



STIRLING

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

February 5, 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, February 5, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, Deputy Mayor Larry Nilsson, Councillors Gary Bikman, Justin Davis, and Matthew Foss

ORRSC Senior Planner, Bonnie Brunner
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.

2025-021

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- 7.7: Motion Arising from Committee of the Whole

Carried

3. Recognition

Council recognizes Denton Michelson for his pioneering work with the Lethbridge Police Service to develop the TEMS - tactical emergency medical support - program improving safety for LPS service members and the community.

Council extends appreciation to Bonnie Brunner of the Oldman River Regional Services Commission for her continued dedication and support. Ms. Brunner has helped the Village to complete the modernization and updating of important development bylaws including: Intermunicipal Development Plan, Municipal Development Plan and the Land Use Bylaw.

4. Delegations

There were no delegations.

5. Minutes

2025-022

5.1 Adoption of Minutes – January 15, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 15, 2025 be approved as amended.

Carried

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed the motion tracker.

6. Financial Items

2025-023

6.1 Accounts Payable

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That accounts payable Cheque - #20250007 - #20250009, #20250011 - #20250013, #20250015 - #20250016, EFT #357- EFT #363, and EFT# 379 - EFT#383, EFT #390 - EFT #401, excepting EFT #379, be approved.

Carried

2025-024

6.1.1 Accounts Payable - EFT #379

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable EFT #379 be approved.

Councillor Davis abstained

Carried

2025-025

6.2 Budget Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the Budget Report dated January 31, 2025 be accepted as information.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

7.1 Bylaw 549-24 Land Use Bylaw

2025-026

7.1.1 Bylaw 549-24: Land Use Bylaw - Second Reading

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 549-24 Land Use Bylaw as amended.

Carried

2025-027

7.1.2 Bylaw 549-24: Land Use Bylaw - Third and Final Reading

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To provide Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 549-24 Land Use Bylaw, thereby repealing Bylaw 415-08.

ORRSC Senior Planner Bonnie Brunner left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Carried

2025-028

7.2 Vacant Space of Former Bowling Alley

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To direct Administration to send out communication and conduct a survey to gather public feedback on potential ideas for renovating and reusing the old Bowling Alley space.

Carried

2025-029 **7.3 Joint Use Planning Agreement**

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That Council approve in principle the Joint Use Planning Agreement (JUPA), acknowledging that further negotiation regarding the use agreement will be required prior to final approval, and that the agreement is subject to the alignment and approval of both the Town of Raymond and the County of Warner.

Carried

2025-030 **7.4 Proposed Library Board Appointment**

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To appoint Cordena Bingham, Veneta Cooper, and Melissa Olsen to the Stirling Library Board for a term not to exceed three years effective February 5, 2025, and further accept the resignation of Karen Grinton and thank her for her service and commitment during her time on the board.

Carried

2025-031 **7.5 Policy AR15-25: Asset Management Policy**

Moved By: Councillor Foss

Councillor Bikmn left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

To approve Policy AR15-25 Asset Management Policy as amended.

Carried

2025-032 **7.6 Village of Alix Audit Services Review**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

Councillor Bikmn returned to the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

To accept the Village of Alix Audit Services Review as information.

Carried

2025-033 **7.7 Motion from Committee of the Whole**

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

To direct Administration to complete the necessary diligence to prepare an application to the Drought and Flood Protection Program for the Northeast Storm Water Management Project and provide updated preliminary costing for Council's consideration.

Mayor Lewington called a recess at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor Lewington ended the recess and called the meeting back to order at 8:07 p.m.

Carried

2025-034 **8. CAO Report**

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Participated in a small group call with Municipal Affairs Minister Ric McIver to discuss red tape reduction for municipal grant programs on January 23 along with CAO Donselaar.

Deputy Mayor Nilsson:

- Ridge Water Services Commission (RWSC)
 - Consumption was down 14% in 2024
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
 - All Councils Meeting
 - Wednesday April 2, 2025 at the Coaldale Civic Square 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 - Volunteer nominations

Councillor Bikman:

- Community Futures Lethbridge Region (CF:LR)

Councillor Davis:

- Upcoming SouthGrow meeting

Councillor Foss:

- Cemetery Society
 - Spring Clean-Up: May 10th. Fall Clean-Up - TBD.
 - Gazebo / Memorial garden is the next item on the wish list with more work required to be taken before moving forward with it.
 - Vice President - Vacant but looking for some new blood as no one else was willing to step up
 - President - Dallene Foss
 - They had previously requested for markers to be placed on the rows to assist in locating graves and are looking for an update on if/when that would be completed.

2025-035

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 City of Lethbridge

10.2 Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)

10.3 Canada Post

10.4 Stirling Seniors Club

2025-036

11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Davis

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

- The updated Land Use Bylaw was passed
- Public feedback for ideas on renovating/moving forward with the old Bowling Alley space
- FCSS - Cheers to Volunteers! Nominate an individual, youth, or group who has made a positive impact in Stirling!

Carried

2025-037

12. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Davis


That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 19th day of February 2025



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar