

**Highlights, February 25 , 2026 - Council Meeting - Submitted March 5 , 2026  
(Full minutes will be approved at the March 18, 2026, Council Meeting)**

**Administration**

- Year-end documents have been processed. The Audit took place on February 10<sup>th</sup> and will not be completed until the April Council meeting.
- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields subscribes to Royal Bank of Canada ACH program to complete payments to vendors and employees through online banking platform.
- Operations and Administration will all be participating in CPR training tomorrow held in Thode so we can be up to date in our certifications.

**Maintenance/Operations**

- Glenn's will be moving snow and working on equipment maintenance.
- I will be working on budgets, asset listing, and obtaining quotes.
- I will be attending the Saskatchewan Lake Stewardship Summit with Thode Councillor Curtis.
- Work on the North lift station (weather and contractor permitting).
- Golf budget meeting.

**Financial**

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields accepts and signs the Audit Confirmation Letter provided by Jensen Stomberg CPAs.
- Council agreed to account payable of \$63,264.95 which includes payroll.
- Council will be having their annual long-term planning and budget meeting on March 12th.

**Election**

- Council thanked Councilor Schmidt's resignation as of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- That the Resort Village of Shields schedules an election for the vacant council member seat for April 18th, 2026, with nomination day taking place on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Council Reports:**

*Water Utility and Wastewater Utility Rates*

*Utility Rate Increases*

Council agreed that bylaw #1/26, being a bylaw of water and sanitary sewer utility rates and fees for the Resort Village of Shields, be read for a second and third time and adopted.

This bylaw proposed a fee increase as per below to cover the utility board increase in fees and increased operating costs.

*Garbage Rate Increases*

Council agreed that Bylaw #2/26, being a bylaw to fix rates to be charged for the collection and disposal of wastes or refuse, and to provide for transferring of any unpaid accounts to the tax roll, be read for the second and third time and adopted. The increased rate as per below is reflective of the increase by Loraas Disposal, our service provider.

<b>Utility Rate Increases - 2026</b>				
<b>Rate</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Increase</b>	
<i>Water base</i>	\$ 320.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 10.00	<i>Annual Increase</i>
<i>Water consumption</i>	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.75	\$ 0.25	<i>per Cubic Meter</i>
<i>Sewer Rates</i>	\$ 240.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 10.00	<i>Annual Increase</i>
<i>Garbage Rates</i>	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.50	\$ 1.50	<i>Monthly Increase</i>

*Emo Committee*

- Council is still looking for new recruits for the EMO Committee including Council Coordinator and some Block Captains.

*Human Resources Committee*

CAO Recruitment

- We have several applicants that the HR Committee will be interviewing within the next two weeks.

*Dundurn & District Fire Commission*

DFD Operating Budget

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields approve the Dundurn Fire Departments Operating budget with a \$4/ assessed owner increase.
- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields approve the Dundurn Fire Departments Capital budget with a new \$50/ assessed owner levy that will fund a comprehensive building reserve contribution.

*Marketing and Real Estate*

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields implement incentive lot pricing for builders.
- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields decrease the sale price of 59 Mawson Drive (Lot 6, block 13) for a summer sale running from March 1

### *Golf Committee*

- set as follows for the 2026 golf season:
  - Annual Membership \$205 → \$225.00
  - Youth Membership \$50 → \$55.00
  - Family Membership \$450 → \$495.00
  - Guest Pack (5 rounds) \$100 → \$125.00
  - With no changes to cart fees, daily rates, or course rentals
- Council agreed to Changes to the Golf Committee Terms of Reference Resort Village of Shields add #12 to Golf Committee Terms of Reference that states ‘12. Memorial items such as benches, stones, and plaques will be reviewed by the Committee, Operations Manager, and Council to ensure alignment with course aesthetics and overall design standards. Requests may be declined based on these considerations. All memorial items are installed by Operations and may be removed at Operations, Committee, and Council’s discretion based on the items condition, relevance, or impact on course appearance.

### *Green Spaces & Horticultural Committee*

#### Communities in Bloom

- Council agreed that the Resort Village of Shields applies to be in the ‘friends’ category for the community in bloom program for the 2026 year.

### *Social Programming Report*

- Fish Derby-March 7th - The day will include a community pancake breakfast, fishing, many great sponsorship prizes and after the derby participants will go back to the hall for the awards presentation and hotdogs (50% of registration money will be given out in prizes) Come out for a fun day. To register <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/blackstrap-ice-fishing-derby-2026-resort-village-of-shields-tickets-1910738021859?aff=oddtcreator>
- Canada Day - Wednesday, July 1, 2026. It is Shields’ turn to host Canada Day. Mark it on your calendar, the day will include a pancake breakfast, parade, entertainment, bouncy castles and more.
- Sewing workshop – Helen Gress has agreed to hold a sewing workshop in April. The participants will bring their own sewing machines. Details yet to be determined.
- Mother’s Day Tea/Lunch and Bakesale – May 9, 2026. Looking for youth 8-18 to serve and sell bake sale items with proceeds going to charity. A great day to bring your Mom out for a treat. Also, looking for bake sale donations.

- Planning for a couple potlucks this year, an event in the fall and the children's Christmas party. Details to be announced later.
- The committee discussed their 2026 budget and will be preparing once they get the budget sheets from Jessica.
- Associated Engineering is preparing a design and cost estimate pro bono for the walking path down memorial drive and will assist with the SGI grant information.