



Minutes April 8, 2025

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by President Corinna Roth-Beacome at 12:01p.m.

2. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

- a. Bruce Hillis moved the acceptance of the agenda. *Carried.*

4. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Daphne Johnson moved the acceptance of the March 11th meeting minutes. *Carried.*

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Bruce Hillis moved the acceptance of the March Treasurer's Report as presented. *Carried.*

6. Correspondence

- a. Nothing at this time

7. Old Business

a. Website

- o Website update: The Chamber was provided with a link to view the new website. The Chamber office will have the link set up from April 1–24 for anyone wanting to drop in and give feedback or if you would like to take some time to go through it and give some feedback to let us know and can send the link to you.

b. Alberta Chambers – Medicine Hat, May 29–31

- o The Agenda has been posted at if anyone is wanting to take part in the <https://www.abchamber.ca/event/2023-agm-and-policy-plenary-session-in-fort-mcmurray/>
- o Matt Cochran put his name forward to attend on behalf of the chamber, the Chamber will reimburse for his ticket.

c. Spring Market

- o So far we have 13 tables attending the Spring Market. We will advertise more in next couple of weeks. Foremost School Italy Trip Group doing the Supper Fundraiser and will provide a dessert in the afternoon. They may have a take home option for supper.



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d. Highway Cleanup

- Highway cleanup will be held on May 3rd. If anyone is willing to help by walking or driving a vehicle, please call the office. 403-867-3077

e. Rodeo Weekend-

- i. We will be holding our Annual Chili Cook off on Friday July 18th at the Family Centre from 11- 2
- ii. Corinna attended the Ag Society Meeting and confirmed the chamber will assist with the Parade organization by providing Admin Support. The Ag society will oversee the event the day of the Parade—line up, parade marshal etc. The Ag society has a small budget to help bring special attractions to the parade and asked if the Chamber had any money to put towards this. After discussion a consensus was to use any funds, chamber may have to provide entertainment at the market.
- iii. Rodeo market again - Saturday July 19th - in the Rink. Heather will contact Sage club to confirm they will allow us the use of the facility. will run Noon (after parade) until 5:00 pm

We would like to again offer:

A trade fair - \$25 per table for vendors selling products. Space for groups/non-profits to share their information - no charge

- Ask businesses to advertise their Rodeo Specials - priority given to Chamber members
- A bench show - arts and crafts items for display (option to sell items up to the artist)
- Ribbons/prizes up to the individual in charge of this section as well as chamber budget dependent
- FnF will sponsor a lego building contest - prizes will be chamber booth icecream
- Kids activities - crafts and/or games
 - Will reach out to Basketball girls (provincials) to see if they would like to run a fundraiser (loonie carnival idea)
- Bruce Hillis willing to provide wagon rides for 1-2 hours



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- Will reach out to Basketball girls (provincials) to see if they would like to run a fundraiser (loonie carnival idea)
- Chamber will consider paying to hire some entertainment for a couple of hours in the afternoon.
- Meet your neighbour section: taste testing / cultural experience (1-1.5 hours)
- Need to secure fans and electrical cords to help with extreme heat in case it is as hot as last year.
- need to sell water in the building - Heather will reach out to the folks that had the coffee booth outside last year
- Heather Walsh will head this committee BUT will not do this project alone this year.

- VOLUNTEERS are needed to fill the following roles:

-Bench Show coordinator - to contact individuals (last year list to start) - find artwork for the display - receive art and setup the table displays - be in charge of supervising that area for the day - ensuring all artwork returns to it's owner at the end of the day

-Entertainment - someone to research and secure music/performance - could be some locals providing 10-15 min timeslots or a paid performer - budget to be determined

-"Meet Your Neighbour" experience coordinator - contacting locals and securing samples/activities

-Setup/takedown - Joan will ask the County if they would provide manpower and vehicles to move tables and chairs from the Ag Society building on Friday to setup at rink - and then return all tables and chairs from the rink to storage on Monday. (pending Sage Club approval of access to the building)

-Anyone interested in more information about any part of this ... please contact Heather at 403-647-6021 or hmwalsh01@hotmail.com Remember many hands make light work !

f. CSJ-

- We have not heard back from Canada Summer Jobs but are still hopeful so if you knew anyone youth that would like to apply please tell them to send their Resumes



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8. New Business

- a. Terri-Lynn and Corinna were at the Southeast Economic Strategy Engagement session. we involved in a lot of discussions to help the economic growth in the areas and will continue to support and contribute where we can.

9. Round Table Updates/Information

a. Village of Foremost

- Nominations are open for Council.
- Christmas lights are down.
- Pool is fully staffed, will be trying to get a few repairs on pool and spray park completed before the start of the season
- Irrigation maybe restricted a bit on times depending on the SMRID
- Having been having issues with the wells at the pump house and fixing them as need.
- **Pleasant View Lodge** is hiring for Karen's position
- **Community Hall** has received a donation from Clean Farms for the hall.

b. Community Foundation – CFSA (Helene Nicholson)

- 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 needs 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

- Road bans will be in effect.
- New Deputy Fire Chief has been hired
- Seasonal positions have been gradually returning
- Have been having discussion on housing issues for seasonal staff to rent

d. Medical Clinic-

- AHS is trying to recruit doctors.



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- Chiropractor and Health Nurse are the only ones in the Medical Clinic in Foremost

e. CRC

- Submitted our contract information waiting to hear if successful.
- Holding a First Aid Training Course April 28th for Full or Renewal in Bow Island

f. FCSS

- Federal Election is on April 28th
- Smile Cookie Campaign will be on April 28- May 4 if any business or organization would like to help decorate for a couple hours. All proceeds of cookies will be going to the FCSS Programs such as tools for school, meals on wheels, summer fun, etc. We are also accepting pre orders for cookies.
- Administrative luncheon is on April 23rd in Bow Island cost is \$25.00 and have two seatings one at 11:45-12:30 and one at 12:45- 1:30
- Hosting *Little Bees: Baby and Me Songs & Playtime* every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. for children aged 0–18 months.
- *Preschool Story Time* runs every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. for all ages. Always looking for guest readers or speakers.
- The Volunteer Tax Program for basic income has started.
- Easter Egg Hunts: Etzikom – April 12th, Bow Island – April 19th.

g. Historical Society

- Many projects are underway, including updating the brochure and cemetery list.
- Looking forward to working with the Chamber and opening for the summer season.

h. Etzikom Museum

- Fully Staffed and will be planning on opening soon.

10. Next Meeting

- a. The next monthly meeting will be held on May 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office or online.

Forty Mile Regional FCSS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Foremost & Chamber Monthly Meeting

Time: May 13, 2025, 12:00 PM Edmonton

Join Zoom Meeting



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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87633104895?pwd=P6XRoNvmO7xREbsmaVBcb8rtAOu9pq.1>

Meeting ID: 876 3310 4895

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11. Adjournment

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