

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FOREMOST VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D.,  
2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Larry Robinson, Councillors Bruce Hillis, Mel Karl and Kerri Buis

**ABSENT:** Councillor Josh Kultgen

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marilyn 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:**

- **UAS Funding Application/Letter of Support**

**C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

**01/26**

Moved by Councillor Buis that the January 20, 2026 Regular Village of Foremost Council Meeting Agenda be approved, with the following amendment:

- **UAS Funding Application/Letter of Support**  
...carried.

**02/26**

**D. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting of Village Council were confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Karl ...Carried.

**03/26**

**E. ACCOUNTS APPROVED AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT:**

The accounts for the month of December 2025 as presented and comprised of Cheque No: 20250772 and Cheque No's: 20250790 to Cheque No. 20250810, in the amount of \$33,498.87, were approved and passed for payment on motion of Councillor Hillis...Carried.

A list of the accounts is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

**04/26**

**F. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

**a) Monthly Financial Statements:** The financial statements for the month of December, 2025, as presented were confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Buis .... Carried.

**05/26**

**b) Foremost Community Airport Revenue/Expenditures Report 2025:** The 2025 Foremost Community Airport Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Hillis ...Carried.

**06/26**

**c) Foremost Swimming Pool Revenue/Expenditure Report 2025:** The 2025 Foremost Swimming Pool Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Karl...Carried.

**07/26**

**d) Foremost Cemetery Revenue/Expenditure Report 2025:** The 2025 Foremost Cemetery Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Hillis...Carried.

**08/26**

**e) Foremost Medical Clinic Revenue/Expenditure Report 2025:** The 2025 Foremost Medical Clinic Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Councillor Buis...Carried.

**G. LAND OFFER APPLICATIONS: No report**

**H. STAFF REPORTS:**

**09/26**

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

**Councillor Buis abstained from all discussion and voting on Item "I"**

**I. COUNTY OF FORTY MILE NO.8:**

**10/26**

**Foremost Cemetery:** Moved by Councillor Karl 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.

**11/26** **Foremost Community Airport:** Moved by Councillor Hillis 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.

**J. FOREMOST COMMUNITY AIRPORT:**

**12/26** **Private Business Fees:**  
Moved by Councillor Karl that the Private Business Fee at the Foremost Community Airport be set as follows, effective January 1, 2026:  
\$778.41/year and minimum \$250.00/month or portion thereof, for a portion of the year (GST Exempt) ...carried.

**K. FOREMOST/FORTY MILE FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**13/26** **Appointment of Membership:** Moved by Councillor Hillis appointment of the following Foremost Fire Department Members:

- Deputy District Chief
  - Bill Nicoll
- Captain
  - Miles Beacome
  - Franz Neufeld
- Firefighter
  - Daryl Vogel
  - Eva Neufeld
  - Makenna Orman
  - Nathan Ogden
  - Boyd Granberg
  - Jordy Cowie
  - Kerri Buis

...carried.

**L. 2026 IRRIGATION WATER RATES:**

**14/26** **Farm Water Consumers:** Moved by Councillor Karl that the 2026 rate applicable to the Farm Water consumers for water conveyance from the Village of Foremost Water Supply Pipeline be set as follows:  
\$5.00/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped  
Equivalent to \$5.00/1000 gallons...carried.

**15/26** **Prairie Rose Regional Division – Foremost School:** Moved by Councillor Buis that the 2026 rate applicable to the Prairie Rose Regional Division – Foremost School irrigation water consumption at Foremost School Track be set as follows:  
\$5.65/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped  
Equivalent to \$5.65/1000 gallons...carried.

**16/26** **Foremost Golf Association:** Moved by Councillor Hillis the 2026 rate applicable to the Foremost Golf Association for water consumption from the Village of Foremost irrigation mainline be set as follows:  
\$4.05/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped  
Equivalent to \$4.05/1000 gallons...carried.

**17/26** **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 2026 Season:  
\$9.70/1000 gallons (Agricultural Purposes) ...carried.

**18/26** **Irrigation Water from Campsite Standpipe – Industrial Purposes:** Moved by Councillor Buis that the following be set for irrigation water delivered from the Wayside Campsite Irrigation Standpipe for the 2026 Season:  
\$16.25/1000 gallons (Industrial Purposes) ...carried.

**M. MNP:**

**19/26** Moved by Councillor Buis to approve that the firm MNP LLP, Lethbridge, Alberta be appointed as auditors for the Village of Foremost for the year 2026...Carried.

**Letter of Engagement** to complete audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2026

**N. FOREMOST MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD:**

**20/26** Moved by Councillor Buis 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.

**O. SOUTHEAST ALBERTA REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND**

**ACTION PLAN:**

21/26 Moved by Councillor Karl approval of the Intermunicipal Agreement to Establish a Steering Committee for the Southeast Alberta Economic Opportunity Strategy between The City of Medicine Hat, Cypress County, County of Forty Mile, Town of Bow Island, Town of Redcliff and Village of Foremost...carried.

**P. FOREMOST SAGE CLUB:**

**Community Sign Proposal and Request:**

The Sage Club Proposal will be provided to Council at the February Council Meeting.

**Alberta Transportation:**

Response to the inquiry presented by the Sage Club regarding placement of the sign at the Foremost Library/Seniors Complex parking lot and Recommended Practices for placement of Electronic Signs.

A decision on the approval of the sign will be made once the Proposal has been provided.

**Q. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:**

i) **Auditors will be conducting Village Audit February 23 – 27, 2026**

ii) **Foremost UAS Range:**

**UAS PrairiesCan Funding Application:**

22/26 Moved by Councillor Hillis approval of the PrairiesCan Regional Innovation Ecosystem Program: Project Concept Application Submission for Airspace & Flight Testing for Drone Ecosystem Growth and that a Letter of Support be provided by the Village of Foremost...carried.

**Doug Hanna:**

23/26 Moved by Councillor Buis that Doug Hanna be provided with a gratuity for the time and effort on his behalf to secure funding and income for the Foremost UAS Range in the amount of \$5000.00, to be provided from the UAS Specialized Account ...carried.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

24/26 Moved by Councillor Karl that the following correspondence be received as Information:

1. **DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:** No report

2. **FORTIS ALBERTA:**

A letter and schedules regarding the 2026 FortisAlberta Inc. Distribution Tariff notification.

3. **ALBERTA POLICE FUNDING MODEL:**

Updates, information and Preliminary 5-year Estimate for the Village of Foremost on the Renewed Funding Model. The Village's contribution will increase from \$25,778.00 to approximately 35,617.22 in 2026.

4. **FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:**

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5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

b) **Joint Health Care Recruitment Committee:** Councillor Karl reported on updates to the Doctor Recruitment efforts and the Physician Housing.

...carried.

25/26 6. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on motion of Councillor Buis ...Carried.