Foremost & District

Minutes June 10th, 2025

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. Call to Order

a. Meeting was called to order by President Corinna Roth-Beacome at 12:08p.m.

2. Items to be Added to the Agenda

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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 May 13th meeting minutes.

Carried

5. Treasurer's Report

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

6. Correspondence-

7. Old Business

a. Website

 there are some updates that still need to be done and some changes to headings etc. This Website is designed for the Foremost and Surrounding Areas so making sure we cover the region

b. Rodeo Weekend-

- We will be holding our Annual Chili Cook off on Friday July 18th at the Family Centre from 11- 2 – Make sure you register your chili
- Rodeo market- Saturday July 19th in the Rink from 12-5 so far a few vendors and hope to get a few more b Set up will be from 9-11
- Nish will be in charge of the Meet your neighbour/cultural tasting
- Beth Dixson is assisting by calling the art displays.
- o Office will help assist with posters and entry for vendors.
- o Bruce will offer train rides from 2-4,
- o Pancake Breakfast we will help look for sausage cookers
- Students will help with printing posters etc. for the Chamber Table as well as make phone calls for entries for the Parade. Our Office will be sending out the registrations for the parade and assisting the parade Marshall the day of the parade, as well as making sure we get all information for the announcer.
- Will look into a few more fans to keep arena cool throughout the day

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c. CSJ-

- We would like to welcome Joise Nillson the Tourist Booth Coordinator for and Alexis Watkiss the Summer Fun Coordinator and Kendly Hollingsworth the Summer Fun Assistant in the office.
 We are still looking to fill the high school positions in the Tourist Booth
- Village and Chamber will split the cost for some flowers for the Tourist Booth. Also discussed were some projects they could work on. Suggestions could be a slideshow of places in the Village to run on a screen, keep up social media pages, make a what to do guide Foremost & Area.

d. Alberta Chamber AGM

- Matt Cochrane Thanked the Chamber for letting him attend the Conference in Medicine Hat. Was nice to have a voice for smaller rural areas at the conference.
- Canadian Conference will be held in the fall in Ontario. Matt made a motion that the Chamber applies for the bursary for one the members to attend the conference. Heather Walsh seconded. Carried.
- e. **MP Meet & Greet** Chamber would like to plan a MP/MLA meet and greet in the Fall end of Sep/start of Oct
- f. **Municipal Forum Date-** Would like to set up a municipal Forum for the fall after nominations close on Sep 22.

8. New Business

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9. Round Table Updates/Information

a. Village of Foremost

- o Nominations are open for Council.
- OHS has come and have been updated policies and procedures
- o PVL has hired a new CAO- Joyce
- South 40 Waste Is need o the Secretary/Treasurer
- Holding a joint Meeting with Bow Island, Village and County, to talk about Dr. Issues, Residence/Clinic
- o Pool Opened Monday and Splash Park up and running

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b. **Community Foundation** – CFSA (Helene Nicholson)

- Held Grant Presentations were held this past week
- New Grant workshop will be held on August 5th, Deadline to apply for funding September 15th-
- o Few staff changes have been in main office
- Will be attending the Manyberries Chili Cook Off and cooking chili -July 14

c. CRC

- Holding a few First Aid courses this summer
- Working with Safety Buzz on a Grant for the Ag Industry for remote Class 3/1 Drivers, and building partnership with Prairie Rose, Pathways Learning and seeing how we can support them with the process and outcomes.

d. FCSS

- Summer Fun & Camp Registration is open
- Flying Bob Weeklong Circus Camp is August 5-8. Planning on bussing the Foremost Students- asking to use the Seniors Bus. Camp can hold 30 kids max. Had funding support from the Community Foundation, St. Mikes School & St. Mikes Parent Council, Foremost Theatrical Society. We will be holding a show for community to watch at 2:00.
- Babysitting Course was held in Foremost May 24 with 10 new babysitters and June 6 in Bow Island. More courses will be offered during the summer.

e. Historical Society

- Signs up and around town attract visitors & Popcorn and Coffee is free every Sunday
- Lots of School Tours have been happening
- Teachers took their SI day and came to the Historical Society for a Tour
- Planning a float for the Rodeo Parade
- Always looking for volunteers to help out

f. Etzikom Museum

Open until long weekend in September

g. County of Forty Mile

o Holding their employee BBQ with guest speakers



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- Dust Program is under way
- Public works has been busy with the mowing, grading and construction projects that are underway for the summer

10. Next Meeting

a. The next monthly meeting will be held on September 9th, at 12:00 p.m. at the Chamber Office or online.

11. Adjournment

a. Corinna Roth-Beacome adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.