



# Resort Village of Manitou Beach

February 26, 2026

## ***Around the Beach!***

Winterfest – what an incredible event! Even with extreme cold temperatures during the week, our community showed up in full force. The Chili Cook-Off was a huge success, Bubbles and Bracelets brought creativity and fun, the trade fair was packed, and the crib tournament kept the competition lively. Most importantly, all events were filled with laughter, connection, and community spirit. A sincere thank you to our volunteers, organizers, sponsors and everyone who participated. Events like this only happen because of you. Cold weather can't freeze Manitou's spirit – and I'm proud to serve as your Mayor!

Following are a few updates from our most recent Council meeting in February:

- Following the delegation presentation from Mr. Garry Jay, Council supported purchase of the Mobi-mats and authorized Administration to proceed with arranging for the purchase with the Chainsaw Carving Committee and Manitou Beach Recreation Board sharing the approximate \$14,000 cost. Placement is yet to be determined; however, this endeavour will greatly improve accessibility to the beach and/or other areas.
- Council granted first reading to a new Code of Ethics Bylaw that expands beyond the current bylaw for clarity and process. Second and third reading will be considered at the next regular meeting.
- Western Municipal Consulting was appointed to be the Board of Revision and Development Appeal Board, which is an annual appointment.
- A three-year agreement with TAXervice was approved to provide property tax enforcement services, which is a renewal of existing services provided to Manitou Beach.
- Property tax enforcement proceedings to collect tax arrears was authorized by Council, pursuant to the legislative requirements.
- Significant reviews of property tax and utility accounts are being undertaken by Administration. Other financial matters are current and up to date, with the audit for the 2025 financial year right around the corner.

The next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

Warm regards,  
Mayor Cheryl Hanson  
Resort Village of Manitou Beach