (Grant looking into this) , need to put out request for Gravel hauling early so we have rates going into spring.

i)Request came in to have snow cleared at the lake for ice fishing- Council agreed that the RM can supply service up to lake but not on it. Perhaps there is someone willing to do this as contribution to tournament or for a fee .

Adjourn
Motion
#45/26

Moved by: Virgil Johnson Seconded by: Bill Eyolfson
BE IT RESOLVED that we adjourn. Time 2:29 pm.

Carried



Nicole Christensen, C.M.M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer



Reeve Virgil Johnson