

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by 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. Archived minutes are available by request.

Highlights of the Regular Meeting of Council – September 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Confidential item 14.1 was moved to 14.2, and Council adopted the Agenda as amended.

DELEGATION

Period Promise – United Way, Chelsea O'Donoghue (virtual)

Chelsea O'Donoghue presented to Council United Way's Period Promise Pilot Program, which supplies menstrual products in restrooms in public facilities.

Beyond Food Community Hub, Chris Keim

Chris Keim provided a presentation to Council on the Beyond Food Community Hub's initiatives and efforts within the Community and how valuable funding is from the Town for continued operation.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Mayor Hoover - 2022 Social Needs Assessment

Mayor Hoover brought forward his Motion that was given notice at the August 22, Regular Council Meeting. CAO Isaak indicated that the FCSS Board requested this Motion be brought forth to the November 14, 2023, Regular Council Meeting. Council postponed the 2022 Social Needs Assessment to the November 14, 2023, Regular Council Meeting.

Mayor Hoover - Hwy 2A Tree Removal

Mayor Hoover brought forward his Motion that was given notice at the September 12, 2023, Regular Council Meeting to be brought forward to the September 25, 2023, Regular Council Meeting for discussion and debate. It was carried that Council directs Administration to remove trees and shrubs along Highway 2A in front of Parkwood Plaza and that funding for the replacement trees be discussed during budget deliberations.

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Next Standing Committee of Council Meeting – October 16, 2023

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BUSINESS**Request for Decision, Citizen Engagement Budget 2024 Survey Results**

Manager Bouteiller reviewed the results of the 2024 Citizen Engagement Budget Survey. Council accepted the Citizen Engagement Budget 2024 Survey Report as Information.

Request for Decision – 2023 FCSS Budget Adjustment and Funding Allocation Recommendations

Manager Borne brought forward the FCSS Board's recommendation to allocate additional funding of grants. Council accepted the FCSS Board's recommendation to allocate the additional \$7,706.51 funding to grants to organizations and further that the funding be allocated to the Iron Ridge Junior Campus in support of the School Social Worker program.

Request for Decision – Master Services Engineering Agreement Extension

Manager Thevenaz, on behalf of Director Weran, requested Council consider extending the existing Master Services Agreement with Stantec for an additional two years. Council was unanimous in directing Administration to extend the existing Master Services Agreement with Stantec for an additional two years, ending in May 2026.

Request for Decision – EV Charging Station Project Update

Manager Thevenaz, on behalf of Director Weran, brought forward the Civic Centre EV site plan with a revised EV charging location and expanded parking areas. Council instructed Administration to move forward with the revised EV charging station location and the expanded parking lot areas as per the Civic Centre EV site plan.

CAO Report

CAO Isaak reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of September 2023. Council accepted the CAO Report as information.

INFORMATION

- Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2023
- Family and Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes - July 5, 2023
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights - September 11, 2023
- Lacombe County Council Highlights - September 14, 2023
- Letter from Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society, Funding - September 19, 2023
- Email from Alberta Municipalities, Emergent resolution on LGFF Capital - September 20, 2023

Council accepted the Information Items as information.

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ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from August 16 – September 15, 2023. Council accepted the Round Table Reports as information.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Council accepted the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2023, as amended and further accepted the Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023 as presented.

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

Councillor Appel indicated that the Blackfalds Chamber of Commerce has released the tickets for the Business of the Year Awards, and it will be held on Friday, November 3, 2023; more information can be found on their social media page.

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 9:00 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- Disposition of Municipal Land - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials
- Code of Conduct Review - FOIP 23(1) Local Public Body Confidences

Upon calling the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into a closed session commencing at 9:07 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 24 and 23 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Council reverted back to the Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Council, having considered the information contained in the In Camera session on September 25, 2023, Re: Disposition of Municipal Lands, directed Administration, in accordance with Section 70 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) to:

- a) Advertise for a minimum of two (2) weeks in accordance with the MGA and Town of Blackfalds Advertising Bylaw that the Town has received an offer for the sale of the lands at 4405 South Street for Multi-family & Commercial Development, which will reduce the land sale price by \$303,775 under market value; and
- b) Bring this matter back before Council for final approval once the 60-day petition period has expired.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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