



Minutes September 9th, 2025

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by **President Corinna Roth-Beacome** at **12:14 p.m.**

2. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. None.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

- a. **Motion:** *Heather Walsh* moved to accept the agenda as presented.
Carried.

4. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. **Motion:** *Joan Hughson* moved to accept the June 10th meeting minutes.
Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. **Motion:** *Bruce Hillis* moved to accept the July/August Treasurer's Report as presented.
Carried.

6. Correspondence

- a. None noted.

7. Old Business

a. Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ)

- o Great summer overall, with some staff expressing interest in returning next year.
- o Plan to implement a daily checklist for staff.
- o **Motion:** *Bev Baker* moved to apply for Canada Summer Jobs funding when available for 2026. *Carried.*
- o **Motion:** *Lana Halvorson* appointed *Corinna Roth-Beacome* and *Terri-Lynn Arnal* as the committee for the CSJ application. *Carried.*

b. Rodeo Weekend

- o Successful weekend overall.
- o Chili Cook-Off had great participation—thanks to *South Forty Transportation*, *Jade Homes*, and *New Back 40 Foods* for donations.
- o Appreciation extended to all chili donors and event judges.
- o Parade attendance was high with positive feedback. Students did excellent advertising, thanks to *Bruce* for the golf cart for the Parade Marshal. Chamber will continue supporting the Ag Society with parade administration.
- o Thanks to the Sausage Cooker for the Pancake Breakfast.
- o Rodeo Market was a success with **26 vendors** (up from 15 in 2024). Thanks to *Deven and Raylene Hobbs* and the *Sage Club*, *County of Forty Mile*, and *Bruce* for their help and wagon rides.
- o Suggestions for next year: provide food truck vouchers for vendors; discuss bathroom supplies with the Village.
- o Art Show participation was slightly down but still successful.



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- Water jug and seating area were appreciated. Chamber will send out thank-you cards.

c. MP Meet & Greet / Municipal Forum

- Planning a Village Forum if there are enough council nominees (decision by Sept. 20). If not, a general Meet & Greet will be held with *County of Forty Mile Council, MP & MLA*, and *School Trustees*.
- Tentative date: **October 9th at 6:30 p.m.**

d. Website

- Final items pending before launch (email setup, community calendar).
- **Motion:** *Matt Cochrane* moved to have the website live by **October 31, 2025**.
Carried.

e. Canadian Chamber Conference – October 7–9

- *Matt Cochrane* received a bursary to attend in Toronto and will promote the Chamber and Southern Alberta.

8. New Business

a. HR Covered Presentation

- Information was emailed to all members; presentation postponed.

b. Christmas Market

- Discussion on date due to the Ag Conference in Medicine Hat.
- Members agreed to **keep the date as Thursday, November 13th**.
- Volunteers needed for setup and Chamber table support and we will look into a organization for a fundraiser supper

c. Pumpkin Festival Donation

- Annual Pumpkin Auction on **October 24th**.
- **Motion:** *Lana Halvorson* moved to donate the annual Chamber membership to the auction.
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9. Round Table Updates

Village of Foremost

- Council nominations open.
- Held a Zoom call with *MP Glen Motz* regarding village updates.
- Roads and pavement in good condition; sidewalks nearing completion.
- Irrigation blowout tentatively scheduled for **October 8th**.

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (Helene Nicholson)

- Fall grant cycle closes next week.
- Reminder: submit final reports before applying for new grants.
- *Emily* has adjusted well in her new role.
- Committee interested in hearing about local events to volunteer at.

South Forty Transportation (Matt Cochrane)

- School buses running smoothly.
- Working with *Transportation Canada* on a few things
- Expansion plans underway.

Community Resource Centre (CRC)

- Lantic Job Fair held in Bow Island; 16 attendees.
- Awaiting info from *Safety Buzz* on grant for Ag industry driver training (Class 3/1).
- *Service Canada* visit scheduled for **September 11, 1–3 p.m.**
- Participated in Skills for Employees Zoom workshops.

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

- Summer Fun and Flying Bob Camp successful.
- Five Babysitting and three Home Alone courses completed.
- *Story Time* and *Baby Time* start in October. Preparing fall programs and Christmas campaigns.



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Historical Society

- Over 100 attended Sunday Popcorn & Coffee.
- Handed out 450 bags of popcorn in the parade.
- New signage increased visitor traffic, especially during baseball provincials.
- Next meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
- *Blue Christmas* event: **December 3 at 7:00 p.m., E-Free Church, Bow Island.**

Etzikom Museum

- Great summer season.
- Hosting *Night at the Museum* on **September 20th** (tickets available until Sept. 13th).

County of Forty Mile

- Mowing and grading ongoing.
- Council nominations open.
- Meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

10. Next Meeting

- Next Chamber meeting: **October 14th, 12:00 p.m.**
Location: Chamber Office or online.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by **Corinna Roth-Beacome at 1:25 p.m.**