



**STIRLING**  
**Village of Stirling**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 4, 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, March 4, 2026, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Scott Barton, Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes, Councillors Justin Davis, Matthew Foss, and Nikole Norris

CAO, Scott Donselaar  
Municipal Clerk, Aletta Lightfoot

**1. Regular Council Meeting – Call Meeting to Order**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2026-063

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Councillor Foss

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

**3. Recognition**

Council would like to congratulate the Stirling Wrestling Team on their outstanding performance at the Rural Provincials last weekend, where the girls' team placed first and the boys' team placed second.

**4. Delegations**

There were no Delegations.

**5. Minutes**

2026-064

**5.1 Adoption of Council Minutes – February 18, 2026**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor Maynes

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 18, 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 Motion Tracker was reviewed.

	<b>6. Financial Items</b>	
2026-065	<b>6.1 Accounts Payable</b>	
	Moved By: Councillor Davis	
	That accounts payable:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheque/EFT #20260018 to Cheque #20260021</li> <li>• Cheque/EFT #20266152 to Cheque #20266174</li> </ul>	
	<u>excepting</u> Cheque/EFT #20266153, be approved.	
		Carried
2026-066	<b>6.1.1 Accounts Payable - Cheque/EFT #20266153</b>	
	Moved By: Councillor Foss	
	That accounts payable Cheque/EFT #20266153 be approved.	
		Councillor Norris abstained
		Carried
2026-067	<b>6.2 Budget Report</b>	
	Moved By: Councillor Davis	
	That the Budget Report dated February 27, 2206 be accepted as information.	
		Carried
	<b>7. Items for Discussion</b>	
2026-068	<b>7.1 Raymond RCMP Policing Priorities - Survey Results</b>	
	Moved By: Mayor Barton	
	That Council express its appreciation to all residents who took the time to respond to the Raymond RCMP Policing Priorities Survey; and further, that Council direct Administration to forward the top three policing priorities identified by residents—Crime Prevention (86.36%), Active Patrols (78.78%), and Traffic Enforcement (60.60%)—to the Raymond–Magrath RCMP Detachment; and further, that Administration convey Council’s request for additional attention to school zone monitoring during the school year and speed enforcement near the pool and park during the summer months.	
		Carried
2026-069	<b>7.2 2026 Budget Financial Comparisons Report</b>	
	Moved By: Councillor Davis	
	To accept the 2026 Budget Financial Comparisons Report as information.	
		Carried
2026-	<b>8. CAO Report</b>	
	Moved By: Deputy Mayor Maynes	
	That the CAO Report be accepted as information.	
	<b>9. Council Committee Meeting Reports</b>	

Mayor Scott Barton:

- February 25 - Meeting with SouthGrow (Makayla) regarding Stirling's Economic Development Plan - SouthGrow received an NRED Grant to develop ED Plans for participating Municipalities. Makayla has been working on Stirling's plan since July 2025. She will be meeting with the Members of the TED Committee and will be dovetailing her work with Council's Strategic Plan and the TED Committee's efforts. She will be meeting with the TED Committee in the near future.
- February 25 - Community Futures Meeting in Lethbridge.
- February 27 - AB Munis webinar on the 2026 Provincial Budget. I participated in the meeting and emailed Council with a summary outlining the Budget impacts on Stirling.
- March 1 - Reviewed CAO Budget History Report and crafted and shared with Council a summary report I created for a more visual look at the data presented.
- I have been working on Council's Key Priorities from our Planning Session and am in the process of building a framework for each priority to help facilitate our next discussion of Council's priorities.
- I will be in Edmonton on March 18th for AB Munis meetings, I will do my best to connect into the Council Meeting remotely, But I will need Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes to Chair our next Council Meeting.
- I have also been working on a Taxation Information communications package for the Community based on AB Munis Property Tax Reimagined campaign.

Deputy Mayor Stacey Maynes:

- Nothing to report

Councillor Justin Davis:

- Ridge Country Housing Authority (RCHA)
  - Board meeting
- Ridge Water Services Commission (RWSC)
  - Meeting tomorrow (March 5)

Councillor Matthew Foss:

- Ridge Regional Public Safety Services Commission (RRPSSC)
  - Long discussion about Administration cancelling the Hillspring coverage. Policy to be crafted and service has been restored to Hillspring.
  - The policing service review document was presented at the meeting. 74-page document will be sent to Scott (CAO). The report concluded as long as the federal government's current policing agreement is in place (Communities under 5,000 cover 70%, Canada covers 30%; Over 15,000 Communities cover 90% Canada covers 10%) it makes financial sense to remain with RCMP. This conversation may change when you consider the significant increase coming along with our costs for peace officers.
- Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission (CMRSWSC)
  - Issue with trailer - down to one

Councillor Nikole Norris:

- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
  - Report for Municipalities

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## 10. Correspondence and Items for Information

**Moved By:** Councillor Davis

That the following correspondence be accepted as information:

Carried

### 10.1 National Police Federation

2026-071

## 11. Council Highlights

**Moved By:** Councillor Foss

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

- Thank you to all the residents that participated in the RCMP Policing Priorities Survey!
- Thank you to CAO Donselaar for the Budget and Financial Comparison Report (2019 to present). This will guide Council in making informed, fiscally responsible decisions for our community.
- The Alberta Budget has dropped. Visit <https://www.alberta.ca/budget> for details!

Carried

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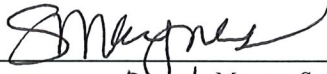
12. Adjournment

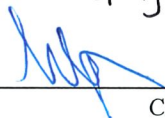
Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 18th day of March 2026.

  
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Deputy Mayor - ~~Scott Barton~~  
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CAO - Scott Donselaar