



STIRLING
Village of Stirling
Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026 - Regular Meeting of Council - 07:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Stirling was held in the Council Chambers, located at the Stirling Community Centre/Lions Hall at 409 - 2 Street, on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes, Councillors Justin Davis, Matthew Foss, and Nikole Norris

CAO, Scott Donselaar
Municipal Clerk, Aletta Lightfoot

1. Regular Council Meeting – Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2026-109

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Delegation 3.1: Brad Hyggen

3. Delegations

3.1 Brad Hyggen

Mr. Hyggen addressed Council regarding the 2026 Budget, highlighting areas where expenditures could be reduced. He noted current economic pressures, including rising costs of basic necessities, and encouraged Council to closely review audits and financial reports to help minimize property tax impacts while maintaining fiscal responsibility and transparency.

3.2 Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation

The Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation presented its “Bringing Hearts Home” campaign, a \$30 million fundraising initiative to establish a Southern Alberta Cardiac Centre of Excellence. The project aims to improve access to cardiac care, reduce the need for travel, and enhance local diagnostic and treatment services, supported in part by provincial funding. They are currently accepting donations to help fund this campaign and tax receipts are available.

3.3 Bill Bier

Mr. Bier proposed reducing the speed limit on 8 Avenue (between Hwy 846 and 8 Street) from 80 km/h to 50 km/h to align with surrounding roads. He cited increased pedestrian and cycling traffic and expressed concerns about potential safety risks.

3.4 MWG Chartered Professional Accountants

Hayden Wilde presented the 2025 Municipal Audit for Council’s information. He, along with Raymond Chief Financial Officer Clark Holt, responded to questions from Council.

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3.5 MWG Chartered Professional Accountants Delegation

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To accept the 2025 Municipal Financial Audit report as presented.

Carried

4. Recognition

Council recognizes the upcoming Honoured Guest Party, being held on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the LDS Chapel (413 – 3 Street). Community members aged 65 and over are invited to attend. The gathering will begin at 5:00 p.m., followed by a banquet at 6:00 p.m.

5. Minutes

2026-111

5.1 Adoption of Council Minutes – April 1, 2026

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 1, 2026 be approved as amended.

Carried

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no new business arising from the approved Council Minutes.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed the Motion Tracker.

6. Financial Items

2026-112

6.1 Accounts Payable

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable:

- Cheque #20260028 to Cheque #20260033,
- EFT #20266273 to EFT #20266298

be approved.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2026-113

7.1 Brad Hyggen Delegation

Moved By: Councillor Norris

That Council, in alignment with the Strategic Plan, direct Administration to conduct a comprehensive review of municipal organizational revenues and expenses, and present the findings prior to the commencement of the July 31, 2026 budget discussions.

Carried

2026-114

7.2 Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation Delegation

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That Council table the delegation discussion from the Chinook Regional Hospital Foundation to a

September 2026 Council meeting, and direct Administration to gather additional information from AB Munis and surrounding municipalities for further consideration.

Carried

2026-115

7.3 Bill Bier Delegation

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To direct Administration to work with the County of Warner towards reducing the speed limit on 8 Avenue (between Hwy 846 and 8 Street) to 50 km/hr.

Carried

2026-116

7.4 2026 Operating Budget

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That Council direct Administration to reduce the surplus of \$48,355.50 to as close to \$0.00 as possible, with the intent of reducing the 2026 property tax mill rate.

Carried

7.5 Bylaw 567-26: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw

2026-117

7.5.1 Bylaw 567-26: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw - Second Reading

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 567-26: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried

2026-118

7.5.2 Bylaw 567-26: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw - Third and Final Reading

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To provide Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 567-26: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried

2026-119

7.6 Bylaw 566-26: Residential Assessment Sub-Classes Bylaw

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 566-26: Residential Assessment Sub-Classes Bylaw, as presented.

Carried

2026-120

7.7 Office Space Lease Agreement with Ridge Utilities Ltd.

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To direct Mayor Barton and the CAO to sign the lease agreement with Ridge Utilities Ltd. for office space rental subject to the terms of the prepared agreement.

Carried

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7.8 Management Services Agreement with Ridge Utilities Ltd.

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To direct Mayor Barton and the CAO to sign the management services agreement as presented.

Carried

2026-122

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes:

- Chinook Arch Regional Library System
 - reviewed budget and policies
 - requesting levy be changed (decreased it earlier, looking to bring it back)
- Community Events Committee
 - Meeting coming up
 - Settler Days t-shirt design

Councillor Justin Davis:

- Ridge Country Housing Authority
 - Meeting next week
- Ridge Utilities Ltd.
 - Meeting next week

Councillor Matthew Foss:

- Nothing to report

Councillor Nikole Norris:

- Nothing to report

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10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 Government of Alberta

10.2 Alberta Municipal Affairs

10.3 Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission

10.4 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

10.5 Mayors & Reeves

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11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Norris

To highlight the following from this Council Meeting for immediate public release:

- Reduction in the 2026 Property Tax Mill Rate
- Chinook Regional Hospital Delegation: Bringing Home Hearts Campaign
- Best attended Council meeting in 2026 – thank you for everyone who attended!
- Council is committed to its residents and their concerns, and through the strategic plan will be looking at the municipal organizations' expenses and revenues

Carried

2026-125

12. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Norris

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 6th day of May 2026.



Mayor - Scott Barton



CAO - Scott Donselaar