

COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2025

The Organizational Meeting was called in accordance with Section 192 of the Municipal Government Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 (with amendments) Friday, October 24, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. At the Village Office in Acme in the Province of Alberta.

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Jason Bates
Councillor Rhonda Laking
Councillor Bruce McLeod
Councillor David Simmons
Councillor Doreen Ternowetsky

ADMINISTRATION

CAO Gary Sawatzky
Commissioner of Oaths - Megan Fusaro

CALL TO ORDER

CAO Gary Sawatzky (in chair) called the Organizational Meeting of Council to Order at 4:30 p.m.

OATH of OFFICE

AGENDA

NOMINATION FOR MAYOR

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Mayor for the Village of Acme 2025-2026 the first time.

Councillor McLeod nominated Councillor Laking for the position of Mayor.

Councillor Laking accepted the nomination.

Councillor Laking nominated Councillor Bates for the position of Mayor.

Councillor Bates accepted the nomination.

Nominations were called for 2 more times - no further nominations.

Having called for nominations 3 times the CAO asked for a secret ballot vote between Councillors Bates and Laking.

Councillor Bates had the majority of the votes and declared Mayor for the Village of Acme 2025/2026.

NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the Village of Acme 2025-2026 the first time.

Councillor Ternowetsky nominated Councillor Laking for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Laking accepted the nomination.

Councillor Simmons nominated Councillor McLeod for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Councillor McLeod declined the nomination.

Nominations were called for 2 more times – no further nominations.

Having called for nominations 3 times the CAO declared Councillor Laking appointed by acclamation to the position of Deputy Mayor for the Village of Acme 2025-2026.

MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR OATH OF OFFICE

Megan Fusaro administered the Official Oath of Office (Section 156, MGA) to Councillor Bates for the Office of Mayor.

Megan Fusaro administered the Official Oath of Office (Section 156, MGA) to Councillor Laking for the Office of Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Bates assumed the chair of the Council Meeting at 4:42 p.m.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

232-2025 **MOVED** by Councillor Ternowetsky that signing authority for the Village of Acme be any two of the following:
Mayor Bates, Deputy Mayor Laking, Councillor McLeod, CAO Gary Sawatzky, Finance Director Colleen Herrera, to sign on the account held at the Bank of Montreal in Acme and all other official documents requiring two signatures. All the above is effective as of October 24th, 2025.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

233-2025 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that Regular Council meetings of the 2025/2026 be held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless the scheduled Monday falls on a Statutory Holiday (or day in lieu) in which case the meeting will be held the following day, Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



at the Administration Office of the Village of Acme, in the Province of Alberta. Council meetings may be held virtually as needed. The following months will have one Regular Council meeting - Month of December 2025 - Dec 8th July 2026 - July 13th and August 2026 - August 24th.

CARRIED

REMUNERATION

232-2025 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that Policy 2025-01C be tabled to the November 10th Council Meeting.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

233 -2025 **MOVED** by Deputy Mayor Laking that the following Committee appointments be made for 2025/2026 year.

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	COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATIVE REPRESENTATIVE
	Committee of the Whole	All Council	
<i>Bylaw</i>	Acme Municipal Library Board	David Simmons	
	Municipal Planning Commission	David Simmons	
		Rhonda Laking	
		Doreen Ternowetsky	
<i>Local</i>	Acme Hall Board	Bruce McLeod	Rhonda Laking
	Acme Parent/School Council (PAC)	Doreen Ternowetsky	Rhonda Laking
	Agricultural Society	Doreen Ternowetsky	Jason Bates
	Asset Management Committee	Bruce McLeod	David Simmons
	Sports Day Committee	Bruce McLeod	Doreen Ternowetsky
<i>Regional</i>	Aqua 7 Regional Water Commission	Bruce McLeod	All Councillors
	Community Futures Wild Rose	Rhonda Laking	Doreen Ternowetsky
	Drumheller District Solid Waste	Bruce McLeod	Rhonda Laking
	FCSS	Rhonda Laking	David Simmons
	Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework	Jason Bates	Bruce McLeod
			David Simmons
	Intermunicipal Development Plan	Bruce McLeod	Jason Bates
			David Simmons
	Joint Regional Assessment Review Board	David Simmons	Rhonda Laking
	Kneehill Housing Corporation	Doreen Ternowetsky	David Simmons
	Kneehill Regional Partnership	Bruce McLeod	Jason Bates
	Medical Clinic Stabilization Committee	Jason Bates	
	Medical Recruitment and Retention Task Force	Doreen Ternowetsky	Bruce McLeod
	Palliser Economic Partnership	Bruce McLeod	Jason Bates
	Palliser Regional Municipal Services	Jason Bates	Bruce McLeod
	Red Deer River Municipal User Group	Rhonda Laking	David Simmons
	Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee	David Simmons	Doreen Ternowetsky
	Subdivision Development Appeal Board	Bruce McLeod	Rhonda Laking
<i>Appointment</i>	Director of Emergency Management	Brian Fradgley	
	Deputy Director of Emergency Management	Deb Grosfield	

CARRIED

LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

234-2025 **MOVED** by Councillor McLeod that the Council of the Village of Acme appoint Councillor Simmons as the representative to the Acme Library Board for the term of October 24, 2025, to October 25, 2026.

CARRIED

ADDITIONAL

235-2025 **MOVED** by Councillor Simmons that the Council of the Village of Acme approve the purchase of individual email addresses for councillors with the acme.ca ending.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

236-2025 **MOVED** by Mayor Bates to adjourn the Organizational meeting at 5:22 p.m. on October 24th, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



MAYOR
Jason Bates



CAO
Gary Sawatzky