



STIRLING

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2025 - 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, December 17, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Barton, Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes, Councillors Justin Davis 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.

2025-358

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Recognition

4. Delegations

4.1 S.T.A.R.S.

Jackie Seely, Donor Relations and Development Officer for STARS, presented an annual report delegation to Council. She presented an overview of its mission to provide critical care to rural and remote communities, its regional service activity, and funding model. Council was thanked for the Village of Stirling's current per-capita contribution, and a request was made for a four-year funding commitment (2026–2029) at \$1.50 per capita to support continued STARS services.

2025-359

4.1.1 S.T.A.R.S. - Motion

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That Council approve an increase in funding to STARS Air Ambulance from \$1.00 per capita to a fixed rate of \$1.50 per capita per year for the period of 2026 to 2029 for a yearly contribution of \$1,750.00 each year.

Carried

5. Minutes

2025-360

5.1 Adoption of Council Minutes – December 3, 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on December 3, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed the Motion Tracker.

6. Financial Items

2025-361

6.1 Accounts Payable

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That accounts payable:

- Cheque #20250136 to Cheque #20250139,
- EFT #1489 to EFT #1512

excepting EFT #1492 and EFT #1498, be approved.

Carried

2025-362

6.1.1 Accounts Payable - EFT #1492

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable EFT #1492 be approved.

Mayor Barton abstained

Carried

2025-363

6.1.2 Accounts Payable - EFT #1498

Moved By: Mayor Barton

That accounts payable EFT #1498 be approved.

Deputy Mayor Maynes abstained

Carried

2025-364

6.2 Bank Reconciliation: November 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the Bank Reconciliation for November 2025 be approved.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2025-365

7.1 Ridge Utilities Board Member Appointments

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To appoint Trevor Lewington, Brad Cornish, Kurtis Pratt, and Edwin Quinteros to the Ridge Utilities Board.

Carried

7.2 Bylaw 562-25: Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw

2025-366

7.2.1 Bylaw 562-25: Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw - First Reading

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To provide First Reading to Bylaw 562-25: Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw, as presented.

Carried

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7.2.2 Bylaw 562-25: Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw - Second Reading

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 562-25: Regional Assessment Review Board Bylaw, as presented.

Carried

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8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Scott Barton:

- December 4 - Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) Board Meeting and Orientation - New Executive Board Elected, Financial Review - 2026 Budget Approval, Village Membership Fees increasing from \$15,275.63 to \$16,441.73 (change \$1,166.10).
- December 5 - Mayor's and Reeves Meeting - MLA Grant Hunter report was the majority of the meeting - I forwarded a copy of the briefing notes to Council and Administration. Hunter's report was a very detailed review of the Legislatures activities. - SouthGrow, Investment and Trade Initiative
- December 8 - Village Christmas Festival - Excellent Festival
- December 9 - Medicine Hat - Warner - Cardston MP Municipal Meeting - the meeting involve highlights from each community - Discussion on Bill C-9
- December 9 - AB Munis - Building your Grant Calendar Webinar (David Kincaid) - this was an excellent webinar sponsored by AB Munis - have projects defined, find the right Grant for your project, meet with the agency, write the application - the session provide a complete 200 page booklet of Grant programs and tools to view successful applications, and a lot more. It was a fantastic workshop and I have extensive experience in grant writing. Go to <https://www.abmunis.ca/events/grants-your-municipality-your-2026-grant-calendar>, from that page you can watch the video recording.
- December 12 - Group of 4 Mayors/CAO Meeting - YOLO Nomads (Luke Panek), Joint Community Marketing between the four Communities, excellent exposure for the cost - JUPA, Joint Use and Planning Agreements with Westwind School Division - Provincial Police Funding to increase by 59% - Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Commission concerns over governance, new study showing the same strategic priorities as the last study, but still a lack of desire to move forward to meet the needs of the Urban Communities - AB Muni Initiative Property Taxes - Engineering Services discussion.

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes:

- Chinook Arch Regional Library System
 - Board Meeting
 - Updating policies
- Stirling Christmas Festival
- Community Events Committee
 - next meeting will be February 5, 2026

Councillor Justin Davis:

- Ridge Water Services Commission
- SouthGrow
 - digital meeting
 - Asia
 - prioritizing Alberta as a major business hub

Councillor Matthew Foss:

- Ridge Water Services Commission
 - Rick Lowry is semi-retiring
 - Blake Atwood - internal hire
 - Raising water prices by \$0.02
- Stirling Christmas Festival
 - Gingerbread house judging

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10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC)

10.2 Municipal Affairs

10.3 Alberta Municipalities

10.4 AltaLink

10.5 Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)

10.6 Holiday Greetings

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11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Davis

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

- Thank you to all the volunteers for your help with the Christmas Festival
- S.T.A.R.S. presentation
- Merry Christmas

Carried


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12. Adjournment


That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 7th day of January 2026.



Mayor - Scott Barton



CAO - Scott Donselaar