Wetaskiwin & Area Lodge Authority
June 24, 2026 @ 9:00am
County of Wetaskiwin Municipal Office

MINUTES

County of Wetaskiwin	Bill Krahn	Ian Ruskowsky (9:45 am)	Barry Clarkson
City of Wetaskiwin	Wayne Neilson	Mark Elder	
Town of Millet	Kelly Kayfish-Winkler (regrets)		
The Bethany Group	Carla Beck	Shannon Holtz	Melodie Stol (recorder)
	Amanda Leckie		

1.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Board Chair Barry Clarkson.	
2.	Review of Agenda **WALA 26-06-01** **MOVED by W. Neilson to approve the June 24, 2026 Agenda as presented.** **CARRIED**	
3.	Approval of Minutes **WALA 26-06-02** **MOVED by M. Elder to approve the May 6, 2026 Regular meeting minutes as presented.** **CARRIED**	
4.	Correspondence	
	a.	
5.	Reports	
	a.	Financial reports for the three months ending May 31, 2026 Statement of Operations revenue shows occupancy better than budget and increased number of eligible residents for the LAP grant. Expenses show higher food costs related to the increase in occupancy. Funds are accruing in salary and benefits for a contract settlement once one is reached. Statement of Financial Position show good cash balances.
	b.	Occupancy Report to May 31, 2026 Peace Hills remains full with a waitlist and is able to fill vacancies consistently. West

		Pine is stable. Discussion on West Pine and the approach to rates after the renovations are completed. Discussion on small lodge grant funding.
	c.	CAO Report AUPE negotiations will now move forward to informal mediation. The total LAP grant for 2026 is $677,622 an increase of $214,620. Highlights of recent lodge activities include Hawaiian event and filling of planter boxes. West Pine residents are very excited about the renovations that are underway. Capital projects updates. Work has begun at West Pines Lodge. A formal request to use all the allocated funds has been made as this was to be a matching grant. After the cabinet shuffle, the new Minister of Assisted Living and Social Services is Nathan Neudorf. A new CEO of ALA will start in July. Waitlist 3 West Pine, 24 Peace Hills. ASCHA regional meeting will be on October 7, and meeting registration will be sent by email when received over the summer. EDI recognition of Pride Month. Discussed summer communications regarding renovation updates. Administration will email as needed. Discussed open house plans at West Pine and inviting the Minister and local MLA's. Important to celebrate with the community. Winfield is celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year.
	WALA 26-06-03	**MOVED by W. Neilson to accept the Reports as information. CARRIED**
6.	New Business	
	a.	Business Plan Submission Reviewed the cover letter and the 2026 Business Plan appendices. The total 3-year CMR request is at $200,000. Reviewed the survey action plans. Discussed survey processes. **WALA 26-06-04** **MOVED by B. Krahn to Approve the Cover Letter and 2026 Business Plan Appendices for submission to the Ministry of Assisted Living and Social Services. CARRIED**

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	b.	Lodge Reserve Fund A lodge reserve contribution of $40,000 has been received from the ministry. **WALA 26-06-05 MOVED by I. Ruskowsky to allocate $40,000 to the Peace Hills Lodge capital maintenance reserve fund. CARRIED**
	c.	2025 Annual Report Reviewed the 2025 Annual Report. Will be sent to member municipalities, local MLA and posted to the website. **WALA 26-06-06 MOVED by B. Krahn to Approve the 2025 Annual Report . CARRIED**
7.	Next Meeting - Wednesday October 14 at 9:00am at County of Wetaskiwin Municipal Offices.	
8.	Adjournment **WALA 26-06-07 MOVED by B. Krahn to adjourn the June 23, 2026 meeting at 10:05 am. CARRIED** **A tour of Peace Hills Lodge followed the meeting.**	

Barry Clarkson, Board Chair
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Carla Beck, CEO
The Bethany Group

Oct 14, 2026
Date

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