



Minutes March 11 , 2025

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting was called to order by President Corinna Roth-Beacome at 12:03 p.m.
2. **Items to be Added to the Agenda**
 - a. Rodeo
 - b. Medical
 - c. Kindergarten
3. **Acceptance of Agenda**
 - a. Bev Baker moved the acceptance of the agenda. *Carried.*
4. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Heather Walsh moved the acceptance of the January 14th meeting minutes. *Carried.*
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Bruce Hillis moved the acceptance of the February Treasurer's Report as presented. *Carried.*
6. **Correspondence**
 - a. An email was sent to Chamber Members regarding the Careers Partnership with Prairie Rose School Division and the trades.
 - b. Etzikom Playgroup requested donations for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Beth Dixson moved that the Chamber donate six ice cream coupons. *Carried.*
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Website
 - i. Website update: The Chamber was provided with a link to view the new website. A discussion was held on a few details. The Chamber office will have the link set up from April 1–24 for anyone wanting to drop in and give feedback
 - b. Alberta Chambers – Medicine Hat, May 29–31
 - i. Discussion was held regarding the Alberta Chamber meeting. Heather Walsh moved that the Chamber pay for one member to attend the conference. *Carried.* Matt Cochran put his name forward to attend.



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8. New Business

- a. Spring Market
 - i. A discussion was held about the Spring Market. Daphane Johnson moved that we hold the Spring Market on May 8th. *Carried.* We will look for an organization to run a fundraiser for supper/tea and dessert.
- b. Highway Cleanup
 - i. Highway cleanup will be held on May 3rd. If anyone is willing to help by walking or driving a vehicle, please call the office.
- c. Rodeo-
 - i. Rodeo Weekend is set for July 19–21. Corinna will attend the Ag Society Meeting to discuss how the Chamber can support the administration of the Rodeo Parade.
 - ii. We are planning to host the Trade Show/Farm to Table event again and will need volunteers to help with organization. Joan Hughson moved that we hold the Rodeo Market on July 20th. *Carried.*
- d. Medical
 - i. The Foremost medical office is closed until further notice. Bloodwork services in Foremost will end in March; appointments must be booked in Bow Island. We will continue to wait for updates from AHS.
- e. Kindergarten
 - i. There is a meeting at the school regarding the Kindergarten/Junior Kindergarten program for Fall 2025. Discussion was held so that the Chamber is aware of potential changes.

9. Round Table Updates/Information

- a. **Village of Foremost**
 - i. Nominations are open for Council.
 - ii. The crew did an excellent job on snow removal.
 - iii. Sewer issues at the arena has been fixed.
 - iv. Pool and spray park issues will be addressed before the season starts
 - v. Irrigation start-up may have restrictions; the reservoir is full.
- b. **Community Foundation – CFSA (Helene Nicholson)**



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- i. Thomas Bories Memorial Fund – The first distribution will be in late May. Watch for more information in early 2025 on how charities, non-profit societies, associations, and groups that support youth and recreation within the Village of Foremost can benefit.
 - ii. Received many applications for the Spring Grant and are in the review process.
 - iii. The Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile Advisory Committee is in need of additional members. We are seeking representatives from within the County of Forty Mile to help with regional coverage and support.
- c. **County of Forty Mile**
 - i. Some road bans will be in effect.
 - ii. Snow removal went well.
 - iii. Seasonal positions will be starting soon.
- d. **CRC**
 - i. The Community Resource Centre contract is up for bidding. We are working on gathering the necessary information to submit by March 24th,
 - ii. The Career & Information Fair in Bow Island was a great success, with over 60 students, 70 community members, and more than 20 tables in attendance.
- e. **FCSS**
 - i. Hosting *Little Bees: Baby and Me Songs & Playtime* every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. for children aged 0–18 months.
 - ii. *Preschool Story Time* runs every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for all ages. Always looking for guest readers or speakers.
 - iii. The Volunteer Tax Program for basic income has started.
 - iv. Easter Egg Hunts: Etzikom – April 12th, Bow Island – April 19th.
- f. **Historical Society**
 - i. Many projects are underway, including updating the brochure and cemetery list.
 - ii. Looking forward to working with the Chamber and opening for the summer season.
- g. **Etzikom Museum**
 - i. Approved for the CFEP Grant and continuing to fundraise for a new roof.



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h. South Forty Transportation

- i. Matt is now sitting as a director on the Alberta School Bus Contractors Association.
- ii. Has an Advertising Sign in Bow Island for South Forty Transportation

10. Next Meeting

- a. The next monthly meeting will be held on April 8, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office or online.

Topic: Foremost & District Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2025 12:00 PM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84217182643?pwd=RZmC7AQPfjQgllbgewq3S0MVoPfD92.1>

Meeting ID: 842 1718 2643

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11. Adjournment

- a. Corinna Roth-Beacome adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.