MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, HELD WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VILNA MUNICIPAL OFFICE
5135 – 50TH STREET, VILNA AT 5:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Leroy Kunyk
Deputy Mayor Tammy-Lynn Thompson
Loni Leslie, CAO
Earla Wagar, Administrative Assistant

VIRTUALLY PRESENT: Councillor Paul Miranda

ABSENT:

DELEGATIONS: None

GALLERY: None

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kunyk called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm

1) AGENDA:
a) Additions/Changes
2) **DELEGATION:**
3) **MINUTES**
a) August 20, 2025
4) **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
5) **REPORTS**
a) Council
b) Administration
6) **BUSINESS:**
a) 52nd Street Logging Trucks
b) 52nd Street
c) Water Reservoir Contract
d) Organizational Meeting Date
7) **BYLAWS AND POLICIES**
a) 609-25 Land Use Bylaw – Preliminary Review.
8) **FINANCIAL**

Accounts paid to September 8, 2025	**$34,787.41**	
i.	Computer Cheques (259-262)	$ 6,602.53
ii.	Online Banking (20250908-001 - 003)	$ 836.27
iii.	E-Transfers ()	$ 157.50
iv.	Credit Cards -Transfers ()	$ 0.00
v.	Auto Withdrawals	$ 0.00
vi.	CRA	$ 6,742.49
vii.	August 2025 Payroll	$ 20,448.62

9) **CORRESPONDENCE:**
a) Evergreen Regional Waste – FOG DOG & Pyrolysis Process
b) Highway 28 Letter – 2025 Update
c) Riverland Trail Society – Iron Horse Trail

RES: 119-025 **Moved by Deputy Mayor** that the Agenda for the September 10th, 2025 meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of Item 6.e the Postponement of the Tax Recovery Sale.
CARRIED

2. DELEGATION – None

3. MINUTES

a. Regular Council Meeting August 20, 2025

RES: 120-025 **Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the minutes of the August 20th, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES – None

5. REPORTS

a. Mayor Kunyk

i. Highway 28/36 Water Commission Aug 20
- RR 210/Highway 28 pipeline realignment due to highway construction.

ii. Evergreen Waste Commission Aug 21 Virtual
- Upcoming focus on electronic components, wind turbines, e-vehicles
- Increase in break-ins for copper.
- Presentations on plastic biofuels, soil reclamation

iii. Village of Vilna Library Board Sept 8th In Person
- Carry on existing programs, hours, and services.
- Space rentals have increased (renting to Reflexologist on days Library is closed).

b. Deputy Mayor Thompson

i. **September 8, 2025 – MuniCorr**

- Board passed the MuniCorr Regulations Bylaw although the Village of Vilna did not. Bylaw 453-07 is still an active Bylaw in Vilna. The difference is the level of enforcement and maintenance added to the municipal responsibilities.

c. Councillor Miranda No meetings to report.

d. Administration Report

WATER RESERVOIR

- We received the final contract costs. The Engineers are reviewing them now and will be presented for decision later in the meeting. Then, we can apply for the remainder of approved funding monies and an increase due to cost - a draft letter is prepared to Minister Dreeshen. The pricing was hoped to be finalized prior to this meeting, but some costs are being reviewed and refined.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public works have been preparing for season end and the new one to come.

PROPERTY TAXES

BALANCE Current Taxes September 10, 2025	
2025 Tax O/S (not incl. Monthly payments)	$ 42,360.17
2025 Monthly payments to December 2025	$ 47,546.61
Current (2025) Taxes Owing	$ 89,906.78
All Prior Years Taxes Owing except Village owned Incl. Int	$ 90,833.70
Total Current & Previous years on all except Village owned	$ 180,740.48
Property now owned by Village no longer assessing tax, from previous tax recovery years, but can be sold – Tax owing plus interest to date removed from the roll.	$ 75,119.58
TOTAL TAXES OWING INCLUDING VILLAGE OWNED	***$ 255,860.06***
FYI-2025 **Tax Sale** Taxes Owing	$ 92,626.51

ADMINISTRATION

- The County is again looking for a CAO.
- The tax recovery auction sale notice for September 17, 2025 was published in the September 3, 2025 Redwater Review and has been posted to the Village website.
- We have a meeting with Municipal Planning Services on Sept. 9th. They will be reviewing the Land Use Bylaw to determine areas that need amendments to observe new legislation and outline the Public Engagement and Public Hearing process. It was recommended that the Public Engagement be deferred until later in the year or early 2026.

RES: 121-025 **Moved by Mayor Kunyk** that the reports be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

6. BUSINESS

a. 52nd Street Logging Truck Use

Administration was approached by the County Road Foreman to have logging trucks use 52nd Street to access highway 28. Because a decision needed to be made prior to the next Council meeting, the County's proposal was explained to Council and a straw poll taken. Each Councillor provided approval to be formalized at the next meeting September 10, 2025.

RES: 122-025 **Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson** that Council of the Village of Vilna confirm the approval of the actions of Administration based on individual Councillor's verbal approval previously allowing logging trucks to travel along 52nd Street (Range Road 135) with the conditions that Smoky Lake County install speed signs regulating the speed limit to a maximum of 20 KPH and that once the logging is complete that the County repair the road and that the County agrees to apply dust control in the spring of 2026 from TWP Road 594 to the point south of 49th Avenue where the asphalt begins. **CARRIED**

b. 52nd Street Maintenance

RES: 123-025 **Moved by Mayor Kunyk** that Administration be directed to put up boundary signs identifying that 52nd Street is a Village street rather than the assumed County road, and further that signs be posted requiring that the weight of trucks be reduced to a 75% restriction, and that speed signs be posted identifying the School Zone and reducing the speed on the full length of 52nd Street to 30 km per hour. **CARRIED**

RES: 124-025 **Moved Deputy Mayor Thompson** that Administration be directed to approach the County to quote the cost of applying dust control on 52nd Street. **CARRIED**

c. Water Reservoir Contract

Administration presented Alpha Construction's cost estimates for construction of the reservoir. Items such as solar panels, security cameras and demolition of the existing reservoir were removed from the agreement to reduce costs of the contract and avoid the potential of being required to borrow. These items can be managed in future at potentially lower cost.

RES: 125-025 **Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the update on the Water Reservoir proposed contract be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

d. New Council – Set Organizational Meeting date

RES: 126-025 **Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the 2025 Organizational Meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, October 29th, 2025. **CARRIED**

Mayor Kunyk *declared a recess at 6:48 p.m. resuming at 7:11 p.m*.

7. BYLAWS AND POLICIES

Bylaw #609-25 Village of Vilna Land Use Bylaw
First Reading was given to Bylaw 609-25 August 20, 2025. Municipal Planning Services was contracted to re-write the Bylaw incorporating amendments and any legislative changes

The public will be engaged in introducing the new Bylaw, firstly by presenting the Bylaw at a Council meeting through the public consultation process and subsequently by presenting the Bylaw at a public hearing.

RES: 127-025 **Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson** that the information presented regarding Bylaw 609-25 be accepted for information. **CARRIED**

8. FINANCIAL

a. **Accounts paid to September 10, 2025** **$34,787.41**

i.	Computer Cheques (259-262)	$ 6,602.53
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iii.	E-Transfers (908-0001)	$ 157.50
iv.	Credit Cards -	$ 0.00
v.	Auto Withdrawals ()	$ 0.00
vi.	CRA 20250908-0001	$ 6,742.49
vii.	August 2025 Payroll	$ 20,448.62

RES: 128-025 **Moved by Councillor Miranda** that the accounts paid for August 20, 2025 – September 10, 2025, totaling $34,787.41 be approved. **CARRIED**

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Evergreen Regional Waste – FOG DOG & Pyrolysis Process
b. Highway 28 Letter – 2025 Update
c. Riverland Trail Society – Iron Horse Trail

RES: 129-025 **Moved by Mayor Kunyk** that the Correspondence presented be accepted as information. **CARRIED**

10. NEXT MEETINGS:

a. September 10, 2025 – Regular Council
b. September 11–13, 2025 – Alberta COP Association Convention in Redwater
c. September 19, 2025 – Smoky Lake Seniors Foundation – 9:00 a.m.
d. September 19, 2025 – HUB – in Smoky Lake Curling Rink 10:00
e. September 22, 2025 – Nomination Day
f. September 22, 2025 – ICC
g. September 24, 2025 – Hub Skyways Project
h. September 25, 2025 – AMDMO re: Iron Horse Trail
i. September 29, 2025 – Evergreen Regional Waste Management
j. September 29, 2025 – Joint Municipalities – Vilna
k. October 1, 2025 – Highway 28/63 Water Commission
l. October 7, 2025 – Vilna Library
m. October 7 & 8, 2025 – Community Futures Power Up North Conference

n. October 8, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
o. October 13, 2025 – MuniCorr
p. October 20, 2025 – Municipal Elections
q. October 27, 2025 – Council Training

RES: 130-025 Moved by Deputy Mayor Thompson that the Meeting Schedule be accepted for information.
CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

RES. 131-025 Mayor Kunyk adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council held September 10, 2025 at 8:15 pm
CARRIED

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Leroy Kunyk, Mayor

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Loni Leslie, CAO