

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 – November 14, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

There was an addition of Business item 6.6 - 2024 National Women's Softball Championships.

Council adopted the Regular Agenda for November 14, 2023, as amended.

Council adopted the Consent Agenda for November 14, 2023, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - Minutes from the Organizational Meeting on October 24, 2023
  - Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 24, 2023
  - Minutes from the Special Council Meeting on November 2, 2023
- **Council Reports**
  - None
- **Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Council Expenditures for the Period Ending September 30, 2023
  - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - October 2023
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - October 2023
  - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report - September 2023
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Library Board Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2023
  - Recreation Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2023
  - Blackfalds Library Programming Report October 2023
- **Information**
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - October 23, 2023
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights - October 26, 2023
  - Letter from Land & Property Rights Tribunal - Re Annex Withdrawal - October 16, 2023
  - Notice of Public Meeting and Online Survey - QEII West Area Structure Plan
- **Correspondence**
  - Letter from the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre - October 30, 2023
  - Letter from the Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society - October 20, 2023

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**BUSINESS****Request for Decision, Mayor Hoover - Notice of Motion, 2022 Social Needs Assessment**

CAO Isaak brought forward the recommendation to postpone the motion put forward by Mayor Hoover by way of Notice of Motion at the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council on the 2022 Social Needs Assessment.

Council postponed the motion put forward by Mayor Hoover by way of Notice of Motion at the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council on the 2022 Social Needs Assessment until such time that the FCSS Board makes recommendations on changes to the Social Needs Assessment; and Council rescinded resolution #299/23 carried by Council at the September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

**Request for Decision, Extended Producer Responsibility Update and Registration**

Manager Thevenaz brought forward the recommendation to move forward with Extended Producer Responsibility community registration with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority.

Council instructed Administration to move forward with Extended Producer Responsibility community registration with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority.

**Request for Decision, Varme Energy Letter of Intent for Support**

Manager Thevenaz brought forward the request from Varme Energy to provide a non-binding letter of interest committing Blackfalds solid waste to the proposed new Waste to Energy facility in Innisfail, Alberta.

Council directed the CAO to provide a non-binding Letter of Intent to Varme Energy indicating the Town's interest in committing Blackfalds solid waste to Varme's proposed new Waste to Energy facility in Alberta.

**Request for Decision, CP Train Whistle Cessation Request for Proposal Award**

Director Weran presented a summary of the next steps for moving forward with the whistle cessation and the proposals received from the CP Train Whistle Cessation Request for Proposal and the recommendation for awarding it.

Council allocated \$30,000 from Capital reserves towards a new Whistle Cessation Capital Project and awarded the Whistle Cessation Safety Study to Watt Consulting Group for \$30,000 to determine the scope of improvements for whistle cessation within the Town of Blackfalds.

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**Request for Decision, Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee Appointment Endorsement**

CAO Isaak brought forward a request for Council to endorse Mayor Hoover's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee.

Council endorsed Mayor Jamie Hoover's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee.

**2024 National Women's Softball Championships**

CAO Isaak presented a request to host the 2024 National Women's Softball Championship in the Town of Blackfalds and provide a letter of support for endorsing the bid.

Council authorized the Mayor to send a letter of support for the Town of Blackfalds to host the 2024 National Women's Softball Championship from August 7-11, 2024, and provide in-kind support for the field rentals.

**RECESS**

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:59 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- **Disposition of Municipal Land - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**

Upon calling the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:04 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*.

Council reverted back to the Regular Council Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Council, having considered the information contained in the In Camera session, moved and carried unanimously that Council approve the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement to sell the lands for \$651,000 on terms satisfactory to Council and directed Administration to start land negotiations to acquire a new Snow Management Facility.

- **Code of Conduct - FOIP 24 (1) Advice From Officials**

Council reverted back into a closed session commencing at 8:47 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and moved to come out of a closed session at 9:24.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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