VILLAGE OF MYRNAM

Annual Public Meeting

Community Agenda and Information | October 28, 2026

The minutes from the previous annual public meeting are provided for information and continuity. To ensure meeting records are reviewed and maintained through the Village's formal Council process, the minutes will be presented to Council at a regular Council meeting for approval. Previous minutes may continue to be included in future annual public meeting materials, if held, for residents' reference and to provide continuity from year to year.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

2. Introductions of Council and Administration

- Current Council: Mayor Paul Myshaniuk, Deputy Mayor Simon Patterson, and Councillor Rick Sadowsky.
- During Council's first year, Rick Sadowsky served as Mayor, Paul Myshaniuk as Deputy Mayor, and Simon Patterson as Councillor.
- Appointments for the current year were made at the October 2026 organizational meeting.

3. Purpose of the Annual Public Meeting

- Provide residents with an overview of Council's work and municipal planning.
- Gather input to help inform budget decisions, capital planning, and service priorities.

4. Council's First Year: Decisions, Capital Work and Follow-Up from Public Input

Bylaws updated or created

- Updated the Responsible Animal Ownership Bylaw, Master Rates Bylaw, Urban Hen Bylaw, Traffic Bylaw, and Council Procedural Bylaw.
- Created the Community Standards Bylaw, incorporating provisions previously addressed in the Traffic Bylaw, Curfew Bylaw, and Unsightly Premises Bylaw. There is no longer a separate Unsightly Premises Bylaw.
- Updated the Garbage Services Bylaw for commercial businesses that require bins.

Policies

- Implemented the Donations Policy, Public Service Concern and Request Policy, Energy Management Policy, Privacy Management Program Policy, and Line of Credit and Short-Term Borrowing Policy.
- Reviewed nine other existing policies and amended five.

Capital work completed in 2026

Significant infrastructure work was completed in-house during 2026, with the exception of the new backup water line. Projects included sidewalk improvements, water and sewer main and service replacements, installation of the backup water line, and road surfacing. Further details on individual projects are provided in Section 7.

Community Events and Annual Celebrations

- The Village is proud to support community events and celebrations that bring residents together and build community spirit. Annual events, including Canada Day and Alberta Day celebrations, provide opportunities for residents to connect, celebrate our community, and enjoy activities with family, friends, and neighbours.

Follow-up on public input from the November 2025 annual public meeting

- Budget pie charts: visual charts were prepared for the 2025 and 2026 budgets and posted on the Village website.
- Monthly budget-to-actual information: Council receives monthly bank reconciliation reports, a complete listing of payables, and quarterly budget-to-actual reports as part of internal financial oversight. Monthly budget-to-actual reporting is not provided publicly.
- Main Street asphalt: Asphalt removed during the Main Street work is piled and monitored by Public Works.
- Office hours: In response to public input, the Village changed public-facing hours earlier in 2026 to Monday–Friday. At the October 2026 organizational meeting, hours changed to Monday–Wednesday after Council considered office attendance and the cost of keeping the office open five days per week.
- Abandoned properties, including the hospital and theatre: The Village has completed the tax-arrears process on 3 properties with abandoned/derelict buildings. Council is currently considering next steps, including whether to sell the properties or demolish the buildings.
- Landfill transfer site hours: A request was made for an additional weekday evening opening from 6:00–8:00 p.m. The request does not appear to have proceeded, but the outcome has not been formally confirmed.
- Snow and ice removal: Administration will evaluate costs during the 2026–2027 winter season and prepare a cost analysis before the budget is passed in spring 2027.
- Sidewalks: The sidewalk work discussed at last year's meeting has been completed, including work along 51st Avenue and on 48th Street.
- Road beside the water plant: This concern has been addressed.

5. Council Representation on Boards and Committees

- Council members report on the boards and committees they represent and share significant updates relevant to residents.

6. Municipal Services and Current Service Delivery

- The Village is responsible for a range of municipal services, including local roads and alleys, snow and ice removal, sidewalks, water and wastewater, waste services, municipal facilities, parks and green spaces, municipal administration, fire protection, and emergency services. The Village also supports community safety and well-being through its municipal responsibilities and partnerships, including its partnership with Two Hills FCSS, which provides support for individuals, families, and the broader community.
- Service levels refer to the type, amount, frequency, availability, and standard of services provided. Examples include road maintenance, snow and ice removal priorities, office access, infrastructure repairs, waste services, upkeep of parks and facilities, emergency response, and support for community well-being.

- Current public office hours are Monday–Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 12:30–3:30 p.m. Earlier in 2026, office hours changed from Tuesday–Thursday to Monday–Friday. Council subsequently changed the hours to Monday–Wednesday to reduce the cost of five-day public access, given low office attendance, and to avoid scheduling conflicts between Administration and Public Works personnel during Thursday morning garbage pickup
- At the beginning of the term, regular Council meetings moved to 7:00 p.m. In October 2026, Council changed meetings back to 9:00 a.m., following extremely limited attendance at evening meetings.
- The Village office is currently staffed by the Chief Administrative Officer, who is carrying out both CAO and administrative functions.

7. 2026 Financial and Capital Work: Overview

- Changes in staffing are expected to allow additional funds to be set aside toward Council's debt-reduction goal.
- Capital and Infrastructure Work Completed in 2026:
  - Completed sidewalk work along 51st Avenue and 48th Street.
  - Replaced water and sewer mains and services from 51st Avenue to the school.
  - Installed a backup water line from the water plant to the school.
  - Hard-surfaced the following road sections:
    - School road from Highway 881 to 48th Street.
    - Post office to the school.
    - East end of 51st Avenue toward the arena.
- Remaining Capital Project:
  - Fire Hall Solar Panels: Work is anticipated to begin October 28, 2026.
- Project Not Proceeding
  - 48th Street Hydrant: The proposed hydrant at the north end of 48th Street could not proceed because the existing water line was too small to accommodate the hydrant.

8. 2027 Budget and Longer-Term Planning

- The Village is preparing a 2027 operating budget and a three-year plan for 2028–2030.
- The Village is preparing a 2027 capital budget and a capital plan for 2028–2032.
- Resident input will help Council understand community priorities before budget decisions are finalized.

9. Council's Longer-Term Goals: Debt Reduction and Strategic Planning

- Council's current goal, which is not yet a binding commitment, is to have the debt associated with the CTEC facility paid off by the end of the current Council term.
- The aim is to create more financial flexibility for potential service enhancements, additional services, or infrastructure upgrades, depending on the Village's financial position and community needs.
- Council wishes to implement a strategic plan to guide priorities and decisions for the remainder of the term and beyond.

10. Public Input: Service Levels and Capital Priorities

- Which Village services are most important to your household or business?
- Are there service levels you would change? Please explain what change you would like and why.
- Which infrastructure concerns should be addressed first, and where are they located?
- What should be included in the Village's future strategic plan?

Council cannot guarantee that every request can be funded. Comments will help Council understand priorities and weigh them alongside safety, urgency, infrastructure condition, grants, operating costs, and available revenues.

11. Questions and Comments

- Residents are invited to raise general questions and comments.
- Comments may relate to information, a service concern, a proposed budget priority, or a request for a Council consideration.
- Council may need to review or follow up on some questions before providing a complete answer.

12. Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- Residents may provide written input after the meeting by emailing cao@myrnam.ca, dropping off a written submission at the Village office, or mailing it to the Village.
- Visit www.myrnam.ca for public notices, the calendar of events, newsletters, Council minutes, and the budget.
- Notices are also posted on the Facebook page "Village of Myrnam - Events and Public Notices" which is managed by local community members.
- The next budget meetings are scheduled for November 10 and December 8, 2026, both at 9:00 a.m.
- Upcoming council meetings are scheduled for November 24 and December 15, 2026 starting at 9 a.m.
- The Village of Myrnam extends its sincere thanks to all the community organizations, volunteers, and individuals who contribute their time, energy, and resources to making Myrnam a welcoming and vibrant community. Their ongoing efforts support local events, maintain community spaces, provide services, and create opportunities for residents of all ages. These contributions are greatly valued and make a meaningful difference in the life of our community.
- Thank you for participating in the future of the Village of Myrnam.

13. Adjournment