

# Village of Myrnam

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for the Village of Myrnam  
held on February 20, 2025, in the Village of Myrnam Council Chambers

**PRESENT:** Mayor Donna Rudolf, Deputy Mayor Raymond Yaremchuk, Councillor Kurt Ewanec, and Chief Administrative Officer Elsie Kiziak.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor D. Rudolf called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**2025-006 MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to adopt the agenda as presented with one new item under New Business: Borrowing Bylaw 2025-01.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

**2025-007 MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2025, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**DELEGATION:**

**Northern Lights Library System: James McDonald, Executive Director**

James McDonald, Executive Director of Northern Lights Library System (NLLS), provided Council with 2024 Value Statement and 2025 Implementation Plan and Budget, which includes providing wireless printing services at public libraries and a new library interface in the third quarter. James also noted that library memberships can now be done online. Council requested 1) the statistics of people by age who use e-books, and for a presentation of library services to seniors' lodges.

**OPEN FORUM:** No one for open forum.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Public Works Report**

The Public Works Report was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by CAO E. Kiziak.

**Financial Report**

The Financial Report consisting of the 1) Bank Reconciliation Statement for month ending January 2025, and 2) the Cheque Listing for January 10 to February 13, 2025 was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by CAO E. Kiziak.

**Chief Administrative Officer Report**

The Chief Administrative Officer Report was provided to Council in advance for their review and presented by CAO E. Kiziak. A budget meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

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**2025-008** **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to accept the Administrative Reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Correspondence was provided to Council prior to the Council meeting. Due to timing of meetings, Administration provide Council with the following additions to Correspondence:

- Alberta Municipalities: Learn how Alberta’s 2025 budget supports municipalities (email February 13, 2025)
- Alberta Counsel: Trevor Tombe Guest Webinar (email February 19, 2025)
- FCM: FCM launches Canada-wide Virtual Listening Tour (email February 14, 2025)
- Alberta HUB: Alberta HUB email on behalf of Chair Aalbers ACTION REQUIRED (email February 18, 2025)

**2025-009** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to accept the Correspondence as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Lot Contest - Marketing**

A media release was sent out by the Village to various media outlets. The Vermilion Voice picked up the article immediately; Lakeland This Week and Lakeland Today are interested in the story. The article highlights the exciting contest in our community, which was intended to showcase why our area is a great place for families to consider moving. In the article, we mentioned "all essential services and amenities are available locally such as," and provided a general list of businesses by category, but unfortunately, the word "restaurant" was unintentionally left out of the list. This omission was not intentional. The article was never meant to be a comprehensive list of all the amenities we offer. While it highlighted many of the essentials, we recognize that the local restaurant is a key part of our community, and we appreciate its important role. Administration noted this oversight and will ensure that future media releases include "restaurant...and more". Administration have apologized on behalf of the village and publicly on Facebook under our post of the contest

Unfortunately, the local restaurant business owner has expressed their frustration on Facebook. This stir highlighted that a petition will be going around in spring to have the CAO reviewed. CAO recommended Council to invite Municipal Affairs to conduct a Municipal Inspection.

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In addition, the school does not have the capacity at this time to create video commercials for social media. Mayor D. Rudolf and CAO E. Kiziak will meet to discuss marketing ideas.

**2025-010** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to request Municipal Affairs to conduct a municipal inspection.

**CARRIED**

### **Appeal – Direction regarding No parking of trailer**

A resident is appealing the recent order sent on February 3, 2025 requesting the landowner “Please remove the trailer that is attached to the vehicle off the street as it has been parked in excess of 24 hours”. It was noted in the bylaw that the trailer hasn’t been moved in weeks, notably on January 8, 15, 22, and 28<sup>th</sup>. The trailer still has not been moved. The appeal states “challenge that the trailer is used for load/unload. I have from the town the law a trailer may be parked for 72 hours”.

**2025-011** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to dismiss the appeal.

**CARRIED**

**10:29 A.M. – meeting recessed for short break**

**10:33 A.M. – meeting resumed**

### **Appeal – Penalty for Dog Running at Large, catcher, and impound fees**

A dog owner is appealing a penalty received on January 28, 2025 for a dog running at large, a catcher fee, and impound fees.

**2025-012** **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to dismiss the appeal.

**CARRIED**

### **Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant Program**

The Town of Two Hills CAO forwarded the Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant Program information to the Village of Myrnam with the hopes of collaborating on a joint initiative that falls within the parameters of the grant. The Town’s vision is to conduct a study and purchase surveillance cameras for data collection.

**2025-013** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to collaborate with neighboring municipalities and apply to the Alberta Indigenous & Municipal Police Transition Grant Program for the purposes of researching local public safety needs.

**CARRIED**

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**Borrowing Bylaw 2025-01**

Annually Council must approve a Borrowing Bylaw for the purposes of financing operations as per Municipal Government Act Section 256.

**2025-014** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that Bylaw 2025-01 be now read a first time. **CARRIED**

**2025-015** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that Bylaw 2025-01 be now read a second time. **CARRIED**

**2025-016** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that Bylaw 2025-01 be given consent for third and final reading. **CARRIED**

**2025-017** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that Bylaw 2025-01 be now read a third and final time. **CARRIED**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Mayor D. Rudolf noted that minutes for Eagle Hill Foundation, FCSS, and HUB will be forwarded to Administration to include under Correspondence for each Regular Council meeting. No other reports were provided before or during the Council meeting.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With all items on the agenda having been addressed Mayor D. Rudolf adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 10:44 P.M.

<b>Chief Elected Official</b>
<b>Chief Administrative Officer</b>