

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LONGVIEW

Backyard Hens Program – January 20, 2026, Regular Council meeting Delegation – follow-up
In the Province of Alberta, held on Monday, January 26, 2026
Held in Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Klassen
Deputy Mayor McIntosh
Councilor Wagenaar

Chief Administrative Officer Roy Tutschek

**PUBLIC IN
ATTENDANCE**

none

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klassen called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

AGENDA

MOVED by Councilor Wagenaar that the agenda be accepted as amended, add presentation by Foothills County Fire Department and RFD – Backyard Hens Program.

Resolution 014-26

CARRIED

BUSINESS

Council discussed the Delegation presentation made at the Regular Council meeting January 20, 2026, regarding the Backyard Hen Program.

Considerations:

- number of complaints.
- some residents are fearful of making complaints even though they have concerns.
- some residents are very skilled and experienced at hen keeping.
- some current residents some future residents may not be skilled.
- a hen program is not only about the owner, it protects the well-being, safety of hens.
- if well-being and safety of hens is not taken care of by owners, eggs will not be produced or will be unhealthy – this is an encouragement to hen owners to take good care of the hens.
- Diamond Valley Municipal enforcement recommends against complaint-based bylaw enforcement – it has not worked for them.



Mayor



CAO

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-hen program monitoring is included in the DV Bylaw enforcement cost.

-other small municipalities have hen bylaws.

-hens provide protein/food for owners.

-there was an all community/Village public engagement 2024:

>82% of 99 resident responses, in favor of allowing residents raise chickens

>reasonable number of hens:

a) none = 19% of 95 resident responses

b) 6 hens = 38%

c) 8 hens = 44%

d) 10+ = 1%

-what is in the best interests of the community?

MOVED by Deputy Mayor McIntosh that Backyard Hen Program be “shelved”.

NOT CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor Klassen that the regarding all bylaws the Village of Longview will not go to a complaints-based system of bylaw enforcement.

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CARRIED



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MOVED by Mayor Klassen that:

- 1) Per section 2.6 of the Responsible Pet Ownership (RPO) Bylaw, the Backyard Hen Program requirements are paused by this Council motion until the bylaw is updated via 3 readings (expected to be at the February 17, 2026 Regular Council meeting)
- 2) Backyard Hen applications deadline for 2026 is delayed until March 3, 2026, 2 weeks after the RPO bylaw is revised via 3 readings.
- 3) Add to the RPO Bylaw that Council or CAO (who' is to be decided next Regular Council meeting) can approve an excess of hens (current maximum is 6 hens), while they can be kept in the coops until natural decease or no longer owned and Animal Control Officers should monitor annually.
- 4) Confirm at next Regular Council meeting that Hen applications other than for excess hens can be approved by the CAO.

Resolution 016-26

CARRIED

Recess: 6:20 p.m. to 6:34 p.m.

Kathie Wight, Village of Longview Director of Emergency Management joined the Special Council meeting.

Discussion with Foothills County Fire Department Acting Fire Chief Alex Marshall and Rick Saulnier, Director of Community and Emergency Services.

The 2008 (latest signed) Fire Services agreement and other examples e.g. Town of Vulcan will be sent to Village of Longview CAO for draft edits, updates, then back to the County Fire Department. When draft finalized will be forwarded to both Councils.

AHS Ambulance license agreement will be sent to Village Council, this would give approval for the ambulance to be able to park at/in the Longview Fire Hall as required, muster point concept.

Various Grants are being sought – have had success, focus on Officer level training this year.



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Commendations to the Longview Wildfire Hazard and Risk Assessment Report. Director Saulnier will try to see if can help with Longview Emergency Management desktop exercises free of charge.

Acting Fire Chief Marshall will send 2025 year-end report to Village Council – it can be published.

While Longview is in the County perimeter the fireworks Bylaw does not apply to the Village. Longview should consider establishing a Longview fireworks Bylaw.

ADJOURNMENT
Resolution 017-26

MOVED by Mayor Klassen to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.
CARRIED



Mayor



CAO