

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FOREMOST VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, A.D.,
2025 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Larry Robinson, Councillors Tyson Ormann, Bruce Hillis, Mel Karl and Blake Klatt

ALSO PRESENT: Marilynn Hirsche, CAO
Trevor Ferguson, Foreman

ACTION ITEMS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Robinson at 7:00 p.m.

B. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

- Shortgrass Library System Memo

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

01/25

Moved by Councillor Ormann that the January 21, 2025 Regular Village of Foremost Council Meeting Agenda be approved, with the following amendment:

- Shortgrass Library System Memo
...carried.

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D. MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting of Village Council were confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Klatt
...Carried.

E. ACCOUNTS APPROVED AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

03/25

The accounts for the month of December 2024 as presented and comprised of Special Cheque No's: 20240765 to 20240789 and Regular Cheque No's: 20240790 to 20240794, in the amount of \$78,411.47, were approved and passed for payment on motion of Councillor Hillis...Carried.

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F. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

a) **Monthly Financial Statements:** The financial statements for the month of December, 2024, as presented were confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Ormann.... Carried.

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b) **Foremost Community Airport Revenue/Expenditures Report 2024:** The 2024 Foremost Community Airport Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Klatt
...Carried.

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c) **Foremost Swimming Pool Revenue/Expenditure Report 2024:** The 2024 Foremost Swimming Pool Revenue/Expenditure Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Karl...Carried.

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d) **Foremost Swimming Pool Upgrade Project Financial Report:** The Foremost Swimming Pool Upgrade Project Financial Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Hillis...Carried

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e) **Foremost Cemetery Revenue/Expenditure Report 2024:** The 2024 Foremost Cemetery Revenue/Expenditure Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Karl...Carried.

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f) **Foremost Medical Clinic Revenue/Expenditure Report 2024:** The 2024 Foremost Medical Clinic Revenue/Expenditure Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Hillis...Carried.

G. LAND OFFER APPLICATIONS: No report

H. STAFF REPORTS:

10/25

Moved by Councillor Karl that Public Works Foreman, Trevor Ferguson's report on the activities of the outside workers for the past month be accepted as presented
...Carried

I. CANADA SUMMER JOBS:

11/25 Moved by Councillor Ormann that the Village of Foremost apply for Canada Summer Jobs Funding, as follows:
1 Chief Lifeguard
2 Senior Lifeguards
2 Junior Lifeguards
1 Public Works Employee ...carried.

J. COUNTY OF FORTY MILE NO.8:

12/25 **Foremost Cemetery:** Moved by Councillor Ormann that the Village of Foremost request from the County of Forty Mile No. 8 financial support for the Foremost Cemetery in the amount of \$3,500.00...carried.

13/25 **Foremost Community Airport:** Moved by Councillor Klatt that the Village of Foremost request from the County of Forty Mile No. 8 financial support for the Foremost Community Airport in the amount of \$3,500.00...carried.

K. FOREMOST COMMUNITY AIRPORT:

14/25 **Private Business Fees:**
Moved by Councillor Klatt that the Private Business Fee at the Foremost Community Airport be set as follows, effective January 1, 2025:
\$778.41/year and minimum \$250.00/month or portion thereof, for a portion of the year (GST Exempt) ...carried.

15/25 **Yearly Lease Rates:**
Moved by Councillor Hillis that the Yearly Lease Rates at the Foremost Community Airport be set as follows, effective January 1, 2025:
\$210.00/year plus GST...carried.

L. FOREMOST/FORTY MILE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

16/25 **Appointment of Membership:** Moved by Councillor Ormann appointment of the Foremost Fire Department Members...carried.

M. 2025 IRRIGATION WATER RATES:

17/25 **Farm Water Consumers:** Moved by Councillor Klatt that the 2025 rate applicable to the Farm Water consumers for water conveyance from the Village of Foremost Water Supply Pipeline be set as follows:
\$4.00/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped
Equivalent to \$4.00/1000 gallons...carried.

18/25 **Prairie Rose Regional Division – Foremost School:** Moved by Councillor Hillis that the 2025 rate applicable to the Prairie Rose Regional Division – Foremost School irrigation water consumption at Foremost School Track be set as follows:
\$4.50/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped
Equivalent to \$4.50/1000 gallons...carried.

19/25 **Foremost Golf Association:** Moved by Councillor Ormann the 2025 rate applicable to the Foremost Golf Association for water consumption from the Village of Foremost irrigation mainline be set as follows:
\$3.25/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped
Equivalent to \$3.25/1000 gallons...carried.

20/25 **Irrigation Water from Campsite Standpipe – Agricultural Purposes:** Moved by Councillor Karl that the following be set for irrigation water delivered from the Wayside Campsite Irrigation Standpipe for the 2025 Season:
\$7.75/1000 gallons (Agricultural Purposes) ...carried.

21/25 **Irrigation Water from Campsite Standpipe – Industrial Purposes:** Moved by Councillor Klatt that the following be set for irrigation water delivered from the Wayside Campsite Irrigation Standpipe for the 2025 Season:
\$13.00/1000 gallons (Industrial Purposes) ...carried.

N. MNP:

22/25 Moved by Councillor Ormann to approve that the firm MNP LLP, Lethbridge, Alberta be appointed as auditors for the Village of Foremost for the year 2025...Carried.

Letter of Engagement to complete audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025

O. FEBRUARY 18, 2025 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

23/25 Moved by Councillor Karl that the February 18, 2025 Regular Village Council Meeting be re-scheduled to Monday, February 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., Village Council Chambers...carried.

P. FOREMOST MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD:

24/25 Moved by Councillor Klatt that the Village of Foremost allocate funding to the Foremost Municipal Library in the amount of \$3000 per year to assist with Library Operations, specifically for wage increases for the Library Manager...carried.

Q. SOUTHEAST ALBERTA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND ACTION PLAN:

25/25 Moved by Councillor Ormann to formally adopt the Southeast Alberta Regional Economic Development Strategy as presented and authorize the Village of Foremost's participation in the implementation of priority initiatives, with administration directed to collaborate with partner municipalities and stakeholders to advance the strategy's objectives over the next two years...carried.

R. FORTY MILE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY:

727/25 **Bylaw No. 727:**
A bylaw of the Village of Foremost in the Province of Alberta to Authorize the Municipal Council of the Village of Foremost to Provide for Regional Emergency Management was read a first time on motion of Councillor Ormann...carried.
Read a second time on motion of Councillor Hillis...carried.
Authority to Proceed with third reading was moved on motion of Councillor Klatt ...carried.
Read a third time and finally passed on motion of Councillor Karl...carried.

26/25 **Agreement and Terms of Reference:** Moved by Councillor Ormann approval to enter into an agreement between the Village of Foremost, Town of Bow Island and the County of Forty Mile No. 8 providing for the formation of the Forty Mile Regional Emergency Management Partnership and that said agreement be signed and sealed by the Village of Foremost...carried.

S. 2025 INSURANCE REDUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL NAMED INSURED:

27/25 Moved by Councillor Ormann approval of a reduction in the following Additional Named Insured invoices, representing the increase in building insurance premiums from 2018 to 2025:

Foremost Community Hall	\$3525.21 (reduction)
Foremost Lib/Sr Complex	<u>\$1698.48</u> (reduction)
Total Reductions:	\$5223.69

...carried.

T. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA: No report

INFORMATION ITEMS:

28/25 Moved by Councillor Hillis that the following correspondence be received as Information:

1. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:

No. 10/24:

**Placement of 2 C-Cans
312 – 2nd Street East
Approved by MPC**

No. 01/25:

**Placement of C-Can
502A – 1st Street East
Approved by MPC**

No. 02/25:

**Office Addition
199 – 1st Ave. West
Approved by Development Officer**

2. SHORTGRASS LIBRARY SYSTEM:

Memo, regarding 2025 Municipal Levy

3. FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Meeting Minutes

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**a) Foremost Economic Development Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

b) Foremost Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

...carried.

29/25 5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion of Councillor Karl
...Carried.