



# Town of Foam Lake

326 Main Street Foam Lake, Foam Lake, Saskatchewan

## Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting of Council October 8, 2024 - 06:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT:	Mayor	Shelley Thoen-Chaykoski
	Councillors:	Tyler Bugera
		Graham Farrell
		Tara Helgason
		Gloria Bastien
		Nevin Halyk
COUNCIL ABSENT:	Councillor:	Amber Pankratz
STAFF PRESENT:	Chief Administrative Officer:	Shanna York
	Leisure Services Director:	Jaime Helgason
	Foreman	Greg Beaudoin

**1 Call To Order**

A quorum being present, Mayor Thoen-Chaykoski called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**2 Acknowledgement to Agenda**

2024-206

Gloria Bastien  
Graham Farrell

That Council acknowledge the agenda for the October 8, 2024 meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**3 Delegations**

Vanessa arrived at 6:01pm

**3.1 Vanessa Roebuck**

Vanessa Roebuck, the Director of Primary Health Care in SE2 appeared before Council to discuss the services available in Foam Lake and the current positions open at our Foam Lake Health Centre.

Vanessa answered questions about the vacancies within the Town of Foam Lake and discussed options of how to be creative for filling those positions.

Vanessa left the meeting at 6:30pm

Chris Beaudry arrived at 6:18pm

**3.2 Chris Beaudry**

Chris Beaudry, Sask. Party Candidate for Kelvington-Wadena, attended Council to learn more about the community and the issues that are faced by our Council and

community members. Mr. Beaudry has reached out to us in hopes that he can get a better understanding of issues in all communities in the constituents that would be part of the region he is a candidate in.

Chris Beaudry left at 6:54pm

Councillor Halyk left at 6:45pm

- 4 Adoption of Minutes**  
2024-207 Tyler Bugera  
Graham Farrell  
That we approve and adopt the meeting minutes from the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- 5 Mayor's Report**  
2024-208 Graham Farrell  
Tara Helgason  
That we accept the Mayor's verbal report as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- 6.1 First Reading of Tree Governing Bylaw 06-2024**  
2024-209 Graham Farrell  
Tara Helgason  
Whereas the Planning and Development Committee has reviewed the proposed Tree Governing Bylaw;  
And Whereas the bylaw establishes comprehensive rules for the removal, replacement, and expansion of trees on public property within the Town of Foam Lake;  
And Whereas the bylaw also outlines responsibilities for the maintenance of existing trees in the community;  
Therefore, be it resolved, that the Tree Governing Bylaw 06-2024 be read a first time.  
**CARRIED**
- 6.2 Second Reading of Bylaw 06-2024**  
2024-210 Tyler Bugera  
Gloria Bastien  
That Bylaw 06-2024 being a bylaw of the Town of Foam Lake in the province of Saskatchewan, to manage our Tree canopy and replacement of trees, in the Town of Foam Lake be read for the second time.  
**CARRIED**
- 6.3 Bylaw 06-2024 Given Three Readings**  
2024-211 Graham Farrell  
Tara Helgason  
That we give three (3) readings to Bylaw 06-2024 at this meeting.  
**CARRIED**

**6.4 06-2024 Tree Governing Bylaw - Third Reading**

2024-212

Tyler Bugera  
Gloria Bastien

Whereas Bylaw 06-2024 establishes comprehensive rules for the removal, replacement, and expansion of trees on public property within the Town of Foam Lake;

And Whereas the bylaw also outlines responsibilities for the maintenance of existing trees in the community;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Tree Governing Bylaw 06-2024 be read a third time and adopted.

**CARRIED****6.5 Nurse Practitioner Return for Service Incentive**

2024-213

Graham Farrell  
Gloria Bastien

Whereas the Finance Committee has thoroughly reviewed the information provided by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Regional Director for our health region regarding the critical need for Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in our community;

Whereas the recruitment and retention of qualified health professionals are essential for ensuring the well-being of our residents;

Whereas a competitive incentive is necessary to attract qualified Nurse Practitioners to our region;

Be it resolved that the Town Council of Foam Lake accepts the recommendation from the Finance Committee to establish a Nurse Practitioner Return to Service Fund, offering an incentive of \$10,000 per year for a duration of five years to any Nurse Practitioner who accepts a position within our community;

Further be it resolved that this incentive is contingent upon collaborative funding efforts from neighboring municipalities to ensure shared investment in our healthcare resources;

**CARRIED****6.6 Bylaw 07-2024 - Tax Exemption Bylaw**

2024-214

Graham Farrell  
Tara Helgason

Whereas the Town of Foam Lake recognizes the importance of fostering economic growth and development within the community;

And Whereas a resolution was passed on June 11, 2024, allowing for a four-year municipal tax exemption on a business property due to an expansion project;

And Whereas this exemption is intended to support local businesses and stimulate economic activity in the Town;

And Whereas the Municipalities Act, under Section 295, permits municipalities to provide tax exemptions under certain conditions;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Foam Lake Council hereby introduces Bylaw 07-2024, a bylaw to provide for a tax exemption on a property in the Town of Foam Lake for a first reading.

**CARRIED**

- 6.7 07-2024 Second Reading**  
2024-215 Tyler Bugera  
Gloria Bastien  
That Bylaw 07-2024 being a bylaw of the Town of Foam Lake in the province of Saskatchewan, to allow for a four-year tax exemption on municipal taxes, in the Town of Foam Lake be read for the second time.  
**CARRIED**
- 6.8 Bylaw 07-2024 Be Given Three Readings**  
2024-216 Tara Helgason  
Graham Farrell  
That we give three (3) readings to Bylaw 07-2024 at this meeting.  
**CARRIED**
- 6.9 Bylaw 07-2024 Be Read A Third Time**  
2024-217 Tyler Bugera  
Gloria Bastien  
Whereas Bylaw 07-2024 allows for fostering economic growth in the Town of Foam Lake;  
And Whereas the property has already been granted the tax exemption by resolution;  
Therefore, be it resolved that the Tax Exemption Bylaw now be read a third time and adopted.  
**CARRIED**
- 6.10 Council Reports**  
2024-218 Tyler Bugera  
Graham Farrell  
That we approve all verbal reports as presented by Council.  
**CARRIED**
- 7 CAO Report**  
2024-219 Tara Helgason  
Gloria Bastien  
That we accept the CAO's verbal report as presented.  
**CARRIED**
- 7.1 First Reading Cemetery Bylaw 05-2024**  
2024-220 Gloria Bastien  
Tyler Bugera  
Whereas the Town of Foam Lake recognizes the need to establish clear guidelines and regulations for the management and maintenance of the Foam Lake Cemetery;  
And Whereas it is essential to set pricing for burial plots, establish rules for internments and disinterment's, and regulate the placement and sizing of headstones;  
And Whereas the Town acknowledges the importance of maintaining the cemetery grounds and ensuring that responsibilities for damages and insurance concerning headstones are clearly defined;

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Foam Lake hereby approves the first reading of Cemetery Bylaw 05-2024.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 05-2024 Second Reading**

2024-221

Tara Helgason  
Graham Farrell

That we give bylaw 05-2024, A Bylaw to Regulate and Manage the Foam Lake Cemetery, a second reading.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Bylaw 05-2024 be given Third Reading**

2024-222

Gloria Bastien  
Tyler Bugera

That we give Bylaw 05-2024 three readings at this meeting of Council.

**CARRIED**

**7.4 Third Reading of Bylaw 05-2024**

2024-223

Tara Helgason  
Graham Farrell

Whereas the Town of Foam Lake has conducted the necessary readings and public consultations regarding Cemetery Bylaw 05-2024;

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Foam Lake hereby gives Cemetery Bylaw 05-2024 its third and final reading at this regular meeting.

Further be it resolved that the Cemetery Bylaw 05-2024 be approved and enacted as the governing regulation for the Foam Lake Cemetery, including provisions for pricing of plots, rules for internments and disinterment's, placement and sizing of headstones, as well as maintenance and responsibilities related to damages and insurance.

**CARRIED**

**7.5 Town Employees and Council Christmas Attendance**

2024-224

Tara Helgason  
Tyler Bugera

Whereas the Foam Lake and District Health Foundation is hosting a Christmas Event that aims to foster community spirit and support local health initiatives;  
And whereas the Town of Foam Lake values the importance of community engagement and employee morale;

Be it resolved that the Town of Foam Lake officially attends the Foam Lake and District Health Foundation Christmas Event as its Christmas celebration for Staff and Council;

And further be it resolved that all staff members are encouraged to bring one guest to the event to enhance the spirit of the holiday season and foster connections among colleagues and community members;

**CARRIED**

**8 Foreman's Report**  
 2024-225 Tara Helgason  
 Tyler Bugera  
 That we accept the Foreman's water treatment report and activities report as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**9 Leisure Services Report**  
 2024-226 Tyler Bugera  
 Gloria Bastien  
 That we approve the Leisure Services Director's report as verbally presented.  
**CARRIED**

**10 New Business**  
**10.1 Accounts for Approval**  
 2024-227 Graham Farrell  
 Tara Helgason  
 That the list of accounts totaling three hundred and twenty-nine thousand, three hundred and forty-three dollars and forty-one cents (\$329,343.41) be approved for payment as paid by cheque numbers #28991 - #29029 and all online payments including but not limited to: payroll, utilities, tax liabilities and financing agreements.  
**CARRIED**

**10.2 Financial Statement and Bank Statement**  
 2024-228 Tara Helgason  
 Gloria Bastien  
 That we approve the Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the month of September 30, 2024 as presented.  
**CARRIED**

**11 Meetings and Workshops**  
 2024-229 Graham Farrell  
 Tyler Bugera  
 That we acknowledge the upcoming Committee Meetings and Workshops:

EMO Committee Meeting	October 15, 2024 - Town Office
Fall UMAAS Workshop	October 30, 2024 - Melville
Finance Committee Meeting	October 29, 2024 - Town Office
Health Foundation Meeting	October 18, 2024 - Town Office
Municipal Health Meeting	October 28, 2024 - Town Office

**CARRIED**

**12 Correspondence**  
 2024-230 Tara Helgason  
 Tyler Bugera  
 That the following correspondence having been reviewed, be accepted and filed:

FL Express Letter of Concern	Sheho Resident
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Foam Lake Taxable Assessment Trends	SAMA
A Look Ahead to 2025 - Foam Lake Assessments	SAMA
Foam Lake Trends - Map	SAMA
Response from Minister Rural Remote Health	Tim McLeod

**CARRIED**

**12.1 Response to FL Express Concerns**

2024-231

Graham Farrell  
Gloria Bastien

Whereas, we have received feedback regarding concerns about the FL Express Transit van and its use outside the Town of Foam Lake boundaries; and  
 Whereas, the FL Express Transit service is primarily designed to facilitate medical and essential service trips for residents within the Foam Lake area; and  
 Whereas, there is a need to explore additional transportation options for residents of surrounding communities, including Sheho;  
 Now, Therefore be it resolved that we encourage the individual and other stakeholders in Sheho to consider petitioning the Village of Sheho municipal Council to explore options for establishing a transportation service that connects Sheho residents to Foam Lake and other nearby communities.

**CARRIED**

**13 Adjournment**

2024-232

Tara Helgason  
That we adjourn this meeting at 7:45p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor, Shelley Thoen-Chaykoski

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Chief Administrative Officer, Shanna York