

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FOREMOST VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, THE 16TH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D.,
2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mayor Lorne Buis and Councillors Larry Robinson, Bruce Hillis and Blake Klatt

ABSENT: Councillor Tyson Ormann

ALSO PRESENT: Marilyn Hirsche, CAO
Trevor Ferguson, Foreman

ACTION ITEMS:

A. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lorne Buis at 7:00 p.m.

B. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

- **Foremost Municipal Library**
- **Land Offer**

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

01/24

Moved by that the January 16, 2024 Regular Village of Foremost Council Meeting Agenda be approved, with the following amendment:

- **Foremost Municipal Library**
- **Land Offer**

...carried.

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D. MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting of Village Council were confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of ...Carried.

E. ACCOUNTS APPROVED AND PASSED FOR PAYMENT:

03/24

The accounts for the month of December 2023 as presented and comprised of Special Cheque No's: 20230748 - 20230750, 20230752, 20230761 – 20230762, 20230764, 20230766 – 20230776 and No's. 20230791 - 20230793, in the amount of \$44,739.13 were approved and passed for payment on motion of ...Carried.

A list of the accounts is attached hereto and forms a part of these minutes.

F. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

04/24

a) **Monthly Financial Statements:** The financial statements for the month of December, 2023, as presented were confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of Carried.

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b) **Foremost Community Airport Revenue/Expenditures Report 2023:** The 2023 Foremost Community Airport Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of...Carried.

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c) **Foremost Swimming Pool Financial Statement 2023:** The 2023 Foremost Swimming Pool Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of ...Carried.

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d) **Foremost Medical Clinic Revenue/Expenditures Report 2023:** The 2023 Foremost Medical Clinic Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of ...Carried.

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e) **Foremost Cemetery Revenue/Expenditures Report 2023:** The 2023 Foremost Cemetery Revenue/Expenditures Report, as presented was confirmed and ordered filed in the minute book on motion of ...Carried.

G. LAND OFFER APPLICATIONS:

09/24

Moved by that an inquiry be made with Alberta Municipal Affairs regarding the following Land Offer:

New Back 40 Foods, Foremost, Alberta:

West 80' of Lot 16, Block 15, Plan 7710465

610A – 1 Avenue West

Asking Price: 24,300

Offer: \$17,171

and that if the Offer can be accepted without complications and special procedures, the Offer be accepted ...carried.

H. STAFF REPORTS:

10/24

Moved by that Public Works Foreman, Trevor Ferguson's report on the activities of the outside workers for the past month be accepted as presented ...Carried

I. CANADA SUMMER JOBS:

11/24

Moved by that the Village of Foremost apply for Canada Summer Jobs Funding, as follows:

1 Chief Lifeguard

2 Senior Lifeguards

2 Junior Lifeguards

1 Public Works Employee

...carried.

J. COUNTY OF FORTY MILE NO.8:

12/24

Foremost Cemetery: Moved by that the Village of Foremost request from the County of Forty Mile No. 8 financial support for the Foremost Cemetery in the amount of \$3,500.00...carried.

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Foremost Community Airport: Moved by that the Village of Foremost request from the County of Forty Mile No. 8 financial support for the Foremost Community Airport in the amount of \$3,500.00...carried.

K. FOREMOST COMMUNITY AIRPORT:

14/24

Private Business Fees:

Moved by that the Private Business Fee at the Foremost Community Airport be set as follows, effective January 1, 2024:

\$755.74/year and minimum \$250.00/month or portion thereof, for a portion of the year (GST Exempt) ...carried.

L. FOREMOST/FORTY MILE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

15/24

Appointment of Membership: Moved by appointment of the following Foremost Fire Department Members:

Beacome, Miles

Bodin, Logan

Buis, Kerri

Buis, Lorne

Cowie, Jordy

Granberg, Boyd

Lipke, Eric

Neufeld, Eva

Neufeld, Franz

Nicoll, William

Ogden, Nathan

Ormann, Makenna

Vogel, Darrel

...carried.

M. 2024 IRRIGATION WATER RATES:

- 16/24 Farm Water Consumers:** Moved by that the 2024 rate applicable to the Farm Water consumers for water conveyance from the Village of Foremost Water Supply Pipeline be set as follows:
\$4.00/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped
Equivalent to \$3.75/1000 gallons...carried.
- 17/24 Prairie Rose Regional Division – Foremost School:** Moved by that the 2024 rate applicable to the Prairie Rose Regional Division – Foremost School irrigation water consumption at Foremost School Track be set as follows:
\$4.50/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped
Equivalent to \$4.35/1000 gallons...carried.
- 18/24 Foremost Golf Association:** Moved by the 2024 rate applicable to the Foremost Golf Association for water consumption from the Village of Foremost irrigation mainline be set as follows:
\$3.25/4.55 cubic meters of water pumped
Equivalent to \$3.10/1000 gallons...carried.
- 19/24 Irrigation Water from Campsite Standpipe – Agricultural Purposes:** Moved by that the following be set for irrigation water delivered from the Wayside Campsite Irrigation Standpipe for the 2024 Season:
\$7.75/1000 gallons (Agricultural Purposes) ...carried.
- 20/24 Irrigation Water from Campsite Standpipe – Industrial Purposes:** Moved by that the following be set for irrigation water delivered from the Wayside Campsite Irrigation Standpipe for the 2024 Season:
\$13.00/1000 gallons (Industrial Purposes) ...carried.
- 21/24 County of Forty Mile No. 8 Irrigation Standpipe (Office/Shop):**
Moved by that the following be set for irrigation water delivered from the County of Forty Mile Irrigation Standpipe (Office/Shop) for the 2024 Season:
\$13.00/1000 gallons (Industrial Purposes) ...carried.

N. MNP:

- 22/24** Moved by to approve that the firm MNP LLP, Lethbridge, Alberta be appointed as auditors for the Village of Foremost for the year 2023...Carried.
- Letter of Engagement** to complete audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023

O. CAMPGROUND IRRIGATION OVERHEAD KEY FOB SYSTEM:

- 23/24** Moved by that the following charges be approved for the purchase fob purchases required to access the new automated Campsite Irrigation Overhead Water System:
\$250 per fob for original fob
\$125 per fob for extra fobs
\$50 per fob for replacement fobs ...carried.

P. FEBRUARY 20, 2024 REGULAR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

- 24/24** Moved by that the February 20, 2024 Regular Village Council Meeting be re-scheduled to February 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Village Council Chambers...carried.

Q. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA:

- 25/24**
- a) Foremost Municipal Library Board:**
Moved by that the Village of Foremost allocate funding to the Foremost Municipal Library in the amount of \$3000 per year to assist with Library Operations, specifically for wage increases for the Library Manager...carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

26/24

Moved by that the following correspondence be received as Information:

1. DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:

**No. 01/24: Houston Boschee
Garden Shed
106-4th Street West**

2. TOWN HALL MEETING:

Reminder of Town Hall Meeting scheduled for January 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., Foremost Community Hall with MP Glen Motz, MLA Grant Hunter and Representatives from the Council's of the County of Forty Mile and the Village of Foremost

3. FOREMOST UAS RANGE:

Annual Update from Steve Donovan

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Foremost Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**
- b) **Foremost Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**
- c) **Regional Emergency Management**

27/24

Mayor Buis explained the efforts to develop a Regional Emergency Management Program between the Town of Bow Island, Village of Foremost and County of Forty Mile.

Moved by that the Village of Foremost send a letter of support to the County of Forty Mile No. 8 toward the Funding Application through the Alberta Emergency Management Preparedness Program to develop a Regional Emergency Management Program...carried.

...carried.

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5. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on motion of ...Carried.

MAYOR

CAO