

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LONGVIEW
In the Province of Alberta, held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Held at the Longview Community Hall at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Lisa Penner
Deputy Mayor Rose Klassen
Councilor Aaron Lyons

Chief Administrative Officer Roy Tutschek

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

15 public in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Penner called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Resolution 017-25

MOVED by Councilor Lyons that the agenda be accepted as amended move Correspondence before Closed meeting.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Dave Marshall – options to review and dispute legal firm billing fees.

Referring to \$3.4k legal bill related to the Longview Ratepayers.

It was indicated last Council meeting these were responses to questions from the President of the Longview Ratepayers Association.

I see two questions.

Nature of work done – covered by FOIP and

Residents right to more info – answer was Village is client not rate payers.


How can there be a \$3.4K bill for 2 questions? This should not be 5 hours work, at Lawyer partner's wage level.

Also, for properties out front (along Morrison Rd.), (Village) legal costs 3 x higher than my legal costs.

Council needs to review these legal costs.

Enquirer legal (billing) – no (legal) actionable items in newsletter – (just) Memes or political cartoons,

Lawyer should be able to quickly, briefly answer.

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Council needs file complaint.

I have forwarded to CAO were can file complaint to be reveiwed by master lawyer.

Hope Council would get Lawyers more in line.

Village of Longview Resident.

This is a statement not a question,

I hope you do check this out.

Mayor Penner,

Thank you for your comments, if Council wants move forward will bring this to a future meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE
FROM RESIDENT**

None.

**MINUTES OF
PREVIOUS
MEETINGS**

Resolution 018-25

MOVED by Mayor Penner that Minutes of the Regular Council meeting January 21, 2025, be adopted as presented.

Resolution 019-25

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Klassen that the minutes of the Special Closed Council meeting January 30, 2025, be adopted as presented.

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ACTION ITEMS

CAO presented Action Items.

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REPORTS

Policing Report Sgt. Matt Hogan, Manager of Municipal Enforcement, Diamond Valley presented the January Village of Longview Policing Report.

CAO Report CAO Tutschek presented the January 2025 CAO report.

Council Reports January 2025 Council reports were presented.

Mayor Lisa Penner Council report:

From Jan 22 to Feb 12, 2025

General

- Jan 23 – CAO evaluation compiled by Council
- Jan 30 – Council - CAO evaluation meeting
- Feb 4 – Village Connection – 1 resident booked time – discussed many topics focused on administrative topics - I have relayed all information to CAO
- Met with residents at their request – discussed direction of Rec board & FCSS
- Met with President of Barnabas House Society at their request – gave summary of project objectives

Longview School –

- Jan 23 meeting
- Friends of Foothills School Foundation (foothillsfriends.ca)– 1 year celebration of being operational – 2024 able to support 3 schools based on their applications for funding. Received 19 funding requests. Planning some great fundraising events to be able to support more schools in 2025
 - AGM – March 20, 2025 – 7pm to 8pm, 2nd Floor, 129 4th Ave SW High River (Boardroom-Spitzee Crossing) Call 780-422-0274

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- Now have an Eco Living Wall System – goal is to consume what they grow – student gardening Club
- Starting search for funding for an outdoor classroom
- Foothills School Division (FSD) update – check website (<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/>)
 - For “Footnotes” – monthly newsletter of the progress at FSD
 - FSD is excelling in all areas compared to Provincial averages
 - Provincial change in walking distances requires FSD to acquire 8 more busses – funding for this expense is coming from the province in the form of a loan – MLA Chelsea Petrovic has been contacted to get support
 - Advocacy priorities listed on FSD website with guides on how to raise your voice to influence change

Municipal Planning and Commission

- no meetings

Sheep River Regional Utility Corporation

Next meeting March 20, 2025

Deputy Mayor Rose Klassen

Report to Council

CAO Evaluation January 30, 2025.

Councilor Aaron Lyons

Report to Council

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-CAO Evaluation January 30, 2025.

-FRESC meeting tomorrow.

Resolution 020-25 **MOVED** by Councilor Lyons that the reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**FINANCIAL
REPORTS**

January 2025 Bank Reconciliation.

January 2025 Accounts Payable Cheque Register.

January 2025 YTD Revenue and Expense report.

Resolution 021-25 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Klassen that the January 2025 Financial Reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

QUESTION PERIOD

Deanna Sinton

Bylaw Deceased Candidate, have never see this before in municipal elections where is this coming from?

CAO

We are following lead/strong recommendation from Foothills County Elections lead Garity Stanely. It probably is from government.

Would be matter of prudunce, on a sensitive matter, plan in advance rather than react in the last minute.

Deanna Sinton

Barnabus house society.


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Are they looking to relocate to Longview are they looking for land?

Mayor Penner

That's why I have asked president Barnabus House to present to us, they have established charitable status and a Society, they have a Board now looking how to implement. Having a building is the last phase. First phase is to have someone participate in the program.

I do not know what they are looking for from the Village of Longview, that is why I have asked them to talk to us. I just wanted to bring to Council attention that there is an amazing project in the ether.

If you want, I can connect you with the president.

Marj B

To CAO, insurance legal coverage, how much covered?

Will cover future legal fees and will cover damages?

Will insurance premiums increase?

CAO

Whether can disclose the insurance coverage amount is a question already in process with Insurance agent, I will continue follow up.

I will need follow up if premiums will increase.

Larry Kroeker and LRPA

Recreation Board financial numbers – could some of the \$30k balance be used over next few years instead of Village continue contributing \$4.5k/year over next few years, given Recreation Board will be reinvented and MD/Foothills County is not going to fund anymore. It will take new Board a while to get up and running. If capital funding needed can be re-addressed.



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CAO

Thank you, let's keep that in mind.

Kathie Selbee

Regarding Recreation Board draft Bylaw 383-16, Budget and Finance, number 4, All expenditures must first be approved by Village Council.

I am going to emphasize that it is a responsibility of to the Ratepayers. Now that the County has pulled out funding, \$8k per year, that groups could have applied for/obtain contributions to go on e.g., dinners, exercise and art classes. The \$4,500 (Village) was for facilities management, will the Village be topping up, increasing taxation to cover the \$8k shortfall? If so, will you also be considering the December 2018 Donation policy, in serving best interests of the Village Rate Payers? Municipalities around us get their funding e.g., from FCSS as well and Recreation Boards. If you are going to start funding for people who do not live here, I have issue with that. How will you help groups you have been funding all along, without the contribution from the County. When use Budget funds, tighten up Donation policy so users are from the Village - anybody else going on a bus to dinner would need to pay a user fee. Because we are longer getting those funds from outside the Village.

Mayor Penner

All of those things will be looked at when we do our budget and look at creating a Recreation Board or Committee. Yes, will look at Donation Policy as well.

Kathie Selbee.

High River – FCSS funds are only for residents.

Mayor Penner,

Will also look at the Intermunicipal Collaborative Framework with the County. They are aware their residents use and enjoy our facilities.

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Kathie Selbee.

Anyone can use the skate park. It's the hard costs I'm referring to e.g., \$1,750 for a dinner that residents not from our Village participate in.

Mayor Penner,

That will not be a quick answer, but will be part of our discussions.

BYLAWS

10.1 2025 Fees and Fines Bylaw draft.

MOVED by Councilor Lyons that Bylaw 474-25 2025 Fees and Fines Bylaw, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to establish the Fees and Fines for various Bylaws, receive 2nd Reading.

Resolution 022-25 **CARRIED**

MOVED by Mayor Penner that Bylaw 474-25 2025 Fees and Fines Bylaw, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to establish the Fees and Fines for various Bylaws, proceed to 3rd Reading.

Resolution 023-25 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Klassen that Bylaw 474-25 2025 Fees and Fines Bylaw, being a Bylaw of the Village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to establish the Fees and Fines for various Bylaws, receive 3rd and final Reading.

Resolution 024-25 **CARRIED**

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10.2 New Recreation Board Bylaw draft.

The Village Council discussed the new Recreation Board Bylaw draft.

10.3 BYLAW 475-25 Discontinue Election of Deceased Candidate.

Mayor Penner asked CAO to check with Foothills County whether Recreation Board funding going would be through ICF as opposed to direct to the Recreation Board, now that Foothills County is no longer part of a Recreation Board bylaw.

Also, CAO to recommend whether Board or Committee Going forward.

Resolution 025-25

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Klassen that **BYLAW 475-25 Discontinue Election of Deceased Candidate**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the discontinuation of the election of a deceased candidate in the event of the death of said candidate prior to opening of the voting polls, receive 1st Reading.

CARRIED

Resolution 026-25

MOVED by Mayor Penner that **BYLAW 475-25 Discontinue Election of Deceased Candidate**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the discontinuation of the election of a deceased candidate in the event of the death of said candidate prior to opening of the voting polls, receive 2nd Reading.

CARRIED

Resolution 027-25

MOVED by Councillor Lyons that **BYLAW 475-25 Discontinue Election of Deceased Candidate**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the discontinuation of the election of a deceased candidate in the event of the death of said candidate prior to opening of the voting polls, proceed to 3rd Reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Resolution 028-25
MOVED by Mayor Penner that **BYLAW 475-25 Discontinue Election of Deceased Candidate**, being a bylaw of the village of Longview, in the Province of Alberta, to provide for the discontinuation of the election of a deceased candidate in the event of the death of said candidate prior to opening of the voting polls, receive 3rd and final Reading.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

11.1 Diamond Valley Parade invitation.
Resolution 029-25

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Klassen that Council will attend the June 7, 2025 Diamond Valley parade. CAO to follow up and if budget for handouts to Children.

CARRIED

11.2 Municipal Elections.
Resolution 030-25

MOVED by Mayor Penner that Garity Stanley be appointed 2025 Municipal Elections Returning Officer.

CARRIED

Resolution 031-25

MOVED by Councillor Lyons that Sherri Barrett be appointed 2025 Municipal Elections Substitute Returning Officer.

CARRIED

CAO to follow up if Advance polling was done in the past and the cost.

Recess: 6:59 pm – 7:10 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 GTL Black Diamond Lateral Divestiture to ATCO.
- 12.2 Marigold Board update.
- 12.3 RCMP Draft Strategic Plan consultation.
- 12.4 RCMP Q3 Community Report.

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CLOSED MEETING

Resolution 032-25 **MOVED** by Mayor Penner to go into closed meeting at 7:09 p.m.,
FOIP section 24(1)(c) Advice from Officials, negotiations, land
development.
CARRIED

Resolution 033-25 **MOVED** by Mayor Penner to come out of closed meeting at 8:41
pm.
CARRIED

No residents are waiting to re-enter the meeting.

Resolution 034-25 **MOVED** by Mayor Penner that CAO follow up with Village
solicitor regarding next steps for ROW lots, land negotiations.
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 035-25 **MOVED** by Mayor Penner to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.
CARRIED



Mayor



CAO



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