



**City of Humboldt
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting January 26, 2026 - 05:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Rob Muench
 Councillor Larry Jorgenson
 Councillor Roger Korte
 Councillor Sarah McInnis
 Councillor Dave Rowe
 Councillor Marilyn Scott
 Councillor Karen Siermachesky
 City Manager Joe Day
 Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk Lori Yaworski
 Director of Protective Services Mike Kwasnica
 Director of Public Works Peter Bergquist
 Director of Leisure Services Mike Ulriksen
 Director of Cultural Services Jennifer Fitzpatrick
 Finance Manager Jace Porten
 Marketing and Development Manager Jarrett Delbridge
 Communication Coordinator Angie Rolheiser

1 Call To Order

Mayor Muench called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.

Resolution:
2026.001

3 Adopt Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3.1 Conflict of Interest

4 Public Acknowledgement

Councillor Rowe offered condolences to the family of Norman Duerr. Norman passed away on December 20th at the age of 89. Originally from Lake Lenore, Norman taught for 18 years at Humboldt Collegiate Institute, he coached and organized sports, sang in choirs, led school tours to Europe, and was a lifelong learner. Norman took courses from Oxford in art and had his art exhibited extensively and he also wrote a memoir. He was dedicated to preserving history and architecture, playing a key role in preserving the Humboldt Water Tower. He also directed and produced numerous high school drama musical theatre productions. Norman was a humanitarian working to improve lives in South America and Africa. His legacy will not easily be matched.

Councillor Scott thanked everyone that came out for some great conversation at Coffee with Council that was hosted on Wednesday, January 21st at the Gallery. The event had a great turnout despite the cold weather. The feedback, questions, and concerns brought forward are important to Council.

Councillor Korte acknowledged the City of Humboldt Public Works Department for snow removal efforts so far this winter.

Councillor McInnis acknowledged the announcement of the Grey Cup Community Tour that kicks off in Humboldt on February 7 at the Elgar Petersen Arena.

Mayor Muench extended condolences on behalf of the community following the passing of Humboldt native Glenn Hall who passed away on January 7 at the age of 94. Glenn Hall’s hockey career took him from minor hockey in Humboldt to the NHL, where he earned his nickname ‘Mr. Goalie,’ won the Stanley Cup in 1961, and received numerous honours, including the Calder, Vezina, and Conn Smythe trophies. A pioneer of the butterfly style of goaltending, Glenn was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1975 and later inducted into the Humboldt District Sports Hall of Fame. Despite his international success, Glenn never forgot his roots, and Humboldt always remained part of his story.

5 Approve Minutes

Resolution:
2026.002

5.1 Special Meeting of Council held December 15, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held December 15, 2025, be approved as recorded and circulated.

CARRIED

Resolution: 5.2 Special Meeting of Council held January 19, 2026
2026.003 **Moved By:** Councillor Roger Korte
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held January 19, 2026, be approved as recorded and circulated.

CARRIED

6 Delegations

7 Correspondence

7.1 "A" Items Requiring Council Resolution

7.2 "B" Items Received for Information Only

8 Committee Reports

Resolution: 8.1 Executive Committee Meeting held January 12, 2026
2026.004 **Moved By:** Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held January 12, 2026, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.2 Humboldt & District Museum and Gallery Board
2026.005 **Moved By:** Councillor Karen Siermachesky
Seconded By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

That the Minutes of Humboldt and District Museum & Gallery Board meetings held November 13, 2025, and December 11, 2025, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.3 Humboldt Golf Course Governance Committee
2026.006 **Moved By:** Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the Minutes of Humboldt Golf Course Governance Committee meeting held November 4, 2025, be accepted for information.

CARRIED

Resolution: 8.4 REACT Waste Management District
2026.007

That the Minutes of REACT Waste Management meetings held between December 17, 2024, and December 18, 2025, be accepted for information.

9 Bylaws

10 New Business

Resolution:
2026.008

**10.1 Recommendation- Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk -
City Council appointment to Boards and Committees**

Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

Seconded By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson

That the following Council appointments be made for 2026:

- Humboldt and District Rural Fire Protection Association – Council Representative – Roger Korte
- Reid-Thompson Public Library Board – Council Representative – Karen Siermachesky
- Wapiti Regional Library Board – Council Representative – Karen Siermachesky
- Humboldt and District Museum and Gallery Board – Council Representative – Karen Siermachesky
- REACT Waste Management Authority – Council Representative – Marilyn Scott
- Wakaw-Humboldt Regional Water Supply Committee – Council Representative – Dave Rowe
- Humboldt and District Chamber of Commerce – Council Representative – Sarah McInnis, Alternate Larry Jorgenson
- Lanigan Creek Dellwood Brook Watershed Association – Council Representative – Marilyn Scott
- Bronco Memorials Committee – Council Representatives – Rob Muench and Larry Jorgenson
- Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) – Council Representatives – Roger Korte, Rob Muench, Karen Siermachesky, and Sarah McInnis (Joe Day)
- Sylvite 4-6 (S4-6) – Council Representative – Rob Muench (Joe Day)
- Humboldt Golf Course Governance Committee – Council Representatives – Rob Muench, Larry Jorgenson, Dave Rowe
- Humboldt Health Council – Council Representative – Karen Siermachesky
- Planning District Committee – Council Representative – Rob Muench and Roger Korte
- SUMA Cities Caucus- Council Representative – Dave Rowe

CARRIED

**Resolution: 10.2 Recommendation - Director of Corporate Services - Council
2026.009 appointments to Board and Committees**

Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis

Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That the following appointments be made to the Boards and Committees established under the authority of the City of Humboldt:

- Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery Board (2-yr term expires Jan 31, 2028)
 - Carol McLaren
 - Susan Bellamy
- Reid-Thompson Public Library Board (1-yr term expires Jan 31, 2027)
 - Rhéanne Bédard Schilling
 - Erika Stebbings
 - Linda Salikin-Dufault
 - Cynthia Gaetz
 - Chelsea van der Buhs
- Humboldt Downtown Business Improvement District Board (2-yr term expires Jan 31, 2028)
 - Shelbey Kiefer
 - Evan Gref
 - Kellie McKay
 - Lindsay Ortman
- Golf Course Governance Committee (1-yr term expires Jan 31, 2027)
 - Aaron Baker
 - Dean Hergott
 - Kirk Plemel
 - Dave Hill
- Humboldt Broncos Memorials Committee (2-yr term expires Jan 31, 2028)
 - Laurie Warford

CARRIED

Resolution: 10.3 Recommendation - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk -
2026.010 Council Appointment to City Positions
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That the following appointments to City Positions pursuant to provincial requirements be made for 2026.

- Police Chief – Joe Day
- Community Safety Officer Supervisor – Mike Kwasnica
- Business Licensing Inspector and Community Safety Officer – Justin Tarrant and Bruce Ehalt
- Building inspector and Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Mike Kwasnica
- Building Inspectors from Municode; Clayton Meier, Ryan Thiessen, Travis Elkin, Shenah Cartier, Clint Vargo, Matthew Stepp, Kelsey Rebryna
- Fire Department
Captains – Jason Staniec and Craig Stomp
Lieutenants – Matt Schidlowsky and Tim Kiefer
Secretary/Treasurer – Krista Prunkl
Safety Officer – Jordin Dalsin
- EMO Coordinator – Mike Kwasnica and Bruce Ehalt
- Development Officer – City Manager, Joe Day, and Planning Coordinator Mike Kwasnica
- Board of Revision: Western Municipal Consulting, with the following to serve as members of the Board of Revision: Dave Gurnsey, Dave Thompson, Donna Rae Zadvorny, Gordon Parkinson, Jeff Hutton, Kevin Kleckner, Mike Waschuk, Stew Demmans, Wayne Adams, Ken Friesen, Femi Ogunrinde, Fife Ogunde, Maureen Jickling, Jamie Tiessen, John Krill, Christopher Blueman, Alan Sawatsky, Mike Meleca, Hany Amin, Kimberly Speers, Nick Coroluick, Farrah Ovans, JayDee Mazier, Jordan Boyes, Kenneth Tan, Tyler Shandro, Regan Rayner and Rick Leigh, with Nicolle Hoskins to serve as Secretary to the Board of Revision.
- Development Appeals Board: Sandra Pauli, Frank Carpentieri and David Mueller with remuneration of \$250 per full day & \$125 for ½ day for the Chairman and \$200 per full day & \$100 for ½ day for members
- Pest Control Officers – Darren Whitbread and Murray Knackstedt
- External Auditor – MNP
- City Solicitor – Weber & Gasper Law Office
- City Clerk alternate – Donna Simpson

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.011 10.4 Recommendation - Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk - Municipal Revenue Sharing Eligibility
Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

The Council of the City of Humboldt confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

- Submission of the 2024 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations.
- Submission of the 2024 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations.
- In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes.
- Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw.
- Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and
- All members of council have filed their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and

That we authorize the Director of Corporate Service/ City Clerk to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.012 10.5 Recommendation- Finance Manager - Official Donation Receipt Projects Eligibility
Moved By: Councillor Dave Rowe
Seconded By: Councillor Marilyn Scott

That the following projects be approved as eligible to receive Official Donation Receipts from the City of Humboldt on a continuous basis:

- Broncos Tribute Campaign
- Humboldt Golf Course
- Original Humboldt
- Public Art
- Water Tower
- Gallery

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.013 10.6 Recommendation - Finance Manager - Security Clearance Check Policy
Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That the Security Clearance Check Policy #4505 be rescinded to eliminate the \$25 fee charged for security clearance checks to the residents of the City of Humboldt.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.014 **10.7** **Recommendation - Director of Community & Leisure Services - Enabling Accessibility Fund - Convention Centre Washrooms**
Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That Council authorize Administration to accept funding under the Enabling Accessibility Fund and allocate up to \$50,000 from the Uniplex Reserve to proceed with accessibility upgrades to the Convention Centre washrooms, subject to final grant terms and conditions.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.015 **10.8** **Recommendation - Director of Community & Leisure Services - EPA Enhancement and Expansion Review**
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That Council sole-source the award of a Facility Enhancement and Expansion Twinning Review for the Uniplex to a consultant team comprised of JBB Consultants & Engineering Inc., f-BLOK architecture, and RAM Engineering, at an estimated cost of up to \$70,000, to support informed long-term decision-making related to indoor ice infrastructure, facility renewal, and potential future expansion.

CARRIED

Resolution: 2026.016 **10.9** **Recommendation - Director of Public Works - Collector Roadway Design for Subdivision Development**
Moved By: Councillor Sarah McInnis
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That Allied Infrastructure be awarded a sole-source contract to complete preliminary design drawings for sections of Saskatchewan Avenue, 14th Avenue, and 16th Street, at an estimated cost of \$90,000.

CARRIED

11 **Enquiries**

Councillor Rowe had an inquiry for the Director of Protective Services to discuss concerns raised by residents during the Coffee with Council event. Specifically, the Councillor requested that Community Safety Officers investigate ongoing issues regarding noise disturbances in the downtown area, unauthorized motorized vehicle access on the Nature Trail, and improper use of employee parking stalls at the Uniplex. The Director of Protective Services will discuss these concerns with the Community Safety Officers.

Resolution: 2026.017 **12** **Committee of the Whole**
Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That we sit in a private session as Committee of the Whole, the time being 6:15 p.m.

CARRIED

12.1 Authority

The Committee met under Section 5(4) of Part III of *The Local Authority of Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*.

12.2 Present in the Committee of the Whole

Mayor Rob Muench, Councillor Larry Jorgenson, Councillor Roger Korte, Councillor Sarah McInnis, Councillor Dave Rowe, Councillor Marilyn Scott, Councillor Karen Siermachesky, City Manager Joe Day, Director of Corporate Service/City Clerk Lori Yaworski, Director of Protective Services Mike Kwasnica, Director of Public Works Peter Bergquist, and Marketing and Development Manager, Jarrett Delridge

12.3 Marketing and Development Manager- Bluestone Servicing Agreement

Marketing and Development Manager, Director of Protective Services and Director of Public Work left Council Chambers at 6:50 p.m.

12.4 City Manager - Staffing Position Change

Resolution:
2026.018

12.5 Revert

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That Council revert to the Regular Meeting, the time being 6:54 m.

CARRIED

Resolution:
2026.019

12.6 Recommendation - City Manager - Staffing Position Change

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Dave Rowe

That the City implements the staffing position change as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

Resolution:
2026.020

12.7 Recommendation - Marketing and Development Manager - Bluestone Servicing Agreement for Keystone Place Financial Commitments

Moved By: Councillor Marilyn Scott
Seconded By: Councillor Roger Korte

That this report be accepted for information and filed.

CARRIED

Resolution:
2026.021

13 Adjourn

Moved By: Councillor Larry Jorgenson
Seconded By: Councillor Karen Siermachesky

That we do now adjourn, the time being 6:55 p.m.

CARRIED