

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 Organizational and Regular Council Meeting – October 22, 2024

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Council held their annual Organizational Meeting, where Council approved the 2024-2025 Regular Council and Standing Committee of Council Meeting Schedule; the schedule is now available on the Town's website.

In addition, Council appointed Council Members to various Town and external Boards, Committees and Commissions. For more information on Boards, Committees and Commissions and Members, please contact the Town Office.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Following the Organizational Meeting, Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of October 22, 2024, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and indicated that Councillor Svab had sent her regrets.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

There was one addition to the Regular Agenda under Confidential:

8.2 Aspen West School Site Servicing Agreement - FOIP Section 24(1) - Advice from Officials.

Council adopted the October 22, 2024, Regular Agenda, as amended, and the Consent Agenda, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2024
- **Council Reports**
 - Mayor Hoover
 - Deputy Mayor Sands
 - Councillor Coulter
 - Councillor Appel
 - Councillor Svab
 - Councillor Dennis
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – October 2024

Future Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting - November 12, 2024

Standing Committee of Council Meeting - November 18, 2024

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- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Recreation Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - September 4, 2024
- **Information**
 - Library Programming Report - September 27, 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - October 10, 2024
- **Correspondence**
 - Letter from Blackfalds Ministerial Association Re: Remembrance Day Ceremony - October 3, 2024

BUSINESS

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1315.24 - Front Parking Pad Amendments

Manager Tejkl brought forward Bylaw 1315.24, a Bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw to allow for Front Parking Pads in the Town for Council’s consideration of First Reading and setting of a Public Hearing.

Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1315.24 - Front Parking Pad Amendments, as presented and set a Public Hearing date for November 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Request for Decision, Transfer Station Phase 2 Project Update and Award

Director Weran reviewed the bid submissions for the Transfer Station Phase 2 Project and presented the administrative recommendation for awarding the project.

Council allocated \$38,234.89 to fund the budget shortfall of the Transfer Station Phase 2 Project and awarded the Transfer Station Phase 2 Project works to Timcon Inc. for \$300,978.89, excluding GST.

Request for Decision, 2025 Parkland Regional Library Budget Request

Director de Bresser brought forward Parkland Regional Library's proposed 2025 Budget for Council's consideration of acceptance.

Council accepted the proposed budget by the Parkland Regional Library with the 2025 Membership requisition at \$9.81 per capita.

Request for Decision, EV Charging Stations – Q3 Report

Director de Bresser presented the Q3 Report for the Town’s EV Charging Stations and the recommendation for setting the fee for charging use.

After further consideration, Council set the level 2 charger at \$2.75 per hour.

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Request for Decision, Fire Services Agreement

Director de Bresser presented the new Fire Services Agreement with Lacombe County to Council for approval, which received approval from the County on October 10, 2024.

Council approved the Blackfalds/Lacombe County Fire Services Agreement and resolved to approve purchasing joint-use fire equipment from the General Capital Reserve.

Request for Decision, Letter of Support for Red Deer Ladies Fastball Association

Director Kreklewich brought forward a request from the Red Deer Ladies Fastball Association requesting a letter of support to host the 2026 Canadian Women’s Fastpitch Championships in the Town.

Council carried to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Red Deer Ladies Fastball Association to host the 2026 Canadian Women’s Fastpitch Championships and to waive rental fees for the event.

Request for Decision, 2024-2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan Actions Update

CAO Isaak presented an update on the 2024-2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan’s actions for Council’s information.

Council accepted the 2024-2026 Mid–Term Strategic Plan Actions Update Report for information.

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 8:38 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **CUPE Negotiations - Personnel - FOIP Section 24(1) - Advice from Officials**
- **Aspen West School Site Servicing Agreement FOIP Section 24(1) - Advice from Officials**

Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:43 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 9:45 p.m. where Council resolved to proceed as discussed in-camera.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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