



STIRLING

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 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, January 21, 2026, 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 6:58 p.m.

2026-018

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Recognition

Council extends its congratulations to CAO Scott Donselaar on the successful completion of his application and achievement of the designation as Certified Local Government Manager (CLGM).

4. Delegations

4.1 Stirling Volunteer Fire Department

Council received the 2025 Year End Update from Fire Chief Mrak of the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department. The report provided an overview of department leadership, operations, equipment and capital projects, membership, incident statistics, and mutual aid agreements. The department reported 112 incidents in 2025, the highest annual total to date, and noted ongoing recruitment efforts. Updates were also provided on apparatus maintenance, capital purchases, and regional partnerships. Council acknowledged the report and thanked the department for its service to the community.

5. Minutes

2026-019

5.1 Adoption of Council Minutes – January 7, 2026

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 7, 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

The attachment was unavailable.

6. Financial Items

6.1 Accounts Payable

There was no accounts payable.

2026-020

6.2 Bank Reconciliation: December 2025

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the Bank Reconciliation for December 2025 be approved.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2026-021

7.1 Community Events Committee - Applicant

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

To appoint Jessica Thielen to the Community Events Committee.

Carried

2026-022

7.2 2025 Development Officer Year End Report

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

To accept the 2025 Development Officer Year End Report as information.

Carried

2026-023

7.3 Policy HS06-26: Volunteer Participation Safety Policy

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To approve Policy HS06-26: Volunteer Participation Safety Policy as presented.

Carried

2026-024

7.4 2026 ABmunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To have Mayor Scott Barton and Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes attend the 2026 ABmunis Spring Municipal Leaders Caucus in Edmonton, March 26 - 27, 2026.

Carried

2026-025

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Scott Barton:

- Community Futures - Lethbridge Region
 - Budget meeting
- Tourism and Economic Development Committee Meeting
 - Focusing on two priorities
 1. Economic Development Plan
 2. Tourism Action Plan
- Village of Stirling Strategic Planning Session
 - January 30 & 31
 - please complete questionnaire

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes:

- Chinook Arch Regional Library System
 - Board Training
 - Budget
- SouthGrow
 - "Levelling up with AI" online webinar

Councillor Justin Davis:

- Ridge Country Housing Authority
 - Board Meeting
 - Conference in Edmonton later this year for Seniors Housing
 - Stirling is still the priority

Councillor Matthew Foss:

- Nothing to report

2026-026

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC)

10.2 Alberta C.A.R.E.

10.3 Society of Local Government Managers of Alberta

2026-027

11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes

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

- CAO Donselaar awarded the Certified Local Government Manager (CLGM) Award!
- Stirling Volunteer Fire Department – 2025 overview includes 5 new recruits and incredible amount of training, activity & on-call hours (2,910.41)!
- Community Events Committee – Volunteers Wanted!

Carried

2026-028

12. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Carried

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



Mayor - Scott Barton



CAO - Scott Donselaar