

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by the Town of Blackfalds Council. Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are encouraged to keep in touch with Council news. Council Meetings are live-streamed on the Town's [YouTube channel](#). Official Minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at www.blackfalds.ca. Minutes from meetings before 2020 are available upon request.

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – November 12, 2024

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2024, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and indicated that Deputy Mayor Sands was attending virtually.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Council adopted the November 12, 2024, Regular Agenda, as presented, and the Consent Agenda, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Organizational Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2024
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2024
 - Special Council Meeting Minutes - October 29, 2024
- **Council Reports**
None
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Director's Monthly Report - October 2024
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - October 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2024
 - Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024
- **Information**
 - Municipal Measurement Index – 2023
 - Library Program Update - October 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - October 24, 2024
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - October 28, 2024
 - Special Event Permit, Light Up Blackfalds - November 28, 2024
 - Special Event Permit, CPKC Holiday Train - December 11, 2024
- **Correspondence**
None

Future Meetings:**Standing Committee of Council Meeting - November 18, 2024****Regular Council Meeting - November 26, 2024**

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BUSINESS

Request for Decision, Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending September 30, 2024

Director de Bresser presented the Quarterly Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2024.

Council accepted the Operating Statement and Variance Report, Capital Project Report and the Council Expenditure Report for the period ending September 30, 2024, as information.

Request for Decision, Affordable Housing Tax Exemption

Director de Bresser brought forward for Council’s consideration the letter request received from the Lacombe Foundation to consider leaving the full property tax exemption in place arising from new legislation exempting non-profit subsidized affordable housing from property taxation, starting in the 2025 tax year.

Council directed Administration to bring forward a bylaw to reinstate the Municipal portion of the property tax on the affordable housing units within Blackfalds.

Request for Decision, Central Alberta BMX Supercross Track Proposal

Director Kreklewich presented the proposal from the Central Alberta BMX group to construct a Supercross Track within the Town.

Council carried to direct Administration to enter into an agreement with the Central Alberta BMX Supercross group to allow for the construction of a BMX Supercross Track at the proposed site at Sterling Industries Sports Park.

Request for Decision, Broadway Reservoir Expansion 2024 Capital Project Request and Grant Approval

Director Weran brought forward a request to amend the 2024 Capital Budget for the Broadway Avenue Water Reservoir Expansion Project and requested Council to support the grant application for the Broadway Reservoir Expansion Project.

Council resolved to amend the 2024 Capital Budget to include \$6.8M for the Broadway Avenue Water Reservoir Expansion Project and instructed Administration to negotiate with the County towards completing a project cost-sharing partnership agreement based on the memo ratios for water volumes.

Further, Council supported the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant Program grant application for the Broadway Reservoir Expansion Project.

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Request for Decision, Council Appointments to Municipal Planning Commission and the Member at Large Review Panel

CAO Isaak brought forward the recommendation for new Council appointments to Council Committees.

Council rescinded resolution numbers 303/24 and 304/24 and appointed Mayor Hoover, Deputy Mayor Sands, Councillor Dennis and Councillor Appel as the alternate to the Member at Large Review Panel and appointed Deputy Mayor Sands, as Chair, Councillor Dennis, as Vice Chair and Mayor Hoover to the Municipal Planning Commission effective immediately.

Request for Decision, Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee Appointment Endorsement

CAO Isaak presented a request for Council to consider endorsing Mayor Hoover's appointment to the ABMunis Economic Statistics Committee. Council endorsed Mayor Jamie Hoover's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee.

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:42 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **Land Acquisition, FOIP Section 24(1) – Advice from Officials**
- **CUPE Negotiations, FOIP Section 24(1) – Advice from Officials**

Council moved into a closed session commencing at 7:46 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and reverted to an open meeting at 8:05 p.m. where Council resolved to proceed as discussed in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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