

## Village of Stirling

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 5, 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 5, 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.

2025-055

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That the agenda be adopted as amended to include:

- Discussion Item 7.6: Stirling Silver Saddle Club (SSSC) Letter of Support
- Discussion Item 7.7: Stirling Library Board Appointment

Carried

## 3. Recognition

Council recognizes the Stirling Wrestling Club for their 2024-2025 ASAA Rural Provincial 1A/2A Boys and Girls 1st and 2nd place wins.

## 4. Delegations

#### 4.1 RCMP - Raymond/Magrath Detachment

Sgt. Brad Noss provided a concise update for the third quarter, which included highlights from the Provincial Community Report, a review of the 5-Year Provincial Crime Statistics, and an update on the latest Provincial Crime Data.

#### 5. Minutes

2025-056

#### 5.1 Adoption of Minutes – February 19, 2025

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 19, 2025 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

Council reviewed the Motion Tracker.

#### 6. Financial Items

#### 2025-057

#### 6.1 Accounts Payable - March 5, 2025

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That accounts payable cheque No. 20250021 to cheque No. 20250024 and/or EFT #453to EFT #466, excepting EFT #456, be approved.

Carried

#### 2025-058

## 6.1.1 Accounts Payable - #456

Moved By: Councillor Foss

That accounts payable EFT #456 be approved.

Councillor Davis abstained

Carried

#### 2025-059

#### 6.2 Budget Report

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the Budget Report dated February 28, 2025 be accepted as information.

Carried

## 7. Items for Discussion

#### 7.1 Bylaw 554-25 ATB Borrowing Bylaw

## 2025-060

## 7.1.1 Bylaw 554-25: ATB Borrowing Bylaw - Second Reading

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To provide Second Reading to Bylaw 554-25: ATB Borrowing Bylaw.

Carried

#### 2025-061

#### 7.1.2 Bylaw 554-25: ATB Borrowing Bylaw - Third and Final Reading

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To provide Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 554-25: ATB Borrowing Bylaw, repealing Bylaw 546-24.

Carried

## 2025-062

## 7.2 Source Local

#### Moved By: Mayor Lewington

That Council direct Administration to review any current vendor, service provider or supplier that is based in the United States to determine if sourcing can be shifted to Canadian alternatives. Council further directs that equipment, materials and supplies for major capital improvements or infrastructure projects be Canadian sourced wherever possible and in compliance with provincial

legislation. Council acknowledges that Administration already proactively sources local options wherever possible while ensuring compliance to provincial procurement legislation and encourages Administration to aggressively maintain this practice.

Carried

2025-063

## 7.3 Village Subdivision Proposal

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To amend Council motion 2024-236 to direct Administration to amend the subdivision plan for Lots 11-15, Block 33, Plan 2411616 to accommodate a green space for drainage with lots sizes of approximately 160 feet in depth.

Carried

2025-064

## 7.4 Alberta Municipal Water Wastewater Program Projects Update

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

To accept the Alberta Municipal Water Wastewater Program Projects Update report as information.

Carried

2025-065

#### 7.5 Provincial Priorities Act

Moved By: Councillor Davis

To accept the Provincial Priority Act as information.

Carried

2025-066

#### 7.6 Stirling Silver Saddle Club (SSSC) - Letter of Support

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Nilsson

That Council direct the Mayor to provide a support letter to the Stirling Silver Saddle Club for their application to Federated CO-OP Community Spaces Funding Program.

Carried

2025-

## 7.7 Stirling Library Board

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To appoint Lora Thomas to the Stirling Library Board.

2025-068

## 8. CAO Report

Moved By: Councillor Bikman

That the CAO Report be accepted as information.

Carried

## 9. Council Committee Meeting Reports

Mayor Lewington:

• Participated in video roundtable with MP Glen Motz on March 4th for Councils in the Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner to discuss federal issues including tariffs, taxes and immigration.

#### Deputy Mayor Nilsson:

- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
  - o April 2 All Councils Meeting
    - Need to RSVP
    - Doors open at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm
- Ridge Country Housing (RCH)
  - o Conference in March

#### Councillor Bikman:

• Community Futures: Lethbridge Region (CF:LR)

#### Councillor Davis:

· Nothing to report

#### Councillor Foss:

- Stirling Library Board
  - the last meeting we discussed Chinook Arch providing board training as there has been a significant turn over on the board recently
  - focus on updating policies to ensure they meet the current government requirement
  - looking into getting a GST/Business number for the library as apparently the Village of Stirling number was used historically and this became an issue during a recent grant application

2025-069

## 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 Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC)

2025-070

## 11. Council Highlights

Moved By: Councillor Davis

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

- RCMP: Raymond-Magrath detachment presentation
- School requisition is going up by 14% (collected by the Village on behalf of the province)
- Pre-sale on residential lots! Stay tuned!

Carried

# 12. Closed Session: Section 16 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2025-071

## 12.1 Motion to Enter into Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To enter into Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. as per Sections 16 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried

#### 12.2 In Camera Item

## 12.3 Motion to Come Out of Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To Come out of Closed Session at 6:45 p.m.

Carried

2025-073

#### 12.4 Motion from Closed Session

Moved By: Councillor Foss

To direct Administration to explore opportunities with the land owner of Block 32, Lots 6 & 7, Plan 752J.

Carried

2025-074

## 13. Adjournment

Moved By: Councillor Davis

That the agenda matters have been concluded and that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Carried

These minutes to be approved on the 19th day of March 2025

Mayor - Trevor Lewington

CAO - Scott Donselaar