



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ELK POINT HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2026 IN THE ELK POINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ELECTRONICALLY BY ZOOM AND YOUTUBE.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wanda Cochrane called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The Town of Elk Point respectfully acknowledges we are located on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional and ancestral lands of the First Nations and Métis Peoples, and we honour their enduring traditions, wisdom, and cultural strength in our community.

PRESENT IN PERSON

Mayor Wanda Cochrane, Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich, Councillors Jason Boorse, Shaun Schaffrick and Tim Smereka; Director of Corporate and Community Services Mir Ali, Recording Secretary Kendra Loughran.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM/YOUTUBE

Press & Public.

ABSENT

Chief Administrative Officer, Darrell Lessmeister.

DELEGATION – ELK POINT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – BRIANNE GREENING, PRESIDENT
Res #26-92 03-23-2026

Elk Point & District Chamber of Commerce President, Brianne Greening attended the meeting in person at 6:30 PM and departed the meeting at 6:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF DELEGATION PRESENTATION – ELK POINT & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – BRIANNE GREENING, PRESIDENT
Res #26-93 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that the Elk Point & District Chamber of Commerce presentation be approved as presented.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Res #26-94 03-23-2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that the agenda be approved as amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

8a – Appointment of Interim Chief Administrative Officer

COMMITTEE MINUTES & REPORTS:

11j – Ag Society Riding Arena Committee

CLOSED SESSION:

12c – Personnel (Sections 20, 21 & 29 of ATIP)

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF
REGULAR COUNCIL
MINUTES – MARCH 9TH,
2026
Res #26-95 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that the March 9th, 2026, Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS –
APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER
Res #26-96 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council appoint Mir Ali as interim Chief Administrative Officer.

CARRIED

ELK POINT & DISTRICT
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE
PRESENTATION (2A)
Res #26-97 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that the Elk Point & District Chamber of Commerce presentation be received as information.

CARRIED

REGIONAL FIRE &
AREA COMMITTEE –
ELK POINT FIRE
DEPARTMENT INTERIM
BUDGET
Res #26-98 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that Council defer this item to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED

REGIONAL FIRE AREA
COMMITTEE –
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL: RESCUE
TRUCK REPLACEMENT
Res #26-99 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approved Administration to proceed with the tendering to replace the Elk Point Rescue Truck.

CARRIED

CAO & DEPARTMENT
REPORTS – CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER REPORT
Res #26-100 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council approve the Chief Administrative Officer Report as presented.

CARRIED

FCSS REPORT
Res #26-101 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approve the FCSS Report as presented.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE MINUTES
& REPORTS
Res #26-102 03-23-2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that Council receive the Committee Minutes and Reports as information.

Councillor Shaun Schaffrick
Elk Point & District Chamber of Commerce
FCSS
Lakeland DMO

Mayor Wanda Cochrane
Allied Arts
Monday Mayor Meet-Ups

Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich
Community Futures

Councillor Tim Smereka
STEP
Evergreen
Regional Fire Area Committee
Ag Society Riding Arena Committee

Councillor Jason Boorse
Regional Fire Area Committee

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT TO AG
SOCIETY RIDING
ARENA COMMITTEE
Res #26-103 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council appoint Councillor Tim Smereka to the Ag Society Riding Arena Committee.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE &
INFORMATION
Res #26-104 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council receive the Correspondence as information.

Emergency Health Services Letter – March 13, 2026
Alberta Community Crime Prevention Conference – May 4-6

CARRIED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
& CONCERNS FROM
MAYOR &
COUNCILLORS
Res #26-105 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that Council receive the Young Minds Meet Local Government acknowledgement as information.

CARRIED

GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Res #26-106 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that Council moves into Closed Session at 7:35 PM to discuss:

15- CLOSED SESSION:

- a. Elk Point Medical Clinic – Lease (Sections 19 & 30 of ATIP)
- b. Town of Elk Point Power Capacity (Sections 19, 29 & 30 of ATIP)
- c. Personnel (Section 20, 21 & 29 of ATIP)

CARRIED

RECESS

7:35 PM – Meeting to be recessed for 2 minute(s).

RECONVENED

7:37 PM - Meeting is resumed.

Press & Public departed the meeting at 7:35 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE – CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Wanda Cochrane, Deputy Mayor Dwayne Yaremkevich, Councillors Jason Boorse, Tim Smereka and Shaun Schaffrick, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, Mir Ali & Recording Secretary Kendra Loughran.

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Res #26-107 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Boorse that Council come out of Closed Session at 8:15 PM.

CARRIED

RECESS

8:15 PM – Meeting to be recessed for 2 minute(s).

RECONVENED

8:17 PM - Meeting resumed with public/press in attendance.

ELK POINT MEDICAL CLINIC – LEASE (SECTIONS 19 & 30 OF ATIP)

Res #26-108 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Smereka that Council receive this item as information.

CARRIED

TOWN OF ELK POINT POWER CAPACITY (SECTIONS 19, 29 & 30 OF ATIP)

Res #26-109 03-23-2026

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Yaremkevich that Council receive this item as information.

CARRIED

PERSONNEL (SECTIONS
20, 21 & 29 OF ATIP)
Res #26-110 03-23-2026

MOVED by Councillor Schaffrick that Council approve to proceed with Option 3.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wanda Cochrane adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

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