

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 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, June 4, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington (via electronic device), Deputy Mayor Larry Nilsson, Councillors Gary Bikman, 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 7:00 p.m.

2025-155

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the agenda be adopted as amended to remove the following:

• Delegation 4.2: Stirling Lions Club - Main Street Beautification

Carried

3. Recognition

Council congratulates the Stirling School Class of 2025 on their hard work and wishes them continued success in their future endeavours. Congratulations to: Tatiana Abotsi, Benson Ames, Ethan Anderson, Corbin Bruce, Emi Clawson, Jericho Dowell, Brody Dupont, Chloe Edwards, Lyanna Gibson, Kameron Gillingham, Lena Janzen, Jacob Ketler, Ava Michelson, Zoe Michelson, Hannah Myers, Maysa Nelson, Kayley Reimer, Mae Robertson, Jackson Shockey, Tyson Shockey, Tucker Stevenson and Gideon Young.

- 4. Delegations
- 4.1 Sgt. Brad Noss Raymond RCMP

Sgt. Noss reviewed the provincial crime statistics from January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025.

5. Minutes

2025-156

5.1 Adoption of Minutes - May 21, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on May 21, 2025 be approved as presented.

5.2 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no new business arising from the minutes.

5.3 Motion Tracker

Council reviewed.

6. Financial Items

2025-157

6.1 Accounts Payable

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That accounts payable cheque # 20250055 to cheque # 20250063, EFT #686 to EFT #722, and EFT #750 to EFT #768, excepting EFT #713, be approved.

Carried

2025-158

6.1.1 Accounts Payable - EFT #713

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable EFT #713 be approved.

Councillor Davis abstained

Carried

2025-159

6.2 Bank Reconciliation: April 2025

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the Bank Reconciliation for April 2025 be approved.

Carried

2025-160

6.3 Budget Report

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the Budget Report dated May 29, 2025 be accepted as information.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2025-161

7.1 Safety Program Audit Review

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To accept the Safety Program Audit Review report as information.

Carried

2025-162

7.2 Policy HR01-25 Respectful Workplace Policy

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To approve Policy HR01-25 thereby repealing Policy HR01-20.

Carried

2025-163

7.3 5th Avenue Lot Update

Moved By: Councillor Foss

Carried

2025-164

7.4 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That Council approve the purchase of the book "7 *Habits of Highly Effective People"* for the 2025 Stirling School graduating class and establish this as an ongoing gift from Stirling Council for future graduating classes.

Carried

2025-165

7.5 FCSS Building Ductwork

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To table the FCSS Building Ductwork discussion item and bring back to a Fall Council meeting for further discussion.

Carried

2025-166

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Attended the Community Events Committee meeting on May 27 with the focus being final preparations for Settler Days.
- Met with CAO Donselaar and representatives from a developer on May 28 to explore housing options and potential land sales.
- Represented Council at Stirling High School's graduation ceremony on May 30th.
- · Chinook Primary Care Network

Deputy Mayor Nilsson:

- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
 - o last meeting before summer

Councillor Bikman:

- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)
 - o Consultant report re: upgrade of cost for adding services
- Community Events Committee
 - o Meeting next week
 - Settler Days
- Community Futures: Lethbridge Region
 - Cost concerns
 - no increase in the last 20 years

Councillor Davis:

- SouthGrow
 - upcoming meeting

Councillor Foss:

• Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC) - Stirling 27 files YTD

- Will be down 50% staffing for June August (8 12 weeks) and will be picking up
 a part time by-law officer to help. May result in slower response times and less
 proactive during this time. Changes to officer safety tools due to Solicitor General
 changing their stances requirements.
- Asking for us to provide feedback to the Policing funding to include credit for funding the police officers.
- Stirling Library Board
 - Passed all legislative requirements/policies

2025-167

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

- 10.1 Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services
- 10.2 Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)
- 11. Closed Session: Section 16 & 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2025-168

11.1 Motion to Enter into Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

Councillor Davis left the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Councillor Davis returned to the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

To enter into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. as per Sections 16 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

2025-169

11.2 Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To come out of Closed Session at 8:04 p.m.

Carried

2025-170

11.3 Motion From Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To direct Administration to further explore feasible stormwater management options and engage with landowners to gather information as discussed during the Closed Session period, and report back to Council with an update.

Carried

12. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Davis

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

- Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2025!
- RCMP Report: Jan. 1/25 Mar. 31/25 Provincial Stats
- Thank you to all of the volunteers for soccer, baseball, basketball and all other sports it's not possible without you!

Carried

2025-172

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 18th day of June 2025

Mayor - Trevor Lewington

CAO - Scott Donselaar