



Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023 - 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 19, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, Deputy Mayor Larry Nilsson, Councillors Gary Bikman, Devynn Bohn, and Matthew Foss

CAO, Scott Donselaar
Municipal Clerk, Aletta Lightfoot

1. Regular Council Meeting – Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

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2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Discussion Item 7.5: Honoured Guest Party
- Item 11: Closed Session

3. Recognition

Council extends appreciation to the Stirling Fire Rescue Association for hosting their annual Easter pancake breakfast on April 8th and providing a range of family-friendly activities outside including gift bags for children in attendance.

The Village of Stirling would like to thank Former Assistant Fire Chief Michelle Higginson for her dedication to the Stirling Fire Department and building the training department over her 5 years with the department.

3.1 Presentation to Former Assistant Fire Chief Michelle Higginson

4. Delegation:

4.1 Mercer Wilde Group - 2022 Audited Financial Statements

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4.1.1 Delegation Mercer Wilde Group - 2022 Audited Financial Statements

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

To formally accept the 2022 Audited Financial Statement as amended by Hayden Wilde, CPA of the Mercer Wilde Group.

Carried

- 2023-119 **5. Minutes**
- 5.1 Adoption of Minutes – April 5, 2023**
- Moved By:** Councillor Bikman
- That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 5, 2023 be approved as presented.
- 2023-120 **5.2 Library Board AGM Minutes March 31, 2023**
- Moved By:** Councillor Bikman
- That the minutes of the Library Board AGM held on March 31, 2023 be approved as presented.
- 5.3 Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 5.4 Motion Tracker**
- 6. Financial Items**
- 2023-121 **6.1 Accounts Payable - #20230327 - #20230349**
- Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Nilsson
- That accounts payable cheque No. 20230327 to cheque No. 20230349 be approved.
- 2023-122 **6.2 Bank Reconciliation: March 2023**
- Moved By:** Councillor Foss
- That the Bank Reconciliation for March 2023 be approved.
- Carried
- 2023-123 **6.3 Budget Report**
- Moved By:** Councillor Foss
- That the Budget Report dated April 14, 2023 be accepted as information.
- Carried
- 7. Items for Discussion**
- 7.1 Bylaw 536-23: 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw**
- 2023-124 **7.1.1 Bylaw 536-23: Tax Rate Bylaw - First Reading**
- Moved By:** Councillor Foss
- To provide first reading to Bylaw 536-23: 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw.
- Carried
- 2023-125 **7.1.2 Bylaw 536-23: 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw - Requisition Breakdown**
- Moved By:** Councillor Bikman
- To direct Administration to provide transparency in the tax notice, by including a mill rate breakdown directly within the tax notice, of the following requisitions:
- Provincial Policing cost
 - RRPSSC (Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission)
 - FCSS (Family and Community Support Services)
 - ORRSC (Oldman River Regional Services Commission)

Carried

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7.2 Ball Diamond Fencing Quotes

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

To direct Administration to conduct a safety inspection of baseball diamond fencing and incorporate fencing costs into Operations' budget as it allows.

Carried

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7.3 Reciprocal Business License Memorandum of Understanding

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To approve the Village of Stirling's continued participation in the reciprocal business license agreement and direct Administration to enter into the amended agreement as presented.

Carried

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7.4 Honoured Guest Party

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To approve a donation of \$250.00 to Stirling First Ward for the Honoured Guest Party.

Carried

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8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Attended the grand opening of Hickory Street in their new Lethbridge location on April 6th. Great to see this Stirling business grow and expand to another market.
- Attended meeting with Silverfox Developments on April 6th to explore opportunities for collaboration and growth.
- Attended the Stirling Fire Rescue Association Pancake Breakfast on April 8th to serve attendees and assist volunteers with the event.
- Attended the Annual Conference of Economic Developers Alberta and moderated a series of panel discussions from April 12-14.
- Participated in an interview with CBC regarding historical alcohol prohibition in our region and changes in neighbouring communities over the last few years.
- Attended a meeting of and roundtable discussion with the Stirling Fire Department with the CAO on April 17.

Deputy Mayor Nilsson

- Historical Society
 - 1 grant for a summer student
 - (40hrs/wk for 12 weeks)
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) - All Councils Meeting & Dinner
 - Presentations from Stirling: Elaine Berthiaume and Heidi Hall

Councillor Bikman:

- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commissions (CMRSWSC)
 - Improving focus on costs
 - Operating efficiently
- Tourism and Economic Development Committee (TED)
 - Possibility of creating a Village ambassador
 - Signs/displays/banners to draw people in
 - Pool

Councillor Bohn:

- Community Events Committee (CEC)
 - Community Garage Sale - May 27
 - Adding community events: car show, craft sale, etc.
 - Settler Days discussions

Councillor Foss:

- 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 RRPSSC

10.2 Town of Raymond

10.3 Land & Property Rights Tribunal

10.4 Census

10.5 Town of Tofield

10.6 MP Motz - 2023 Budget Survey Results

10.7 Ridge Country Housing - 2023 Operating Budget

10.8 Mayors & Reeves

11. Closed Session: Section 21 and 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

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11.1 Motion to Enter Closed

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 21 and 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

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11.2 Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To come out of Closed Session at 8:38 p.m.

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12. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

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

- 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw - Approved First Reading
- Audited 2022 Financials - Clean Report
- Pool - Summer Season Plans

Carried

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13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.


These minutes to be approved on the 3rd of May 2023.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 3rd of May 2023.



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar