



# STIRLING

## Village of Stirling

### Meeting Minutes

February 18, 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, February 18, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Barton, 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 7:02 p.m.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- To add the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department as a Delegation
- To add Discussion Item 7.6: Community Events Committee - Resignation of a Committee Member

#### 3. Recognition

Council would like to congratulate Caleb Bruce, Landon Foss, and Greyson Wilde of the Zone 1 Wrestling Team on their bronze medal win at the Alberta Winter Games in Cold Lake last weekend.

Council would like to recognize Eliza Yawney for her help and support with the FCSS Gather and Connect Women's Conference on Friday, February 14 at the Community Centre.

Council would like to congratulate Brant Tidmarsh on his promotion to Deputy Chief of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you for your dedication, on-going training, and continued service to our community.

#### 4. Delegations

##### 4.1 Stirling Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Chief Nicole Mrak promoted Brant Tidmarsh as the new Deputy Chief of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department.

##### 4.2 Muni311 - Greg Robinson

Greg Robinson presented a new system for community organizations called Muni311.ca. He created the business as a way to identify and help support municipalities, small businesses, and non-profit organizations that are facing growing complexities, internal capacity issues, increasing compliance and economic pressures, as well as time limitations.

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The key is to assist with the workloads of senior Administration staff, executive directors, and municipal teams by providing on-demand advisory and AI (artificial intelligence) - enabled support without adding staff or increasing current workloads. It blends real-world experience with practical AI tools for strong operations and decision-making while supporting good governance.

**5. Minutes**

2026-049

**5.1 Adoption of Council Minutes – February 4, 2026**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davis

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 4, 2026 be approved as amended.

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**

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**6.1 Accounts Payable**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

That accounts payable:

- Cheque #20260013 to Cheque #20260017
- EFT #20266113 to EFT #20266133

be approved.

Carried

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**6.2 Bank Reconciliation: January 2026**

**Moved By:** Councillor Foss

That the Bank Reconciliation for January 2026 be approved.

Carried

**7. Items for Discussion**

**7.1 MAP Requirement Bylaw 564-26: to amend Bylaw 558-25: Electronic Council Meeting Bylaw**

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**7.1.1 MAP Requirement Bylaw 564-26: to amend Bylaw 558-25: Electronic Council Meeting Bylaw - Second Reading**

**Moved By:** Councillor Foss

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 534-26: Amending Bylaw 558-25: Electronic Council Meetings Bylaw.

Carried

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**7.1.2 Bylaw 564-26: Amending Bylaw 558-25: Electronic Council Meeting Bylaw - Third and Final Reading**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

To provide Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 534-26 amending Bylaw 558-25 Electronic Council Meeting Bylaw.

Carried

2026-054                    **7.2   Raymond RCMP Policing Priorities**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

To direct Administration to develop and distribute an online community survey to gather resident feedback regarding RCMP responsibilities, visibility, and engagement within the community, and present the survey results at the March 4, 2026 regular meeting of Council to help inform policing priorities.

Carried

**7.3   Alberta Municipalities Call for Resolutions**

2026-055                    **7.4   Subdivision Referral 2026-02-014**

**Moved By:** Councillor Davis

To accept subdivision referral 2026-0-014 as information.

Carried

2026-056                    **7.5   Appointment to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee**

**Moved By:** Mayor Barton

To appoint Wayne Lowry to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee, and to thank Josh Shockey for his time and service to the Tourism and Economic Development Committee upon his removal.

Carried

2026-057                    **7.6   Community Events Committee - Member Resignation**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

To remove Jan Pozdnekoff from the Community Events Committee as per her discussion with Committee Chair Stacey Maynes.

Carried

2026-058                    **8.   CAO Report**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

2026-059                    **8.1   AI Policy**

**Moved By:** Mayor Barton

That Council direct Administration to assess the needs, opportunities, and risks associated with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), and further develop a policy governing the responsible, secure, and ethical use of AI within the organization.

Carried

**9.   Council Committee Meeting Reports**

Mayor Scott Barton:

- February 6 - Mayors and Reeves Meeting - sent information to Council via email.
- February 17 - Meeting with Greg Robinson regarding his Muni311 proposal
- February 18 - ABmunis - Villages South Meeting - the meeting provided an information update on ABmunis recent activities and current affairs highlighting:
  - Building Communities Strong Fund
  - Provincial Budget release - the message was that it will be bleak for municipalities, additional FCSS funding may be the only positive, ABmunis is holding a webinar on February 22 at 3pm to provide us with an impact overview.
  - ABmunis - Advocacy Tool Kit was discussed - very helpful when preparing to meet with Provincial Ministries.
  - Police Funding Model and its challenges was discussed including an additional fee for each service call (big concerns expressed over the implications of this).
  - ERP/Solid Waste implications??? A lot of confusion around this.
  - Housing Accelerator Fund - small community stream (CMHC) - talk is that there will be another opening for funding under this program
  - Be prepared for the provincial budget to be very bleak for municipalities.

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes:

- Community Events Committee
  - First meeting with newly appointed members
  - Starting to plan for Settler Days
- Regional Emergency Management Association (REMA)
  - Regional Advisory Meeting
- Ridge Utilities
  - Board Training
- Chinook Arch Regional Library System (CARLS)

Councillor Justin Davis:

- Nothing to report

Councillor Matthew Foss:

- Stirling Library Board
  - Working towards an agreement

Councillor Nikole Norris:

- Community Events Committee
  - First meeting with newly appointed members
  - Starting to plan for Settler Days
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
  - Cheers for Volunteers Awards

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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 Police Funding Model

### 10.2 Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC)

### 10.3 Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)

### 10.4 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

### 10.5 Chinook Arch Regional Library System (CARLS)

### 10.6 Municipal Affairs

### 10.7 Alberta Capital Finance Authority

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**11. Council Highlights**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

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

- Congratulations to Brant Tidmarsh on his promotion to Deputy Fire Chief
- Policing Engagement Survey forthcoming – keep your eyes open
- Provincial Policing is collected by the Village of Stirling and paid straight back to the Province of Alberta. Here are the numbers from Provincial Police Funding Model for the next five years (all figures are subject to revision):
  - 2026-2027 - Stirling's cost: \$81,423.21
  - 2027-2028 - Stirling's cost: \$95,931.34
  - 2028-2029 - Stirling's cost: \$113,632.38
  - 2029-2030 - Stirling's cost: \$133,783.02
  - 2030-2031 - Stirling's cost: \$158,554.81

Carried

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**12. Adjournment**


**Moved By:** Councillor Norris

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 4th day of March 2026.

  
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Mayor - Scott Barton

  
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CAO - Scott Donselaar