

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- 1. Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting was called to order by President Corinna Roth- Beacome at 12:01 p.m.
- 2. Items to be Added to the Agenda**
 - a. Ai Transcript, South Grow
- 3. Acceptance of Agenda**
 - a. **Motion:** June Mitchell moved to accept the agenda as presented.
Carried.
- 4. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **Motion:** June Mitchell moved to accept the October 14th meeting minutes.
Carried.
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **Motion:** Bruce Hillis moved to accept the Octobers Treasurer's Report as presented.
Carried.
- 6. Correspondence**
 - a. **EDA event in Taber will look into information on that event.**
 - b. **Alberta Chamber Event in Edmonton November 19th Supper**
- 7. Old Business**
 - a. **Website/Non-Chamber Fees**
 - o Matt Cochran presented an information on what could look like for website Maintenance and Advertising Fees, will make a few adjustments and bring it back to another meet before we present to the Village before making final decisions as they are our partners on the website.
 - b. **MP Meet & Greet / Municipal Forum**
 - o Heard back from MLA Grant Hunter and School Trustee that they will be attending. As well as Bruce Hillis from the Village Council. Will connect with the County and Village to see if there are any other representative attending.
 - o Format is causal allowing business and individuals to meet, share and communicate with elected officials that can attend.
 - o Date: **December 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall.**
 - c. **Christmas Market**
 - o Market Date is set for November 13, 2025, Open for Public from 1-7pm
 - o Dance Club will be providing snacks, coffee and Supper starting at 4:30
 - o So far have 17 tables registered.
 - o Shortgrass 4-H will help with the take down of tables and will ask the school to see if they can help set up.
 - d. **Small Business Recognition**
 - o Businesses Received a thank you and a decal that can be hung on their windows to recognize that they are a Chamber Member and that we are grateful for them in the community for small business week. We do have extras in our office if anyone did not receive theirs, or for any new members.
 - o Feedback was well received from the community on this.
- 8. New Business**
 - a. **AGM**
 - o Matt Cochran moves our AGM will be held on Monday January 26 at the Community Hall 6:30 pm. Paul Leighton Seconded, Carried.

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- Discussion on Topics of interest that would be considered would be AI, Inclusive hiring, Samis Immigration, Burnout,
- Matt Cochrane and Paul Leighton will be the nomination committee.
- b. Chamber Sign**
 - We will look into pricing and options for a sign that can recognise our chamber office or talk with Mel about covering up a sign that is no longer in use on the building sign. With Chamber information
- c. South Grow**
 - South Grow is having a surveys and questionnaires for this area for economical development.
 - We have completed many of these so far with other organizations and partners a discussion was held and would like to see them work together with the results from previous questionnaires.
 - Will email out the link to members if they wish to complete it as well.
- d. Ai Transcript**
 - Will look into seeing the cost of purchasing or adding on to the Owl for recording information from meetings to make it easier to capture information from meetings.

9. Round Table Updates

Village of Foremost

- Had their re organizational meeting and everyone has placed on the committees
- Getting Ready for the snow removal

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (Helene Nicholson)

- Reminder: submit final reports before applying for new grants.
- Committee interested in hearing about local events to volunteer at.

South Forty Transportation (Matt Cochrane)

- Looking into recruiting Class 2 drivers, casual and spares
- Updated us with potential plans for the future, including air port to airport services, tours, coach buses and more.

Community Resource Centre (CRC)

- Will send out information on the Alberta Job Grants
- Our Partnership with Medicine Hat College, has been growing since the tour they had they have told us that one local business has took them up for rural access training for their staff, wanting to hold a round table discussion with businesses and individuals in the future.
- Have been very busy with Resumes, if you know anyone hiring to please reach out to us so we can help advertise.

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

- Gearing up for pink week November 17-20th Foremost Community wear your pink on Wednesday November 19th; this also goes with our Government of Alberta Family Violence Month We all need to do our part and make a difference stand up and be kind. Recovery Alberta will be joining us this year and helping spread this message.
- Christmas Campaign has started. If you know of any families or individuals needing support, please reach out to us. Still looking for donations or people to adopt a family.

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- Holding our Stuff the Bus campaign on December 15th partnering with South Forty Transportation and The School from 8:30-2:30 it will be parked outside the school, or if you have any donations needing to be picked up, please let us know.
- We are very Grateful for the Churches, volunteers and community members that help with delivering to our clients. We are always looking for more volunteers to help especially in Bow Island and Burdett rural areas.
- Hoping to hold a Playgroup Meeting with Parents to help re organize the playgroup in Foremost and perhaps look at holding another information session on the need of childcare.
- Fraud Prevention information partnering with RCMP, ATB Financial, on November 18th in Bow Island, and planning on having one in Foremost.

Historical Society

- Closed for the season
- Had some renos done.
- Looking forward to some interesting projects are in the works for next year.

Etzikom Museum

- Etzikom Community Coffee Time at the Hall starting up every Friday at 10:00am
- Attending the Christmas Market- Planning on Pre Orders of Pies for \$25.00 to be picked up at the Market
- Chamber wishes Joan a happy retirement and thanks her for the dedication to the communities for the past 18 years.

Any Other discussion

- Blue Christmas is in Bow Island December 3 at 7:00 will also be via online on website.
- 4-H has opened to be more of a multi club- having 25 students this year. Will help with the Christmas Market in taking down the tables as well as shorting of the Christmas Hampers on Dec 15
- Hockey Day is Dec 13th in Foremost.

10. Next Meeting

- Next Chamber meeting: **December 9th, 12:00 p.m.**
Location: Chamber Office or online.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by **Corinna- Roth-Beacome at 1:26 p.m.**