



Minutes January 14th , 2024

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by President, Corinna Roth-Beacome at 12:05pm.

2. Items to be added to agenda.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

- a. Bev Baker moved acceptance of the agenda. Carried

4. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes

- a. Joan Hughson moved acceptance of the December 10th meeting minutes.
Carried.

5. Treasurer Report

- a. Bruce Hillis moved acceptance of the December Treasurers Report as presented.
Carried.

6. Correspondence:

- a. No Correspondence

7. Old Business:

a. Website

- i. Website update-. Lots of movement behind the scenes, we will be discussing some things with Dave on cost and set up hope to have a launch soon.

b. AGM

- i. AGM – will be held January 27th, 2025, discussion was held on speakers. Will send out information with invoices.

c. Christmas Giving Draws

- i. **Congratulations with to Stacey Barrows, Sherry Walker and Connor Harty for winning the draws this year. Discussion was held on having the first draw after the Market.**

8. New Business

a. Audit

- i. Bruce Hillis made a motion to ask Kerri Buis to do the Audit of the 2024 financials. Joan Hughson Seconded. Carried.

b. Alberta Chamber Conference-

- i. Holding an Alberta Chamber Conference in Medicine Hat in May. Discussion was held to have members of our Chamber go to the Conference. Will send more information as we receive it.

c. Municipal Elections-

- i. Election Calls open. Chamber will host a candidate forum or meet the councillors evening. September 22 is last day to submit package.

9. Round Table Update/ Information

a. Village of Foremost

- i. Fully staffed- and working hard on snow/ice removal
 - 1. Chamber sends a big thank you to all Village Staff who have been working hard during this time to keep our streets clean & running smoothly.
- ii. Nominations are open for Council

b. Community Foundation CFSA Helene Nicholson

- i. February 10 - Community Grants Open + Virtual Workshop must have letters of intent submitted by March 10th deadline for applications Is March 17th
- ii. Thomas Bories Memorial Fund - the first distribution from this fund will go out in the spring. Please watch for more information in early 2025 about how Charities, Non-profit Societies, Associations and Groups, who support youth and recreational needs, within the Village of Foremost may benefit.
- iii. The Rural Community Fund of Forty Mile Advisory committee in need of additional members. We are currently seeking representatives from within the County of Forty Mile to assist with coverage and support of all quadrants of the region in which we serve.

c. County of Forty Mile

- i. Nominations are open for Council Members- some previous council members are stepping down.
- ii. Working on the Road Programs.

d. CRC

- i. Holding a Career/ Information Fair on February 13th in Bow Island. Last year we had over 80 Community Members attend. If businesses can not attend in person, and are hiring, we can set up an unmanned table for them.

e. FCSS.

- i. Holding a Little Bees, Baby and Me Songs & Playtime every Wednesday at 11:00 –for children ages 0-18 month.
- ii. Preschool Story time is every Thursday at 11:00am- for all ages. Always looking for any guest readers/speakers for both programs.
- iii. Volunteer Tax Program for basic income starting in March

- iv. Starbrite Colony made books for their parents for Christmas, and we helped print them. We were gifted a book for the office, “ What is like to live on a Colony”, written by the students.
- v. Family Day skate will be February

10. Next Meeting

- a. AGM January 27th , 2025 at 12:00 watch for more information through emails.
- b. Next Monthly Meeting will be held March 11th, 2025, at 12:00 at the Chamber Office or via Online.

11. Adjourn Meeting

- a. Corinna Roth-Beacome adjourned meeting at 1:08pm