Olds & District
Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of the Olds and District Chamber of Commerce Meeting

held on September 16, 2026

at Ultimate Safety

In attendance

President Doug Rieberger, Vice President Mike Tomey, Secretary Mary Jane Harper, , Past President Murray Elliott Directors , Ben Chrusch, Cindy Smith (at 6:00 p.m.

Regrets Zech Johnson Bob Lambert, Rochelle Wilson

Doug Called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1.Agenda Added item 6.3 Olds Fashioned Christmas

Motion Jeff Nielsen to approve agenda as amended Carried

2. Minutes- Correct Date of Minutes to read August 26, 2026

Motion Mike Tomey to adopt the minutes of the August 2026 meeting as corrected Carried.

3. Committee Reports

3.1 Financial Report

Bank Balance $107,514. Payables $469.22

Motion Ben Chrusch seconded by Jeff Nielsen to accept the bank balance for information and to pay the accounts payable of $469.22 Carried

The grant from Alberta Chamber for the Career fair will be paid in two installments and Doug will seek clarification Chamber GST status from Stoutenberg & Co. Are sponsorship to chamber events gst applicable or exempt or should they be called donations?

3.2 Town of Olds Report–Councllor Ben Chrusch provided the following:

* Council highlights can be found on town web site

* Coner stone ASP is under review Public Hearing is set for October 13 at 1 p.m.

*Town seeking public members for various town boards and committees, application forms on town web site

3.3 Olds College Report- No report as Bob absent

3.4 Small Business Awards Committee 30th Anniversary Committee- Murray reported everything is set for the chamber Small Business week events

3.5 Events Committee-No report

3.6 Executive Committee -Notes were distributed for September executive committee meeting. **Mary Jane left the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Cindy will take notes**

Motion Mike Tomey seconded by Ben Chrusch to accept for information items 3.2 thru to 3.6 for information Carried

4. Out Standing Business

4.1 Highway Signs-. Doug reported that the Opa Restaurant sign is in the process. WalMart sign is paid in full, EDO and Money Mart Signs will be removed.

4.2 Telus Phone Migration- Doug and Cindy working a solution for the Chamber landline situation

4.3 Barb Babiak Spark Plug Award- Doug presented the final draft of the Barb Babiak Spark Plug award criteria.

Motion Jeff Nielsen seconded Murray Eliott that board approve the award Nomination form and criteria Carried

4.4 **E3 Meeting-Doug reported that he is still working with E3 for a suitable date for their presentation**

5. New Business-

5.1 Tour of new trades building- October 21 is the date set for the tour and board will have regular meeting after the tour.

5.2 ACC Fall Meeting and Talent Symposium-Doug will send out more information regarding this event. Nov 18-19 meeting in Edmonton, Nov 18 talent symposium. Nov 19 is dinner meeting with Ministers

5.3.Olds Fashioned Christmas Meeting- Mike reported that changes are taking place with OFC Dates are No 27 & 28

Fireworks at Rotary Park-7 p.m. Skate with Grinch 1 p.m. Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am location TBD Grinch swim, Christmas Tree decorating , Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Christmas Market, Hot dogs and hot chocolate in the park 4-6? Parade and Photo Frame TBD

Chamber will need some volunteers for hot dogs or hot chocolate

6. Correspondence-NIL

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned

Minutes Approved President_____ Secretary_____