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# Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – May 25, 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 <u>YouTube channel</u>.

Official minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at <u>www.blackfalds.com</u>. Archived minutes are available by request.

## **Delegation**

## Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Delivering Community Power

• The Canadian Union of Postal Workers requested Council's support on their delivering Community Power Campaign, which aims to revitalize Canadian post offices and make the delivery process more environmentally friendly.

#### **Business**

## CAO Report

CAO Thompson reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of May.

#### **Request for Decision, Credit Card Policy**

The Credit Card Policy was accepted as presented and included minor amendments to protect against fraud and update current procedures.

#### **Request for Decision, 2021 Census**

The final population count from the Census for 2021 is 11,015. This is an increase of 890 from the 10,125 count in 2018. The growth of 890 translates into an 8.8% increase over the three-year period or an average of 2.93% per year.

#### **Request for Decision, Environment Week**

As part of the Town's goal in moving forward with more environmentally sustainable initiatives, May 30 – June 5 was proclaimed Canadian Environment Week. Clean Air Day was also declared on June 2. Free public transit will be given on June 2 to celebrate these initiatives.

## **Request for Decision, FCSS Grant Funding Allocation**

FCSS grant funding for preventative social programs for 2021 was budgeted at \$23,500. Grant applications were received from four local organizations. With a limited amount of funding available and all the applicants providing eligible social preventative programming; this funding decision was suggested using a mathematical formula (54% of each ask). ANAM (On-um) Rural Youth Association was awarded \$2,700, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lacombe was awarded \$9,812.40, Iron Ridge Elementary Campus was awarded \$6,505.60, and Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus was awarded \$4,482.

#### Request for Decision, Seniors Week Proclamation

Council proclaimed June 7 - 13 as Seniors Week. FCSS has partnered with the Blackfalds Library and local seniors have been invited to register to receive a Seniors Week Celebration Package; including at home



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activities, a scavenger hunt, a 30 kms in 30 days walking/biking challenge, how well do you know your community trivia challenge, bird watching and more.

# Request for Decision, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day & Rural Health Week

Council proclaimed June 15<sup>th</sup> as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and May 24 – 28 as Rural Health Week.

## Roundtable Discussion

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from April to May, 2021.

#### **Information**

Council received the items below for information:

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update Manager Kreklewich (verbal)
- Municipal Affairs Letter Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding
- County Development Referral Package DPA 72/21
- County Notice of Development Package DPA 80/21
- Revised Building and Development Report April 2021
- City of Lacombe, Council Highlights May 10, 2021
- Lacombe County, Council Highlights May 13, 2021
- FCSS Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021

## Adoption of Minutes

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the Standing Committee Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Confidential**

Council held two closed meeting sessions under S. 24 of the FOIP Act.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting: Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers on Level 2 Civic Cultural Centre | 5018 Waghorn Street

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