

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. **Bottle Trailer- Old Business, Community Sign -New Business**
3. **Acceptance of Agenda**
 - a. **Motion:** Bev Baker moved to accept the agenda as presented.
Carried.
4. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **Motion:** Heather Walsh moved to accept the November 6th meeting minutes.
Carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. **Motion:** Bruce Hillis moved to accept the November Treasurer's Report as presented.
Carried.
6. **Correspondence**
 - a. **Village of Foremost Representatives:** Bruce Hillis and Mel Karl
 - b. **County of Forty Mile Representative:** Stacey Barrows
 - c. **Alberta Chamber:** Weekly emails are sent out. Members are encouraged to sign up directly on their site, if interested in receiving them. If assistance is needed, please contact the office
7. **Old Business**
 - a. **Website/Non-Chamber Fees**
 - Tabled for further discussion and inquiries
 - Items for the community calendar can be emailed to chamberevents@gmail.com
 - b. **Meet & Greet was held December 4th**
 - Representatives in attendance: School Trustee Nancy Haraga; Village Council – Bruce Hillis; County of Forty Mile – Stacey Barrows, Pearl Jones, and Gary Cochrane
 - Great conversations were held, new residents were welcomed, and there is interest in hosting similar events in the future
 - c. **Christmas Market**
 - Approximately 250 people attended
 - Thank you to the Dance Club for supper, Foremost School for set-up, and Shortgrass 4-H for clean-up.
 - Motion: Paul Leighton moved that the 2026 Christmas Market be held on Thursday, November 19, 2026. Carried
 - d. **AGM**
 - Scheduled for Monday, January 26, at the Community Hall, 6:30 p.m.
 - Speaker still to be confirmed; possible topic will be AI – Information & Insights for Businesses
 - Coffee and desserts will be served
 - e. **Chamber Sign**
 - Further discussion will take place at the next meeting
 - Discussion regarding signage at Forty Mile Park for local businesses. Stacey will follow up with the County regarding sign and how we can promote Chamber Business at the Park.

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f. **Bottle Shed/Trailer**

- The school has decided to install a shed instead of a trailer
- Funding questions were raised; more information will be brought to the next meeting

8. **New Business**

a. **Skate with Santa**

- Scheduled for Friday, December 12
- Chamber will contribute funding for candy bags
- Brighten Financial donated \$100 toward the candy bags
- ATB Financial will provide hot chocolate and cookies

b. **Community Sign**

- Feed Back from Sign was Positive-
- Sage Club will be applying for a Grant and Funding for the cost of the sign to be placed on Main Street.

9. **Round Table Updates**

Village of Foremost

- Zoom meeting held with MP Glen Motz, mentioned there is a an 8-mile road project in works between the U.S./Canada border
- Council meeting scheduled for next week
- Unmanned air space – exploring a group to take over
- Christmas lights are up around town
- Attended the FCSAA Conference in Edmonton
- Emergency Management Training scheduled for January 13

Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta (Helene Nicholson)

- Winter Newsletter will be coming out soon
- Community Impact Grant and YEP opening in January
- Community Grants open February 4; Letters of Intent due March 15
- Top 70 Over 70 nominations open in March
- Contact Helene prior to submitting Letters of Intent for guidance

Community Resource Centre (CRC)

- Exploring training opportunities with Medicine Hat College (e.g., Excel)
- Annual Job Fair scheduled for February
- Safety Buzz received funding for Rural Class 1 Training
- Busy assisting with resumes; employers are encouraged to reach out for advertising support

Family & Community Support Services (FCSS)

- Celebrating 25 years as a Regional Program in 2026 watch for celebrations
- Seeking volunteers for delivering meals on wheels, particularly in Bow Island and Burdett rural areas.
- Stuff the Bus on December 15, 8:30–2:30, outside the school
- Planning a playgroup meeting and possible childcare information session in new year



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- Fraud Prevention Session held November 18 in Bow Island with ATB Bank had about 40 people in attendance ; planning one in Foremost

Historical Society

- Hosted a School Reunion Tour
- Spring Projects are planned

Etzikom Museum

- Etzikom Community Coffee Time at the Hall every Friday at 10:00am

Any Other discussion

- Hockey Day is Dec 13th in Foremost. With 7-8 teams playing with Teddy Bear toss raffles and more
- Provincial Basketball will be March 18-21st

10. Next Meeting

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

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by President Corinna Roth-Beacome at **1:03p.m.**