

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 Meeting of Council – October 10, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Addition of Business for the Good of Council item 13.1 Kindness Tour, and Council adopted the Agenda as amended.

### DELEGATION

#### Urban Hens - Linda Murrell

Linda Murrell presented to Council the challenges she is facing with the provisions of the Urban Hen Bylaw and not allowing the urban hens to leave their coop.

#### Cheemo Club

Glenda Brown presented to Council the activities of Cheemo Club and how valuable the space-in-kind from the Town is to the club. In addition, 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Cheemo Club, and the club's name will be changed to the Blackfalds Senior Club.

### BUSINESS

#### Request for Decision, Blackfalds & District Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Gala

CAO Isaak presented Council with options for attending the 2023 Business Awards Gala that will be held at the Community Centre on November 3, 2023, by the Blackfalds & District Chamber of Commerce. Council agreed to the 5-Star Sponsorship of \$1,200 for the Blackfalds & District Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Awards Gala and provided confirmation of attendance at the Gala.

#### Request for Decision, Apollo Health Centre Funding Request

Director Kreklewich brought forward Apollo Health Centre's funding request to assist in operations until new doctors arrive.

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Council approved a \$15,000 one-time loan to the Apollo Health Centre at a rate of \$6,000 per month, as required, to a limit of \$15,000, supplied by utilizing the Economic Development, Physician Attraction and Retention ledger and Council will consider the remaining \$15,000 request during Budget deliberations.

Further Council directed Administration to research and seek out funding and grants for physician attraction and retention and send a letter to the Minister of Health for an in-person meeting and an invite to MLA Johnson to attend a Blackfalds Health Professional Attraction & Retention Committee Meeting.

### **Request for Decision, Blackfalds Bulldogs Electronic Advertising Request**

Director Kreklewich brought forward a request from the Blackfalds Bulldogs Junior A Hockey Club to waive weekly advertising costs on the electronic billboard.

Council carried unanimously to provide direction to Administration on the development of guidelines for the distribution of tickets in a manner that does not conflict with Town Policies.

Council defeated the motion to approve the request from the Blackfalds Bulldogs Junior A Hockey Club to waive half the weekly advertising fee on the electronic billboard.

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### **Request for Decision, 2024 Parkland Regional Library Budget Request**

Director de Bresser presented Parkland Regional Library's 2024 Budget Request.

Council was unanimous in accepting the proposed budget by the Parkland Regional Library with the 2024 membership requisition at \$9.18 per capita.

## **ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Red Deer Recovery Community Lunch**

Mayor Hoover indicated that he had received the invitation for Council to attend the Red Deer Recovery Community Lunch that will be held on November 6, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. and for Council to let Administration know if they would like to attend.

## **INFORMATION**

- Blackfalds Public Library Update - May - August 2023 and Program Information
- Lacombe Foundation Meeting Minutes - June 19, 2023
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - August 22, 2023

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- Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - September 2023
- Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - September 2023
- Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report - September 2023
- Parkland Regional Library Board Talk - September 14, 2023
- Parkland Library Board Meeting Minutes - September 14, 2023 (draft)
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights - September 25, 2023
- County of Lacombe Council Highlights - September 28, 2023

Council accepted the Information Items as information.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Council accepted the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2023, as presented.

## **BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL**

Mayor Hoover indicated that Kelly and Breezy with the Kindness Tour would be in three provinces, gathering signatures of people who pledge kindness on magnets and covering Breezy the Kindness Camper and will be in our area over the next week.

## **RECESS**

Council moved for a five-minute recess at 8:16 p.m.

## **CONFIDENTIAL**

- Code of Conduct - FOIP Section 24(1) Advice from Officials
- Personnel - FOIP Section 17(1) Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

Upon calling the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:23 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 9:54 p.m.

Council, having considered the information contained in the In Camera session, moved and carried unanimously that Council undertake a Mid Term Check In Dynamics and Decision-Making session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

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