



STIRLING
Village of Stirling
Meeting Minutes

February 4, 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 4, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Barton, Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes, Councillors 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.

2026-029

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Recognition

Council would like to recognize Trevor Lewington for his help in facilitating Councils' Strategic Planning sessions.

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Minutes

2026-030

5.1 Adoption of Council Minutes – January 21, 2026

Moved By: Councillor Norris

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 21, 2026 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 and discussed the Motion Tracker.

6. Financial Items

2026-031	<p>6.1 Accounts Payable</p> <p>Moved By: Mayor Barton</p> <p>That accounts payable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheque #20260005 to Cheque #20260012 • EFT #6035 to EFT #6060 and, • EFT #6074 to EFT# 6099 <p>excepting EFT #6090 and EFT #6095, be approved.</p>	Carried
2026-032	<p>6.2 Budget Report</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Norris</p> <p>That the Budget Report dated January 30, 2026 be accepted as information.</p>	Carried
	<p>7. Items for Discussion</p>	
2026-033	<p>7.1 Community Events Committee - Applicants</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes</p> <p>To appoint Janice Pozdnekoff, Nicole Mrak, and Camille Tidmarsh to the Community Events Committee, and to further thank Mike Amen for his time and service to the Committee upon his removal.</p>	Carried
2026-034	<p>7.2 Municipal Audit Program Review Update</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes</p> <p>To accept the Municipal Audit Program (MAP) Review Update as information.</p>	Carried
2026-035	<p>7.3 MAP Requirement - Municipal Office Address</p> <p>Moved By: Mayor Barton</p> <p>To approve the address of 237 - 4 Avenue, Stirling, Alberta as the address of the Village Administration Office.</p>	Carried
2026-036	<p>7.4 MAP Requirement - Approval of Policy 25-19: Public Participation Policy</p> <p>Moved By: Mayor Barton</p> <p>To approve Policy 25-19: Public Participation Policy.</p>	Carried
2026-037	<p>7.5 MAP Requirement – Amendment to the Organizational Meeting Minutes of October</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Norris</p> <p>To amend <i>Motion 2025-302 agenda item 3.4 Council Meeting Times</i>, having been previously moved by Councillor Davis, to read “<i>That the Village of Stirling Council hold regular Council</i></p>	

Meetings On the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., located in Council Chambers at 409 - 2 Street, Stirling AB, and;" and to further direct Administration bring forward the amended minutes to the February 18, 2026 regular Council meeting for approval.

Carried

2026-038 **7.6 MAP Requirement - Appointment of Municipal Auditor**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

Councillor Foss arrived at 7:24 p.m.

To appoint MWG Chartered Professional Accountants as the Village of Stirling Auditor.

Carried

2026-039 **7.7 Accounts Payable - EFT #6090 & EFT #6095**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That accounts payable EFT #6090 and EFT #6095 be approved.

Councillor Norris abstained

Carried

2026-040 **7.8 MAP Requirement Bylaw 564-26: to amend Bylaw 558-25: Electronic Council Meeting Bylaw**

Moved By: Councillor Foss

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

Carried

2026-041 **8. CAO Report**

Moved By: Councillor Norris

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Scott Barton

- January 28, 2026 - Community Futures Board meeting
 - I have been appointed to two Committees, the Executive and Finance Committee.
- January 30 and 31st, 2026 - Council Strategic Planning Session
- February 2, 2026 - Stirling Lions Meeting
 - David Cocks will be making arrangement with administration to meet with Council on February 18th to discuss the Historical Kiosk, Flower Barrels, and walking path maintenance by the Creek and Fish Pond (Mowing and weed suppression)
 - There was discussions on Citizen of the Month Award, Casino Planning (February 20 & 21), and Community Centre requirements for repairs and maintenance.
 - I was asked what the Village Policy is and how the Club can trigger needed repairs and maintenance. After the meeting Councillor Davis and I discussed the level of care taken at the Centre.
- Alberta Municipalities has asked me to serve on their Finance and Economy Committee

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes

- January 30 and 31st, 2026 - Council Strategic Planning Session
- Ridge Utilities training

Councillor Foss:

- January 30 and 31st, 2026 - Council Strategic Planning Session
- Stirling Library Board
 - Working towards an agreement towards being legislatively compliant

Councillor Norris

- January 30 and 31st, 2026 - Council Strategic Planning Session
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)

2026-042

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the following correspondence be accepted as information, and further direct Administration to prepare a letter to the Honourable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, regarding the provincial Police Funding Model and the concerns it poses for municipalities with populations under 5,000, including rising policing costs and long-term municipal sustainability.

Carried

10.1 Chinook Arch Library Regional System

10.2 Town of Cardston

11. Closed Session: Section 19, Third Party Business Interests, of the Access to Information Act, Statutes of Alberta, 2024, Chapter A-1.4 Privacy Act

2026-043

11.1 Motion to Enter into Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Norris

To enter into Closed Session as per Section 19 of the Access to Information Act, Statutes of Alberta, 2024, Chapter A-1.4 Privacy Act at 7:48 p.m.

Carried

2026-044

11.2 Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To come out of Closed Session at 8:24 p.m.

Carried

2026-045

11.3 Motion from Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Norris

That Council direct Administration to formally decline the offer as presented, while reaffirming Council's support for the establishment of a physician in the community, and further direct Administration to assist the clinic in identifying potential grant opportunities, including through engagement with the local MLA, and to provide appropriate political and advocacy support where possible.

Carried

2026-046

12. Council Highlights

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

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

- Municipal Audit Program (MAP) review
- Thank you, Stirling! The Community Events Committee has their volunteers!

- Correspondence from the Town of Cardston: concern for smaller municipalities facing rising policing costs and sustainability challenges

Carried

2026-047

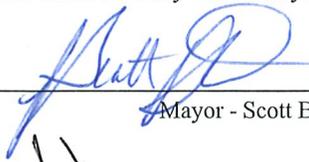
13. Adjournment

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 18th day of February 2026.



Mayor - Scott Barton



CAO - Scott Donselaar