

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – September 28, 2021

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.com. Archived minutes are available by request.

Business

CAO Report

CAO Thompson reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of September. This report was accepted as information.

Request for Decision – Draft Environmental Stewardship Strategy

The development of an Environmental Stewardship Strategy (ESS) was identified as a priority for the Town in 2016, when the Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) was approved. This Strategy will be used to guide new environmental initiatives for the community. Its key focus areas include water, stormwater, land, energy, buildings and infrastructure, air, and solid waste. This report will be revised and return to Council for formal approval.

Request for Decision – MAMP Funding

Administration will be applying for municipal asset management program (MAMP) funding to support planned 2021/2022 asset management efforts. This funding would be used to secure a consultant to conduct an inventory analysis (surface distresses, roughness, rutting and other pavement issues) and to develop a comprehensive report on the condition of the Town road network. Council approved the budget allocation of \$10,000 and directed staff to apply for the grant.

Request for Decision – Small Business Week

Small Business Week has been organized by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) since 1979 and is a national celebration of Canadian entrepreneurs and their contribution to Canada's economy. Council proclaimed the week of October 17 – 23 as Small Business Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

Request for Decision – Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

The Blackfalds Economic Development and Tourism Strategy is a critical document, necessary for identifying and fulfilling Economic Development and Tourism initiatives. As the previous Strategy expired in 2020, a new Strategy was developed to guide the Town of Blackfalds moving forward. The content of the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy was approved.

Action Correspondence

Emergency Ambulance Dispatch System

Mayor Poole noted that Council has advocated for the ambulance system to use the integrated satellite centres approach, instead of the currently used consolidated dispatch system. This item was accepted as information.



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Wolf Creek School Board Trustee Congratulatory Letter

Council requested that Administration draft a letter to congratulate Darryl Stendie on being acclaimed as the Wolf Creek School Board Trustee.

Information

Council received the items below for information:

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update – Director Barnes (*verbal*)
- 2022 Budget Survey Results
- FCSS Minutes – June 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – September 13, 2021
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – September 9, 2021
- Emergency Management Committee Minutes – September 17, 2021

Adoption of Minutes

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on September 14th, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting:

Standing Committee Meeting – Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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Council Chambers on Level 2
Civic Cultural Centre | 5018 Waghorn Street

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