

VILLAGE OF RYLEY
Regular Council Meeting, March 17, 2026, 6:45 p.m.
Held in Council Chambers

COUNCIL members present:

Mayor	Stephanie Dennis
Deputy Mayor	Cyndy Heslin
Councillor	Mickey Wilson
Councillor	Stephanie McMillan
Councillor	Dale Roth

ADMINISTRATION present:

CAO	Glen Hamilton-Brown
Recording Secretary	Richard Piercey

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair convened the meeting at 6:47 p.m, then shared a Land Acknowledgment and Statement of Inclusivity.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

The following items have been added to the agenda:

- **6G. RFD: 2026 Capital Project 56 Ave**
- **6H. DI: (BESC) (ATIA s.26 Intergovernmental Relations)**
- **6I. DI: (CEEC) (ATIA s.28 Local Public Body Confidences)**

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

2026-03-17#01: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley adopt the agenda as amended.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2026-03-17#02: MOVED by Mayor Dennis that Council for the Village of Ryley approve the minutes for the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting.

SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson

CARRIED

2026-03-17#03: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley approve the minutes for the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting.

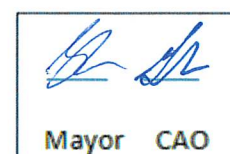
SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan

CARRIED

2026-03-17#04: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley approve with amendments, the minutes for the March 3, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED



5. DELEGATIONS

5a. RhPAP/CARC Presentation – Anya Langkow

Anya shared with Council a presentation outlining RhPAP’s vision, framework, and accomplishments regarding rural healthcare.

5b. Community Enhancement Grant Recipients

- Pastor Vic - Ryley Youth Group by Good News Community Church - \$18,000.00 (Not in attendance)
- Jewel – Bags of Love - \$5,000.00 (Not in attendance)
- Geoff – Beaverhill Bird Observatory Society - \$2,000.00
- Pat Kowalchuk – Happy Wanderers \$3,000.00

5c. Resident: Cory Kucey

6. BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

6a. RFD: Resource Fair/Public Engagement Event

2026-03-17#05: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley directs administration to partner with the Community Enrichment and Engagement Committee’s Resource Fair to be held on April 23rd, 2026, from 5:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m. at the Ryley Community Centre (Hall).

SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin

CARRIED

6b. RFD: Draft Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing

2026-03-17#06: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley directs administration to plan and advertise a public hearing to be held on May 5th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, for the purpose of providing the public an opportunity for feedback on the draft Land Use Bylaw 2025-985.

SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson

CARRIED

6c. RFD: CEEC Budget – Desk-drop

2026-03-17#07: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley approves the allocations for the budget submitted by the Community Engagement and Enrichment Committee (CEEC) under the General Ledger Department of Mainstreet & Century Park (GL 89) for \$4,000, and under Festival & Events (GL57) for \$18,000 as follows:

\$500: Resource Fair, Thursday 23 April 2026

\$5,000: Sports Day, Saturday 20 June 2026

\$4,000: Summer Fest, Saturday 18 July 2026

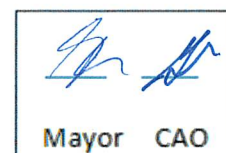
\$4,000: Harvest Dinner & Dance, Saturday 24 October 2026

\$3,000: Holiday Festival, Saturday 5 December 2026

\$1,500: Adult Social Events, dates TBD

SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan

CARRIED



6d. RFD: Community Enrichment & Engagement Committee (CEEC) Member Nominations – Desk-drop

2026-03-17#08: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley appoints Tristina Howse as a member of the Community Enrichment and Engagement Committee for a 2 year term, until Oct 2027.

SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin

CARRIED

AND

2026-03-17#09: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley appoints Michele Lobner as a member of the Community Enrichment and Engagement Committee for a 2 year term, until Oct 2027.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED

AND

2026-03-17#10: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley appoints Jessica Gomolchuk as a member of the Community Enrichment and Engagement Committee for a 1 year term, until Oct 2026.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED

Chair called a break at 8:15 p.m, and resumed at 8:26 p.m.

6e. RFD: CAO Contract (ATIA s.20: Personal Privacy)

2026-03-17#11: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley accepts, approves and shall execute the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Employment Contract as received and reviewed with Glen Hamilton-Brown, which will extend the current CAO term and appointment from August 31, 2026, to December 31, 2028, with the same general terms and conditions and with no material change other than extending the original term.

SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin

CARRIED

6f. Discussion Item: Bylaw Enforcement Matter (ATIA s.20: Personal Privacy)

6g. RFD: 2026 Capital Project 56 Ave

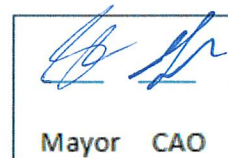
2026-03-17#12: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley approves to let the tender for the 2026 Capital Project of 56 Avenue to Kaon Infrastructure for a total project cost of \$1,543,642.

SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson

CARRIED

6h. Discussion Item: Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC) (ATIA s.26 Intergovernmental Relations)

6i. Discussion Item: Community Enrichment & Engagement Committee (CEEC) (ATIA s.28 Local Public Body Confidences)



7. NEW BUSINESS

7a. RFD: Battle River Alliance Economic Development (BRAED) Membership 2026-03-17#13: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley direct Administration to pay the Annual Membership fee of \$486.00 to the Battle River Alliance for Economic Development (BRAED).

SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan **CARRIED**

7b. RFD: Library Financial Reviewer Appointment

2026-03-17#14: MOVED by Mayor Dennis that Council for the Village of Ryley approves Cassandra Freeman as financial reviewer for the Village of Ryley Library Board.

SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson **CARRIED**

7c. RFD: Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Appointments

2026-03-17#15: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley approve the following reappointments to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and the Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board for a three-year term, expiring March 31, 2029:

1. Brad Rae
2. Brett Huculak

SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin **CARRIED**

8. BYLAWS

8a. RFD: Bylaw 2026-1002 Cemetery – Rules & Regulations

2026-03-17#16: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley enter Second Reading for Cemetery Bylaw 2026-1002.

SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#17: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley put to a vote Second Reading for Cemetery Bylaw 2026-1002.

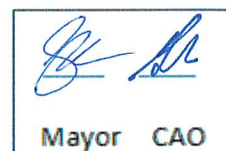
SECONDED by: Cr. Roth **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#18: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley enter Third and Final Reading for Cemetery Bylaw 2026-1002.

SECONDED by: Mayor Dennis **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#19: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley put to a vote Third and Final Reading for Cemetery Bylaw 2026-1002.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth **CARRIED**



8b. RFD: Bylaw 2025-1003 Borrowing – Revolving Line of Credit
2026-03-17#20: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley enter First Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#21: MOVED by Cr. Roth that Council for the Village of Ryley put to a vote First Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#22: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley enter Second Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#23: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley put to a vote Second Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#24: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley unanimously agrees to consider Third and Final Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#25: MOVED by Cr. Roth that Council for the Village of Ryley enter Third and Final Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin **CARRIED**

2026-03-17#26: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley put to a vote Third and Final Reading for Borrowing Bylaw 2026-1003.
SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin **CARRIED**

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

9a. February Bank Account Balances & Reconciliation

9b. Budget Update:

2026-03-17#27: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley accept all financial reports as presented.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth **CARRIED**

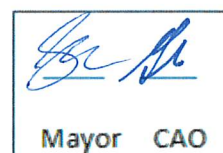
10. CORRESPONDENCE

10a. IN: IMPACT FCSSAA Conference – March 10, 2026

10b. IN: BRAED/PEP – Eastern Trade Corridor Local to Global Forum

10c. IN: Alberta Municipalities – Report on Gov't of Alberta's 2026-2027 Budget

10d. IN: Highway 14 – Grant Funding Update



10e. IN: Canadian History Ehx – Video Partnership Request

2026-03-17#28: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley directs administration to bring a Request for Decision regarding Canadian History Ehx Video Partnership Request, to a future meeting of Council.

SECONDED by: Deputy Mayor Heslin

CARRIED

10f. IN: Alberta Community Partnership – Grant Approval

10g. IN: STARS – Thank you

10h. OUT: Deputy Premier and Minister of Public Safety – Request for Meeting

2026-03-17#29: MOVED by Deputy Mayor Heslin that Council for the Village of Ryley directs Administration to receive and file all correspondence.

SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson

CARRIED

11. REPORTS

11a. Councillor Report(s) on any Committees, Boards, or Commissions

Richard Piercey left the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

2026-03-17#30: MOVED by Cr. Roth that Council for the Village of Ryley direct Deputy Mayor Heslin to attend Library Conference in Edmonton, from the 19-21 of October, 2026.

SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan

DEFEATED

In Favour: Deputy Mayor Heslin

Opposed: Mayor Dennis, Cr. Wilson, Cr. McMillan, Cr. Roth

2026-03-17#31: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley direct Deputy Mayor Heslin to attend Killam East Central Regional A&R Summit RhPAP (CARC) Jun 3, 2026.

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED

2026-03-17#32: MOVED by Mayor Dennis that Council for the Village of Ryley table the discussion to direct Deputy Mayor Heslin to attend RhPAP in Peace River Oct 6-8, 2026.

SECONDED by: Cr. Wilson

CARRIED

11b. CAO & Staff Report(s)

2026-03-17#33: MOVED by Cr. McMillan that Council for the Village of Ryley accept all reports as given.

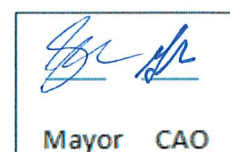
SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED

2026-03-17#34: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley authorizes this Regular Meeting of Council to extend beyond 4 hours, if required.

SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan

CARRIED



12. IN-CAMERA

2026-03-17#35: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council for the Village of Ryley convene in closed session at 10:30 p.m for a discussion on CAO contract, a Bylaw Enforcement matter, and Beaver Emergency Services Commission, pursuant to Municipal Government Act (MGA), Section 197 and pursuant to the Access to Information Act (ATIA) Section(s):

- 20 Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy
- 26 Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations
- 28 Local Public Body Confidences

SECONDED by: Cr. Roth

CARRIED

2026-03-17#36: MOVED by Cr. Wilson that Council move out of closed session at 11:56 p.m.

SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan

CARRIED

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 13a.** Committee of the Whole – Tue 7 Apr 2026 @ 6:45 p.m
- 13b.** Regular Council Meeting – Tue 21 Apr 2026 @ 6:45 p.m
- 13c.** Joint Council Meeting – Thu 30 Apr 2026 @ 9:00 a.m
- 13d.** Committee of the Whole – Tue 5 May 2026 @ 6:45 p.m

14. ADJOURNMENT

2026-03-17#37: MOVED by Cr. Wilson to adjourn the meeting.

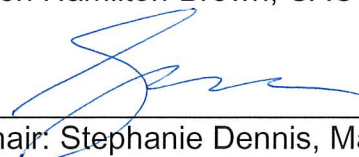
SECONDED by: Cr. McMillan

CARRIED

The Chair Adjourned the meeting at 11:59 p.m.



Glen Hamilton-Brown, CAO



Chair: Stephanie Dennis, Mayor

These Minutes approved the 21 day of APRIL, 2026.