

Village of Myrnam

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

PRESENT: Mayor Donna Rudolf, Deputy Mayor Raymond Yaremchuk, 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:

2025-018 MOVED by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

DELEGATION:

Two Hills RCMP Detachment – Quarterly Update & 2025 Priorities
Sgt. David Henry is presented the Quarterly Updates for period October to December 2024 as well as to discuss the 2025 Priorities. Sgt. Henry has recommended the following three priorities: 1) Rural Crime (includes Villages), 2) Visibility & Community Involvement, and 3) Traffic/Impaired Driving.

Councillor Kurt Ewanec attended the meeting at 9:03 a.m. during the Delegation Session.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2025-019 MOVED by Councillor K. Ewanec to adopt the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED

OPEN FORUM: No one for open forum.

OLD BUSINESS:

Appeal – Direction regarding No parking of trailer

At the previous regular Council meeting, Council reviewed an appeal submitted by a landowner and decided to dismiss the appeal based on the information provided. The landowner was informed of the decision and expressed dissatisfaction due to not receiving notice of the hearing date. This was an unintentional administrative oversight, for which Administration apologized and offered the landowner an opportunity to appeal in person before Council, to which the landowner verbally agreed. No new information was presented, other than the landowner's concern about not having a place to store the trailer until spring and their reluctance to store it at the back due to potential theft. Council members reiterated the intent of the relevant section of the bylaw to the landowner, but this did not alter the decision of the landowner.

2025-020 MOVED by Mayor D. Rudolf to uphold the decision made in the last meeting and dismiss the appeal.

CARRIED

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 February 2025, and 2) the Cheque Listing for February 13 to March 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.

2025-021 **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to accept the Administrative Reports as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was provided to Council prior to the Council meeting. Administration provided Council with the following additions to Correspondence:

- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Budget 2025 as related to Education Property Tax
- Alberta Municipal Affairs – Set up meeting for municipal inspection discussion
- Alberta Police Governance – Summary of Questions from Alberta Policing Legislation Information Session
- Alberta Municipalities – The Weekly (March 19, 2025)
- Alberta Counsel – Alberta 31st Legislature: Session 1 Summary (March 10 – 13)
- FCM – 1) Thank you for being a member of FCM 2) FCM Advocates for rural Alberta
- Myrnam Library Board – Minutes of March 3, 2025
- GoEast – Attend Go East of Edmonton – Two Hills Tourism Conference Trade Show April 30
- Travel Lakeland – Awesome Rides for OHV's, The Ultimate Greenhouse Tour, Things to Do

2025-022 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk to accept the Correspondence as presented with the additions.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS (continued):

Lot Contest - Marketing

There have been no videos submitted yet. Mayor and CAO would like to change the end date of the contest in order to advertise with spring/summer pictures and videos for the ads.

- 2025-023** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to extend the deadline of the “**Myrnam Calling: Why I’m Ready to Make It Home**” lot contest to December 31, 2025.

CARRIED

BYLAWS AND POLICIES:

Review: Traffic Bylaw 2022-01

At the last regular Council meeting and this regular Council meeting Council considered an appeal by a landowner regarding the wording of Section 5.10 of Traffic Bylaw 2022-01. Administration has approached free legal counsel who did not say that the wording is incorrect, however, recommended the following: *No person shall park a trailer on a highway except for the purpose of loading or unloading, and in any event, shall never park a trailer on a highway for any continuous period in excess of 24 hours.* Administration recommends Council and the public to provide input into a revised Traffic Bylaw.

- 2025-024** **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to table this item to the next regular Council to review a draft revised Traffic Bylaw based on recommendations from Council and public input.

CARRIED

Review: Non-Residential Development Incentives 2024-03

As part of the budgeting process, Council answered questions regarding certain bylaws due to their potential impact to the budget. It was decided to bring the Non-Residential Development Incentive Bylaw 2024-03 to the table to review the mandatory increase of assessment value. After deliberation, Council decided to keep this bylaw the same and to incorporate a new bylaw or policy for façade improvements.

- 2025-025** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf for Administration to explore façade improvement incentive bylaws or policies for residential and non-residential properties from other municipalities.

CARRIED

Review: Residential Development Incentives 2024-04

As part of the budgeting process, Council answered questions regarding certain bylaws due to their potential impact to the budget. It was decided to bring the Residential Development Incentive Bylaw 2024-04 to the table to review the mandatory increase of assessment value. After deliberation, Administration and Council noticed spelling errors (non-

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residential when it should have been residential) and an unnecessary cap on the improved assessment value.

- 2025-026** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk for Administration to revise the current bylaw and bring it back to the next regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

Repeal Certain Bylaws 2025-02

The following bylaws are considered inoperative, obsolete, expired, spent or otherwise ineffective: all tax rate bylaws from 2002 to 2016, Master Rates Bylaws 2021-16 and 23-06, Health Regulations Bylaw #26, and Appeal and Review Boards for Subdivision and Development, and Assessments, as the Village is under agreement with the Town of Two Hills.

- 2025-027** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk that Bylaw 2025-02 be now read a first time.

CARRIED

- 2025-028** **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec that Bylaw 2025-02 be now read a second time.

CARRIED

- 2025-029** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf that Bylaw 2025-02 be given consent for third and final reading.

CARRIED

- 2025-030** **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor R. Yaremchuk that Bylaw 2025-02 be now read a third and final time.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Municipal Elections: Substitute Returning Officer

Local Authorities Election Act, Section 13(2.1) An elected authority must, by resolution, appoint a substitute returning office by June 30 of the year in which the election occurs.

- 2025-031** **MOVED** by Mayor D. Rudolf to appoint Jodi Bannister to be Substitute Returning Officer for the Village of Myrnam 2025 municipal election.

CARRIED

Hay Lease

In early 2024 Council re-acquired the parcel at the northwest corner of Highways 45 and 881. The County of Two Hills - ALUS and the Village of Myrnam do have an agreement on a portion of the land for the purposes of environmental improvements under the ALUS program. The

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rest of the land, approximately 11.73 acres, is available for haying. In 2024, the Village tendered out a haying opportunity on this land. There were 4 bids received with the highest being awarded in the amount of \$1,476.

2025-032 **MOVED** by Councillor K. Ewanec to tender out the haying opportunity on NE 10 54 9 W4M (Title 192 087 196) using the same tender bid form as last year.

CARRIED

COUNCIL REPORTS:

No reports were provided before or during the Council meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

It was the consensus of Council to move the Regular Council Meeting to April 16, 2025 due to a scheduled Regional Economic Development Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With all items on the agenda having been addressed Mayor D. Rudolf adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 10:42 A.M.

Chief Elected Official
Chief Administrative Officer