

Dear Council Members,

(cc: Council Member Stephen, with appreciation for his work on this issue)

I want to express my thanks to Stephen for his continued efforts to help the Village move toward recording and publishing its public meetings. His attention to this matter reflects a genuine commitment to improving communication with residents.

I am writing concerning the Village's efforts to implement video recording of public meetings.

The Village has had YEARS—not weeks—to prepare for and assume responsibility for recording its meetings.

Foxfire Village 2023–2027 Long Range Plan, adopted August 31, 2023, includes video broadcasting of meetings in two consecutive years:

Year 1 (2023–2024)

- Broadcasting or posting council meetings online

Year 2 (2024–2025)

- Improve communications with residents
- Video broadcast village meetings

Because this goal appears in both Year 1 and Year 2, it is clear the Council intended for this to move forward. Yet to date, the Village has not taken any steps to make that a reality.

Over the past four years, more than 150 meeting recordings have been created and made available to residents. This proven track record demonstrates that recording, posting, and maintaining a public archive of meetings is a straightforward process that can be accomplished using readily available technology without the need for a dedicated IT position.

It remains unclear why progress has not been made.

Transparency and communication were major themes of the last election, and many residents expect meaningful change. While the Council has many important responsibilities, this is one of the **simplest** issues to address. Recording meetings and making them available to the public should not be a two-year undertaking.

The technology exists. The cost is minimal. The goal was adopted years ago.

At some point, *residents are left to wonder whether the obstacle is not the process,*

but the willingness to complete it.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Sandra Cameron

Foxfire Resident
