

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](http://www.blackfalds.ca). Archived minutes are available by request.

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – January 9, 2024

### WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the January 9, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and indicated that Councillor Svab is joining virtually.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Council adopted the Regular Agenda for January 9, 2024, as presented.

Council adopted the Consent Agenda for January 9, 2024, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on December 12, 2023
- **Council Reports**

None
- **Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - December 2023
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - December 2023
  - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report - December 2023
  - Report for Council, 2024 Blackfalds Community Events
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**

None
- **Information**
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - December 11, 2023
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights - December 14, 2023
  - Blackfalds Seniors Club Thank you Certificate
  - Battle River Watershed Alliance Invite to Building Resiliency to Multi-Year Drought in Alberta - January 26, 2024
- **Correspondence**
  - Letter from the Minister of Health, Adriana LaGrange - December 18, 2023
  - Letter from Deputy Commissioner Zablocki - December 27, 2023

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**PUBLIC HEARING****Bylaw 1290.23 - Land Use Bylaw, Use Amendments**

Mayor Hoover declared the Public Hearing open at 7:03 p.m. for Bylaw 1290.23.

The purpose of Bylaw 1290.23 is to amend Land Use Bylaw 1268.22 to include Recreational Vehicle Storage as a use in the Industrial Light District (I-1) and Industrial Heavy District (I-2); include a Similar Use definition; and site exceptions in the Public Facility District (PF) to allow for Health Services at 5016 Waghorn Street (former FCSS Building) and Health Services and Restaurant at 5302 Broadway Avenue (Eagle Builders Centre).

Notice of this Public Hearing was advertised in accordance with Section 606 of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Public Notification Bylaw:

- On the bulletin board in the Town's Civic Centre, upstairs outside of Council Chambers;
- A hard copy of the proposed Bylaw 1290.23 was available for viewing at the Town's Civic Centre Front Counter (upstairs)";
- December edition of "Talk of the Town";
- On the Planning & Development webpage of the Town's website commencing December 5, 2023;
- Via email to local authorities and agencies on December 7, 2023;
- All owners of land that is designated Industrial Light District (I1) and Industrial Heavy District (I2) were notified via letters mailed out on December 8, 2023;
- Landowners adjacent to 5016 Waghorn Street (former FCSS Building) and 5302 Broadway Avenue (Eagle Builders Centre) were notified via letters mailed out on December 8, 2023;
- Via email to the Municipal Planning Commission on December 14, 2023;
- In the December 28, 2023, and January 4, 2024, editions of the Lacombe Express; and
- On the Town's social media channels in the weeks leading up to the Public Hearing.

The following written comments have been received to date:

- December 11, 2023, submission from Alberta Transportation
- December 15, 2023, submission from Lacombe County

**Those in Favour of the Bylaw**

(None came forward)

**Those Opposed to the Bylaw**

A local food services business owner operating at the Eagle Builders Centre indicated he is not in favour of the portion of the Bylaw that would allow for a restaurant as a discretionary use at the Eagle Builders Centre and indicated he felt the discretionary use was inappropriate for the location.

**Any Person Deemed to be Affected by the Bylaw Who Wishes to be Heard**

(None came forward for or against the Bylaw)

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Mayor Hoover declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1290.23 closed at 7:17 p.m.

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## **BUSINESS**

### **Request for Decision, Bylaw 1290.23 - Land Use Bylaw, Use Amendments**

Following closing the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1290.23, Manager Tejkl brought forward Bylaw 1290 - Land Use Bylaw, Use Amendments for the Council's consideration of Second and Third and Final Reading.

Council, upon closing the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1290.23, gave Second Reading to Bylaw 1290.23 - Land Use Bylaw, Use Amendments, as amended by removing Amendment 2.5 from the Bylaw.

Council gave Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1290.23 - Land Use Bylaw, Use Amendments, as amended by removing Amendment 2.5 from the Bylaw.

### **Request for Decision, Bylaw 1297.24 - Schedule "B" 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates**

Director Weran brought forward for Council's consideration, First Reading to Bylaw 1297.24, a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of the Utility Bylaw.

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1297.24 – Schedule "B" 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate, a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20.

### **Request for Decision, Bylaw 1298.24 – Schedule "A" 2024 Solid Waste Rates**

Director Weran recommended Bylaw 1298.24 for First Reading, a bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of the Solid Waste Management Bylaw.

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1298.24 - Schedule "A" 2024 Solid Waste Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw 1167/13.

### **Request for Decision, Request from the Province Regarding Drought Management**

CAO Isaak brought forward a request from the province regarding drought management plans and recommended a report brought forward to the Standing Committee of Council outlining the drought management efforts that the Town has in place.

Council directed Administration to bring forward a report to the March 18, 2024, Standing Committee of Council on the drought management efforts that have been undertaken in relation to the items outlined in the letter from the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas.

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**RECESS**

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:57 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- **Disposition of Municipal Land - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**
- **Development Policy - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**
- **Code of Conduct - FOIP 24 (1) Advice From Officials**

Upon calling the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:03 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Upon reverting back to an open meeting, Council unanimously approved the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement to sell the lands located at 4405 South Street for \$651,000 to Laebon Developments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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