



Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2023 - 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, March 15, 2023, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, Deputy Mayor Larry Nilsson, Councillors Gary Bikman, Devynn Bohn (electronically), 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 7:08 p.m.

2023-083

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Discussion Item 5.2: Adoption of the Minutes from the Community Events Committee Meeting February 13, 2023
- Discussion Item 7.6: Ridge Utilities Shareholder Resolution

Carried

3. Recognition

Council recognizes the 2A Boys for their Silver Medal win in Zones.

Council recognizes the 1A Girls for their Gold Medal win in Zones.

4. Delegations:

None.

5. Minutes

2023-084

5.1 Adoption of Minutes – March 1, 2023

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 1, 2023 be approved as amended.

Carried

2023-085	<p>5.2 Adoption of the Minutes from the Community Events Committee Meeting Feb 13, 2023</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Foss</p> <p>To approve the minutes from the Community Events Committee Meeting from February 13, 2023.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
	<p>5.3 Business Arising from the Minutes</p> <p>None.</p>
	<p>5.4 Motion Tracker</p> <p>Council reviewed.</p>
	<p>6. Financial Items</p>
2023-086	<p>6.1 Accounts Payable - #20230219 - #20230244</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Foss</p> <p>That accounts payable cheque No. 20230219 to cheque No. 20230244 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
2023-087	<p>6.2 Bank Reconciliation: February 2023</p> <p>Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson</p> <p>That the Bank Reconciliation for February 2023 be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
2023-088	<p>6.3 Budget Report</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Foss</p> <p>That the Budget Report dated March 10, 2023 be accepted as information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
	<p>7. Items for Discussion</p>
2023-089	<p>7.1 Stirling Logo Redesign</p> <p>Moved By: Mayor Lewington</p> <p>To direct Administration to move ahead with the revised Stirling logo (as presented) as the primary logo and direct Pixalis Media to prepare the logo package.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
2023-090	<p>7.2 MP Motz Survey</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Foss</p> <p>To accept as information upon completion of the survey.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
2023-091	<p>7.3 Bylaw 534-23 Fees Rates and Charges Bylaw Amendment</p> <p>Moved By: Councillor Bikman</p>

To provide first reading to Bylaw 534-23 Amendment of Bylaw 531-22 Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

Carried

7.4 Bylaw 535-23 Green Light Bylaw

To give first reading to Bylaw 535-23 Green Light Bylaw.

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7.5 2023 Tax Rate Bylaw Discussion

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

To accept as information.

Carried

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7.6 Ridge Utilities Shareholder Resolution

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That Council, acting in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Ridge Utilities Ltd. (a municipally controlled corporation) approve the Resolution of the Sole Shareholder as proposed.

Carried

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8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Rockyford Council presentation (virtually) on Stirling's solar development on March 8th. Have offered their Council and Administration to visit and discuss collaboration further. This included Ridge Utilities Marketing Associate program.
- Hosted event for Minister of Transportation & Economic Corridors, Deputy Premier & Minister of Infrastructure as well as MLA Grant Hunter on March 4th at Teconnect for Economic Development Lethbridge, able to have brief conversation about Stirling's application under the Alberta Water & Waste Water Partnership (AWWP).

Deputy Mayor Nilsson

- Historical Society AGM - Wednesday, March 29 at 10am at the Community Centre
- Looking for a new CAO for Ridge Country Housing

Councillor Bikman:

- Bruce McCallister (June visit)
- (Tourism and Economic Development (T.E.D.) Meeting March 15
 - Ideas on Trades Training, Shop option for school
 - Nobleford industrial businesses
 - Better coordination with Community Events Committee
 - E.g.: Honored Guests celebration

Councillor Bohn:

- nothing to report

Councillor Foss:

- Ridge Water Commission (RWC)

- Solar not feasible due to the environmental review (birds), not to be perused further.
- Contract for the Writing-on-Stone park up for tender (bit of a surprise to the commission staff). Hoping to continue with this as it assists in revenue and allows for additional staff for the commission and main plant.
- Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)
 - GIS module to create work orders on the admin / public works just rolling out.
 - Talked about the recent public uproar about the 15 minute cities controversy.
 - Unsightly premises case law - highly advised by courts that clear and adequate advisement to take action "aka" a court order, prior entering to clean the property when no action to resolve has taken by the owner.
 - New planner and grant funded intern coming onboard so some planner assignment changes will be happening over the next year. (not sure if we will see any change or not).
- Ridge Regional Public Safety Service Commission (RRPSSC)
 - \$25,000 in fine revenue so far this year due to new "community engagement vehicle". Beginning to lay ground-work for second community engagement vehicle in a few years.
- Cemetery Society AGM
 - Have made flower holders for cemetery for sale \$25 a piece.
 - Pres. Morris Duncan, VP Dallene Foss.
 - Clean up May 13, 2023
 - Columbarium and markers added to budget?

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10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors

10.2 Alberta Precision Laboratories

10.3 Alberta Municipal Affairs

10.4 RRPSSC Statistics

10.5 All Council Meeting

10.6 FCSS

10.7 Mayors & Reeves

10.8 ORRSC

10.9 CMRSWSC

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11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Bohn

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

- Propose no change to the mill rate on residential-zoned properties
- Congratulations to the Lakers and their Zone wins
- Welcome 1A Girls Provincials

Carried

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12. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Bohn


That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 5th day of April 2023.



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar