



# Village of Stirling

September 16, 2015

The Village of Stirling Council meeting held at the Stirling Community Centre on September 16, 2015. In attendance Mayor Nilsson, Councillors Bikman, Edwards, Lewington and Maynes and CAO Selk.

CALLED TO ORDER Mayor Nilsson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER Mayor Nilsson offered prayer.

2015-150 AGENDA Councillor Bikman moved to adopt the agenda as amended adding item 7a(ii)i Randy Bowden, 7a(ii)j Darryl Hutchings, 7f Cemetery Society President Maurice Duncan and 10 closed session. Carried

DELEGATION(S) Axia Customer Relations Jason O'Connor provided a slide show presentation outlining how Stirling could get fibre internet and the benefits and cost for service. O'Connor indicated Axia will install the infrastructure.

2015-151 MINUTES Councillor Maynes moved to adopt the minutes of the September 2, 2015 Council Meeting. Carried

2015-152 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Councillor Lewington moved to accept accounts payable cheque #20150754 and #20150755-20150798. Carried

BYLAW NO. 460-15 Letters  
ANIMAL CONTROL a) Cody Kapcsos  
BYLAW b) Ryan Holt  
c) Judy Lamirand  
d) Angela Quinton  
e) Tracy Selk  
f) Angie Stevenson  
g) Kristina and Andrew Sillito

Delegation

a) Karen Kennedy spoke against changes to Animal Bylaw which would not allow horses. Kennedy had no issue with the amendment to allow chickens on all parcels.

Bill Bier spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw and asked why it was not advertised.

- b) Alexandria Manning spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw including not allowing horses in the front yard or changing parcel size allowed for horses. Manning suggested using “stabling” or “dry lotting” instead of the definition of “pasturable acre”.
- c) Brennan Lightfoot spoke against changing the Animal Bylaw stating that the proposed “pasturable acre” definition would essentially eliminate horses in the community.
- d) Treayn Nielsen spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw that would not allow horses on acre size parcels.
- e) Jeremy Pierzchala spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw that would not allow horses on acre size parcels and asked if existing horse permit holders would be “grandfathered in”.
- f) Jeanne Thibaudeau spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw that would not allow horses on acre size parcels and asked for better definitions on secure fencing and felt the yearly application for a horse permit was too often.
- g) Dan Laurie spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw that would not allow horses on acre size parcels and indicated the reason he recently moved to Stirling was to see animals and have horses. Laurie indicated he is pro horses and chickens.
- h) Amanda Palin was not present.
- i) Randy Bowden spoke in favour of the proposed changes to the Animal Bylaw. He indicated there needs to be a definition of “pasturable acre” and that all members of Council need to be able to vote on this proposed Bylaw.
- j) Daryl Hutchings spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw that would not allow horses on acre size parcels. Hutchings indicated that there is no rationale to change this bylaw as far as horses are involved and that the defining of “pasturable acre” has nothing to do with the care and welfare of the horse. He further indicated that horses in the community are a marketing opportunity.

Cathleen Canfield spoke against changes to the Animal Bylaw that would not allow horses on acre size parcels.

Council tabled the item to the October 7, 2015 Council meeting.

2015-153 BROADBAND  
CONNECTIVITY  
COMMITTEE

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Councillor Lewington moved:

Whereas the Village Council has adopted "Stirling 2020: Celebrate the Past, Create Our Future - Village of Stirling Five Year Strategic Business Plan" and a key priority within that plan is to build "collaborative partnerships within the region to drive economic development and support anticipated growth."

And whereas increasing broadband penetration in a community has been shown to improve both small business growth and home-based business employment opportunities.

And whereas other comparable municipalities in Southern Alberta are actively exploring solutions and partnerships to deliver quality, high speed internet access that pose a potential competitive threat to population growth and development potential in Stirling.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Council forms an adhoc committee of Council to be called the Broadband Connectivity Committee to investigate and provide recommendations on required policies and programs to enable improved access to high speed internet in the community.

And be it further resolved that the Terms of Reference for the committee appended hereto be approved.

Carried

2015-154 BUDGET  
GUIDELINES

Councillor Lewington moved to direct Administration to prepare a Budget Guidelines Policy as outlined in the attachment.

Carried

2015-155 COUNCIL MEETING  
PRAYER

Councillor Lewington moved:

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada on April 15, 2015 provided in **Mouvementlaïquequébécois, et al. v. City of Saguenay, et al.** that "neutrality requires that the state neither favour nor hinder any particular belief, and the same holds true for non-belief. It requires that the state abstain from taking any position and thus avoid adhering to a particular belief."

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Village Council amends its standing consent agenda for regular Council meetings to remove the recitation of a prayer.

And be it further resolved that the Village Council adds a new

standing agenda item titled "Recognition" for acknowledgement and celebration of key community events, contributions or accomplishments in place of a prayer.

Carried

COMPLIANCE  
POLICY #020-15

Council tabled the item to the October 21, 2015 Council meeting.

STIRLING  
MEMORIAL  
CEMETERY  
SOCIETY

Cemetery Society President Maurice Duncan reported on irrigation for other southern Alberta cemeteries. Duncan reported on options being looked at for the Stirling Cemetery.

Council discussed irrigation in the Stirling Cemetery. Council will gather additional information.

ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Lewington discussed the upcoming Ridge Country Housing Board meeting. Lewington reported there could be a free Health and Safety audit available through WCB.

Councillor Edwards reported on the Community Futures meeting and that the RWSC meeting had been rescheduled till October.

Mayor Nilsson nothing to report.

Councillor Bikman nothing to report.

Councillor Maynes reported the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Authority is considering spending the remainder of the regional grant to hire another group to look at best practices.

2015-156 CLOSED SESSION

Councillor Bikman moved to go into closed session at 8:51 p.m., as per section 16 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

2015-157

Councillor Edwards moved to come out of closed session at 9:07 p.m.

Carried

2015-158 CORRESPONDENCE  
AND ITEMS FOR  
INFORMATION

Mayor Nilsson moved to accept the correspondence as information, as presented.

Carried

  
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Mayor

  
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CAO