



Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 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 5, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Lewington, Councillors Gary Bikman 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 7:01 p.m.

2023-098

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Discussion Item 7.8: Economic Development Week Proclamation May 8 to 12

Carried

3. Recognition

Council extends appreciation to the Stirling School and other community volunteers for hosting the Girls 1A Basketball Provincial Championship with great feedback from participants.

Council extends a Happy Birthday to CAO Donselaar (and for spending his birthday in a Council Meeting with us.)

4. Delegation:

4.1 S.T.A.R.S Representatives

5. Minutes

2023-099

5.1 Adoption of Minutes – March 15, 2023

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 15, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

2023-100

5.2 Tourism and Economic Development Committee March 15 Minutes

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development meeting held on March 15, 2023 be approved as presented.

Carried

5.2.1 Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed and discussed.

6. Financial Items

2023-101

6.1 Accounts Payable - #20230264 - #20230314

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable cheque No. 20230264 to cheque No. 20230314 be approved.

Carried

2023-102

6.2 Budget Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the Budget Report dated March 31, 2023 be accepted as information.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2023-103

7.1 Public Visionary Session

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

To table to the May 3, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

2023-104

7.2 Municipally Controlled Corporation – Annual Financial Statements

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That Council receive the 2022 annual financial statements submitted by Ridge Utilities Ltd. as information in compliance with Section 75.2 (1) of Alberta's Municipal Government Act with respect to municipally controlled corporations. Further moved that Council also accept the accompanying operations report of the corporation as information.

Carried

2023-105

7.3 2022 to 2025 Strategic Business Plan Highlights Sheet

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To accept the 2022 to 2025 Highlight Sheet as information.

Carried

2023-106

7.4 Mill Rate Spread Sheet and Requisitions

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

To table to the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

7.5 Bylaw 534-23: Fees Rates and Charges Bylaw Amendment

2023-107

7.5.1 Bylaw 534-23: Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw - Second Reading

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To provide second reading to Bylaw 534-23: Amendment of Bylaw 531-22: Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

Carried

2023-108

7.5.2 Bylaw 534-23: Fees Rates and Charges Bylaw Amendment - Third and Final Reading

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To provide third and final reading to Bylaw 534-23: Amendment of Bylaw 531-22: Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

Carried

2023-109

7.6 ATB Review

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That Council direct Administration to complete only the required operational training for the ATB Agency and, if requested, provide communication to ATB that a viable plan for operating in a cost-efficient manner is required prior to Village staff completing non-compliance training.

Carried

2023-110

7.7 Economic Development Week Proclamation May 8 to 12, 2023

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

to proclaim May 8 to 12, 2023, As Economic Development Week and further proclaim:

Whereas, communities rely on economic development professionals to promote economic well-being and quality of life; for communities like Stirling that means coordinating activities that create, retain, and expand jobs in order to facilitate growth, enhance wealth, and provide a stable tax base; and

Whereas, economic developers stimulate and incubate entrepreneurship in order to help establish the next generation of new businesses, which is the hallmark of Alberta's economy; and

Whereas, economic developers are engaged in a wide variety of settings including rural and urban, local, state, provincial, and federal governments, public-private partnerships, chambers of commerce, universities, and a variety of other institutions; and

Whereas, economic developers attract and retain high-quality jobs, develop vibrant communities, and improve the quality of life in their regions; and

Whereas, economic developers work in the Village of Stirling within the Province of Alberta.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Stirling, Alberta recognizes May 8 through May 12, 2023 as Economic Development Week, and reminds individuals of the importance of this community celebration which supports expanding business opportunities and making lives better.

Carried

2023-111

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Provided opening remarks for the ASAA Provincials - 1A Girls Basketball during the Opening Ceremony on March 16. Stirling School did a great job hosting the event.
- Hosted the Quarterly Four Mayors Meeting (Cardston, Magrath, Stirling and Raymond) on Friday, March 17. Country Barn provided the catering.
- Participated in the Annual General Meeting for Ridge Utilities Ltd on Monday, March 20.
- I attended the SouthGrow Economic Development Forum on Thursday, March 30 and moderated the panel discussion on Investment Attraction.

Councillor Bikman:

- Community Futures

Councillor Foss:

- Nothing to report

2023-112

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 FCSS

10.2 AHS

10.3 National Public Works Week

10.4 Town of Raymond - Annexation

10.5 Alberta Municipal Affairs

10.6 Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services

10.7 Town of Barrhead

10.8 Alberta Municipal Affairs - Joint Use and Planning Agreement

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

2023-113

11.1 Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act at 8:02 p.m.

Carried

2023-114

11.2 Motion to Come out of Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To come out of Closed Session at 8:53 p.m.

Carried

2023-115

12. Council Highlights

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

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

- S.T.A.R.S. cheque presentation
- Progress with Ridge Utilities - building portfolio
- Happy Birthday Scott!

Carried

2023-116

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bikman


That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 19th day of April 2023.



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar