

COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Attendance MAYOR: CHRIS HALL
DEPUTY MAYOR: LORRAINE MACARTHUR
COUNCILLOR: M'LISS EDWARDS
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: ANNETTE PLACHNER

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

C25-023 **Motion** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to add – old business 8.2 Bylaw 383 and new business 9.6 Scissor lift.

C25-024 **Motion** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried.

3. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Report

CAO read the public works report that was submitted by Nick.

C25-025 **Motion** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to accept the Public Works report as submitted . Carried.

4. REGISTERED PRESENTATIONS

4.1 None

5 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

C25-026 **Motion:** Councillor Edwards motioned to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2025. Carried.

C25-027 **Motion:** Councillor Edwards motioned to adopt the minutes of the Special Meeting February 25, 2025. Carried.

6 FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 February 28, 2025

C25-028 **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to adopt the February Financial report as presented. Carried

7 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

7.1 CAO reported

- The Minister of Municipal affairs forwarded a letter advising that the Alberta Education requisition has been increased by 13% from last year. The 2025 requisition is \$ 44,531, 2024 requisition was \$ 39,000.

- The Village's Environmental report for the Water Plant license is being done by Dave Benci as Starland does not have time to do it. The report has to be done by a certified license operator. There will be a cost involved to have this done. This report is imperative for the Village's water license.
- Letters need to be sent to residents with flat deck trailers parked on the street, as they are causing problems with traffic making it difficult for two vehicles to pass.
- I am currently working on the Village's budget, all the requisitions have increase this year as well as all other costs. I am working to try and keep the mill rate for *taxation* as low as possible.

C25-029 **Motion:** Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that letters be forwarded to the owners of the Flat deck trailers, to remove them off the street, and notice sent to Jason Wolf with a copy of the Untidy and Unsightly Premises to clean his yard accordingly. Carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Public Meeting Register

8.2 Bylaw 386 – new business

Public Meeting Register:

CAO reported to Council that Howard Helton is requesting a copy of the Public meeting register, as the register contains all the signatures of the residents that attended the meeting and due to the Privacy Act, the register will not be available to the Public at any time.

Bylaw # 386

Deputy Mayor MacArthur noted that Bylaw 386 for new business tax reduction will not apply to the Bluming Prairie U Haul as it only applies to new building development.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Development Application – Bluming Prairie U Haul Boxes – charge points
- 9.2 Village of Morrin Library – appointment of Gwen Hampton
- 9.3 Fire Agreement – Starland/Village
- 9.4 Appoint Returning Officer – Municipal Election
- 9.5 Village Website
- 9.6 Scissor Lift

C25-030 9.1 Development Application – Bluming Prairie U Haul Boxes – Charge Stations
Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to approve the development application from Bluming Prairie for U Haul Boxes and 2 Charge Stations.
10 U Haul Boxes will be allowed. Carried.

9.2 Village of Morrin Library – Appointment
C25-031 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Gwen Hampton be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for the Village of Morrin Library. Carried

9.3 Development – Fire Agreement Starland/Village
C25-032 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that the Village resign the Fire Agreement between Starland County and the Village of Morrin. Carried.

9.4 Appoint Returning Officer – Municipal Election
C25-033 Motion: Councillor Edwards motioned that CAO Annette Plachner be appointed As the Returning Officer for the Village of Morrin Municipal Election. Carried

9.5 Village Web site
An unauthorized upgrade completely deleted minutes, bylaws and other Documents. Discussion tabled for special meeting.

9.6 Scissor Lift
C25-034 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned that Mayor Hall investigate prices for scissor lift. Carried.

10 COUNCIL REPORTS

Community Futures

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on the Community Futures – 2 meetings

- The Executive Directors report – loan delinquency report reviewed, Business Enhancement Grant approved, summer jobs grant.
- Approved revision to 2024/2025 operating budget.
- Approved management report and recommendations for loan review portfolio and allowance for Doubtful-write off reports.
- Approved funds for Rotary Summer Camp for youth in Cypress Hills.
- No new loan recommendations and no current micro loans for approval

Fire Master Plan Meeting Starland County

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on the Starland Fire Master Plan meeting

- Reviewed notes from the last meeting
- Matthew did a presentation information submitted by Delia, Munson and Morrin re: Recovery and Mitigation
- Bylaws of the 4 Municipalities, ERP Oilfield Contracts response
- Fire Education was discussed

- Starland will be renewing last year's fire Agreement with each Municipality

Drumheller & District Solid Waste Assoc.

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on the DDSWMA

- Policy Committee terms of reference were approved.
- Discussion re: sale and removal of 17-6 yard cardboard recycling bins from various businesses around Drumheller.
- Review of Master Plan Scope Change and Board approved scope change for Associated Engineering as presented.
- Discussion items YTD financials, YTD recycling, DDSWMA balance sheet, LAPP and Financial audit progress. 2023 audit is underway.
- Committee reports for EPR Steering committee and Policy Committee accepted as information including Master Plan update and timeline extensions.

Village of Morrin Library Board

Deputy Mayor MacArthur reported on the Morrin Library Board meeting.

- Treasurer's report - \$ 21,490.92 in the bank
- Purchase of a 3-D printer and supplies as well a Circuit cutter.
- Library Managers report- request for a budget for the summer reading program.
- Review job description for the Summer Student, if approved by Government
- Library fees were discussed
- Closure of the library was discussed when the school is not open.

Morrin Ag Society

Councillor Edwards reported on the Morrin Ag Society meeting

- Duelling Piano's performance will be held
- Casino is done, the society are waiting for the funds to be transferred
- Have applied to work the casino in three years
- A Silent auction will be held at the arena

11 COUNCIL INQUIRIES OR COMMENTS

None

12 CORRESPONDENCE TO MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

None

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13. CLOSED SESSION - Personal

C25-035 Motion: Deputy Mayor MacArthur motioned to go to Closed Session at 7:57 Carried.

C25-036 Motion: Mayor Hall motioned to return to the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 16, 2025

15 ADJOURMENT

C25-037 Motion: Mayor Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Carried.

MAYOR

CAO