



STIRLING

Village of Stirling

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 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, March 19, 2025, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Trevor Lewington, 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.

2025-075

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Discussion Item 7.9: Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement with Lethbridge County

Carried

3. Recognition

Council extends congratulations to both the Stirling Lakers Boys (2A) and Girls (1A) basketball teams for taking GOLD at south zones and moving on to their respective provincial championships.

Council extends their gratitude to the Stirling Volunteer Fire Department for their swift response to the March 19 structural fire, as well as to the Coaldale Fire Department for their mutual aid support. Thanks to their efforts, no serious injuries occurred, and nearby properties were spared from damage. Council greatly appreciates Stirling's highly trained and dedicated volunteer Firefighters who protect our community in times of need.

4. Delegations

4.1 Stirling Lions Club - Project Support/Partnering

The Lions Club presented a copy of their March 3, 2025 Minutes for Council. Visioning/Working Session ideas included:

- beautifying main street
- refurbishing the kiosk
- library
- pickleball
- sugarbowl area
- ideas for the old bowling alley space
- irrigation

- cemetery
- skating rink
- walking trails

They also requested information on which groups to work with:

- Community Events Committee
- Stirling Cemetery Society
- Administration Office

5. Minutes

2025-076

5.1 Adoption of Minutes – March 5, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025 be approved as amended.

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

2025-077

6.1 Accounts Payable - March 18, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable cheque No. 20250025 to cheque No. 20250026 and EFT #480 to EFT #484, be approved.

Carried

2025-078

6.2 Bank Reconciliation: January & February 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the Bank Reconciliation for January and February 2025 be approved.

Carried

7. Items for Discussion

2025-079

7.1 Organizational Matters - Council Standing Committees/Internal Committees

Moved By: Mayor Lewington

That Council appoint Matthew Foss as Council Representative and Gary Bikman as Councillor Alternate to the Stirling Library Board.

Carried

2025-080

7.2 Vacant Space in FCSS Building Survey Results

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To direct Administration to share the survey results with Tourism and Economic Development (T.E.D.) Committee, after having any personal details vetted, so they can provide Council with

proposals that may create a tourism or economic development opportunity, and further direct Administration to post the opportunity and actively seek proposals for development opportunities inclusive of entering into an agreement with a realtor.

Carried

2025-081

7.3 225 4 Avenue Update

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To accept the 225 4 Avenue lot offer update as information.

Carried

2025-082

7.4 HS04-25: Municipal Safety Policy Statement

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To approve Policy HS04-25: Municipal Safety Policy Statement as amended.

Carried

2025-083

7.5 HS05-25: Contractor Safety Policy & Handbook

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To approve Policy HS05-25: Contractor Safety Policy and Handbook, and to further direct Administration to seek external assistance, including legal support, for matters related to Alberta OH&S.

Carried

2025-084

7.6 Bylaw 555-25: 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To provide First Reading to Bylaw 555-25: 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Carried

2025-085

7.7 C03-25: Council Renumeration Policy

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To table C03-25: Council Renumeration Policy to the April 16, 2025 Council Meeting.

Carried

2025-086

7.8 AR16-25: Travel and Expense Policy

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That Policy AR16-25: Travel and Expense be approved as amended and that the CAO be directed to implement the same.

Carried

2025-087

7.9 Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement with Lethbridge County

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer and Mayor to sign and enter into the Memorandum of Understanding for Fire Services with Lethbridge County.

Carried

8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

- Stirling hosted the quarterly Four Mayors meeting on March 14. Significant discussion around the impact of Early Producer Responsibility and the costs of recycling under contracts with Circular Materials. Discussion about lowering mill rates due to assessment growth and changes to JUPA and ICF discussions coming in the future.
- Attended the Community Events Committee on March 17 as the group looks to plan out events for the calendar year.

Deputy Mayor Nilsson:

- Ridge Water Services Commission (RWSC)
 - Financial audit presented
 - doing well

Councillor Bikman:

- Tourism and Economic Development (T.E.D.) discussion:
 1. Plan for evaluating current use of village facilities – buildings and land – and make recommendations
 2. Bowling Alley space
 3. Village office building rental space
 4. Other vacant, underutilized or misused buildings and/or land
 5. The Village focus should be on expanding residential growth; then commercial development will follow, to meet local needs
 6. New subdivisions
 7. Infilling
 8. Creating a plan to encourage building and developing
- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)
 - Looking for more cost-effective ways of dealing with waste; awaiting report on regional consolidation of transfer stations; evaluating direct collection & hauling to Landfill. Year-to-date total received is 1356.505 tonnes

Councillor Davis:

- Nothing to report

Councillor Foss:

- Nothing to report

10. Correspondence and Items for Information

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

10.1 Alberta Municipal Affairs**10.2 Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC)****10.3 Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)****10.4 Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)**

10.5 Mayors & Reeves

10.6 Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)

2025-090

11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

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

- Lion's Club Presentation: Visions for Stirling
- Go Lakers!
- Passed First Reading of Bylaw 555-25: 2025 Tax Rate

Carried

2025-091

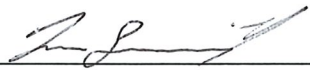
12. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Davis

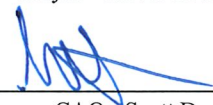
That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 16th day of April 2025



Mayor - Trevor Lewington



CAO - Scott Donselaar