

Village of Myrnam

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the Village of Myrnam
held on November 12, 2025, at the Myrnam Senior Citizens Centre

PRESENT: Mayor Rick Sadowsky, Deputy Mayor Paul Myshaniuk, Councillor Simon Patterson, Chief Administrative Officer Elsie Kiziak and approximately 25 people in the audience.

List of attendees attached to the minutes (signing copy only).

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Rick Sadowsky called the Annual Public Meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENTATION:

A presentation was prepared for the meeting however there was no access to technology to present it. Council went through the presentation verbally. Administration is to post the presentation on the village website. There was a comment to potentially have it made available through the next newsletter.

Presentation attached to the minutes (signing copy only).

Agenda of the meeting:

- Welcome & Opening Comments from the Mayor
- Introductions of Council and Staff
- Introductions of Staff
- Purpose of Meeting
- Key Measures and Financial Indicators
- Municipal Accountability Program Review
- 2025 Operating Budget
- 2025 Capital Budget
- Preparing for 2026 and Beyond
- Question/Comment Period
- Closing Comments from the Mayor

FROM THE AUDIENCE:

(C) Comment (Q) Question (A) Answer

The following were questions, comments, and answers throughout the presentation and meeting.

Q - What is the population of Myrnam?

A - 257

C – Show a pie chart of the budget.

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- Q - Why is there an addition to the fire hall? Are we getting more equipment?
- A - The Myrnam fire department have acquired more equipment and needed more storage. The village will also be using one of the three bays to house their vac truck.
- Q – Can the public receive a budget to actual on a monthly basis?
- C – That is what the public elected council for.
- A – Council was presented a quarterly report in October for Jan to September. Administration will see what other municipalities do.
- Q - What happened to the asphalt that was removed from main street?
- A - Administration did not have an answer at the moment however would look into it and let council know.
- Q - Can the office be open Monday to Friday?
- A - Council will look into it.
- C - There was comments from a resident regarding the CAO's pay and hours of work.
- A - Council heard the same comments when campaigning. Staff, including the CAO gets paid hourly. CAO does not receive benefits. The CAO and the Administrative Assistant put in a lot of volunteer hours.
- Q - Need to demolish abandoned buildings (on main street, hospital, theatre).
- C - That is something Council will be looking into.
- C - These abandoned buildings are privately owned. Administration explained what process had occurred over the last two years, especially when Alberta Safety Codes Council insisted on getting involved and then insisted that they had no authority.
- C - A resident offered to talk with a contact at Safety Codes Council.
- C - Does not want the Village to become a hamlet.
- C - Members of council all commented that their intent is to keep Myrnam viable.
- Q - Can the landfill transfer site be opened one more day, during the week, from 6-8 pm?
- C - Representative of the landfill commission will bring it up at the next Board meeting.
- Q/C- Concerns about the quality of work from the public works department, and whether public works was qualified to do the main street project.
- A - Public Works staff were and are qualified.
- Q - Snow removal cost comparison vs contracting?
- C - In 2021/22 Administration conducted a cost analysis. Administration will conduct another analysis for new council.

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- Q - Will the sidewalks get done? Future sidewalks get built in the same year.
- A - Council will look into it.
- C - Need to address the road beside the water plant.
- C - Council will discuss it during the budget planning sessions.
- C - Why not scrape the snow down to the asphalt?
- A - Leaving an insulator of snow is better as the freeze/thaw cycles where water gets into the cracks in the roads causing more damage to the road surface.
- C - Should just leave snow on the road if it is less than 4” especially if it is going to thaw; no need for equipment to be running; waste of fuel.
- C - Sometimes it snows 2-3” on a Friday and nothing gets done until Monday.
- Q - Why windrow snow?
- A - So public works can get all roads and alleys cleared up first.
- Q - Where is my cc valve?
- A - If anyone needs something like this done, just go to the office or download the Service Request form and submit it to the village office.
- Q - Can we get water quality test done at the school?
- A - It is not common practice to use schools or hospitals to do the weekly water tests. A test can be conducted upon request.
- Q - Why does my white water filter turn brown after 30 days?
- A - Cast pipes will do that.
- Q – What do you think of the wooden sidewalks?
- C - Some people mentioned they don’t like them, they are already lifting and are slippery in the winter.
- C - Drain from building goes under the sidewalk to the road is plugged.
- A - Submit a service request for the plugged drain.
- A - Council will look into replacing the wooden sidewalks during budget sessions.
- Q - Can we be notified when the piles by the arena will be burning?
- A - Fire department member noted that the village could notify this landowner. Administration stated they could notify the landowner and post it on Facebook and on the village website.
- Q - When is the old reservoir going to be torn down?
- A - Council will look into this.

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- C - Want to see more recreation for youth. Examples brought up: dirt bike track, skate park, upgrade playground, youth centre, splash park.
- C - Put up security cameras at CTEC.
- C - Rumors that library will be shutting down in January.
- A - School is cutting library position. Myrnam will still have a library.
- C - Library needs to stay in the school.
- C - New Myrnam School is on the short-list for modernization.
- C - Issues with parking for volunteer fire fighters responding to the fire hall for calls; especially on a Sunday.
- C - A member of council answered a question he had heard while campaigning. Council is made up of 3 elected councillors; and the mayor is chosen by the 3 elected councillors; as per provincial legislation.

FROM COUNCIL:

Apart from what was mentioned earlier, Council members stated their intention is 1) to be available, 2) to improve on communication, and 3) bring in more businesses, 4) to increase the population, and 5) to develop a long-term strategic plan; all based on what they heard from residents and business owners on while campaigning and at this meeting.

Members of council expressed their thanks to the audience for their attendance and participation.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Rick Sadowsky adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:23 P.M.

Chief Elected Official
Chief Administrative Officer