



Minutes October 14, 2025

FOREMOST & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by Vice **President Matt Cochrane** at **12:04 p.m.**

2. Items to be Added to the Agenda

- a. Foremost Community Bottle Tailer, Mage Network Presentation

3. Acceptance of Agenda

- a. **Motion:** Bev Baker moved to accept the agenda as presented.
Carried.

4. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. **Motion:** Joan Hughson moved to accept the September 9th meeting minutes.
Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

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

6. Correspondence

7. Old Business

a. MP Meet & Greet / Municipal Forum

- The membership discussed the Meet and Greet for the Village Council, County of Forty Mile Council, MP & MLA and School Trustee
- **Discussion was had about the resistance**
- Format is causal allowing business and individuals to meet, share and communicate with elected officials that can attend.

- Date: **December 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall.**

b. Website

- We have launched the Website October 1st; there are some updates that still need to be updated as we move and maneuver things to the new site.
- We have sent out an email to all the business with the new information that we are needing from all businesses to complete the new business directory
- Discussion was held about the cost of the website for non chamber members as the website is unique and would like to include everyone. Discussion will be tabled until next meeting

c. Canadian Chamber Conference – October 7–9

- Matt Cochrane attended the Chamber Conference and AGM, had a wonderful time and showed his rural presence
- Challenged them on a few amendments – with one passing on the funding of rural drone and aerospace.

d. Christmas Market

- Market Date is set for November 13, 2025 Open for Public from 1-7pm



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- Dance Club will be providing snacks, coffee and Supper starting at 4:30
- So far have 17 tables registered.
- Shortgrass 4-H will help with the take down of tables, and will ask the school to see if they can help set up

8. New Business

a. Mage Networks Presentation

- Information was presented to the membership present on the internet services Mage Networks can offer in the area. They will follow up with questions they hope businesses and residents will answer to help them know what a benefit to a potential client would be.

b. Logo – Vector

- Discussion was held on the current logo and how it looked a bit to busy for the website and had issues trying to convert it to a Vector for the Website.
- Terri-Lynn Made a new logo for the Chamber. Motion: Paul Leighton moves that we use the new logo made for the Website and for future advertising. Lana Halvorson Seconded. Carried
- Discussion was held about creating a branding project, suggestion to reach out to the Medicine Hat College for a project , in the future.

c. Regional Strategy Stakeholder Meeting

- Larry Robinson is on the Steering Committee on behalf of the village, which also included County of Forty Mile, Town of Bow Island, Redcliff and Medicine Hat.
- Terri-Lynn & Corinna attended the meeting September 16th on behalf of the Chamber and Community Resource Centre
- Matt Cochrane will continue to attend these meeting on behalf of the Chamber

d. Small Business Week

- Discussion was held on how we can recognize the small businesses in the community
- Corinna Roth-Beacome moves that we recognize Chamber Memberships with a thank you card and a personalized decal for the windows. The Chamber will Allocate up to \$250.00 for this project. Paul Leighton Seconded Carried.

e. Community Bottle Trailer

- Discussion was held in how Community has noticed a big gap in not having a Bottle Trailer since it was stolen from the School in the Spring.
- Paul Leighton moves the Chamber can lend our support to the School or Community to assist in getting a community trailer. June Mitchell seconded. Carried.
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9. Round Table Updates

Village of Foremost

- Irrigation Shutdown was successful
- Gearing up for new Council Meetings the end of October last Council Meeting is Oct 21 for this term Training Oct 25 and re-organizational Meeting Oct 30
- Asphalt/ Concrete were complete with some areas will resume in the new year as the roads settle

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (Helene Nicholson)

- Reminder: submit final reports before applying for new grants.
- Fall Grant Cycle Awards will be handing out shortly
- Committee interested in hearing about local events to volunteer at.

South Forty Transportation (Matt Cochrane)

- School buses not running due to strike
- Launching South 40 Tours – Planning 2 Day Trip from Medicine Hat to Waterton, Twin Butte, Pincher Creek , includes hotels and 5 Course Meals Tour.

Community Resource Centre (CRC)

- Awaiting info from Safety Buzz on grant for Ag industry driver training (Class 3/1).
- Partnering with Medicine Hat College, for bringing courses out to the Rural areas, watch for advertising in the First N Foremost, wanting to hold a round table discussion with businesses and individuals In the future.
- Plans are in place for some lunch and learns

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

- Story Time and Baby Time started this week
- Acetona Energy- donated \$44 000.00 for the Meals on Wheels Programing supports Seniors or individuals, some with medical conditions, or cognitive issues. This will help keep the meals at a low cost for the clients for the year.



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- 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.
- Planning a 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
- Some interesting projects are in the works for next year.

Etzikom Museum

- Museum Closed for the Season
- 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

County of Forty Mile

- Welcome 3 new councillors -with the organizational Meeting October 22
- Fiber Line for Internet is being placed down the HWY 61 to Mayberries
- Chamber wishes Joan a happy retirement and thanks her for the dedication to the communities for the past 18 years.

Any Other discussion

- Dr. Edwards is hoping to have 1 day a week in Foremost at the Medical Center
- Potluck in Hopping coming up
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10. Next Meeting

- Next Chamber meeting: **November 18, 12:00 p.m.**
Location: Chamber Office or online.

11. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by **Matt Cochrane at 1:43 p.m.**