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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on November 12, 2024, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jamie Hoover  
Deputy Mayor Jim Sands (*virtual*)  
Councillor Edna Coulter  
Councillor Marina Appel  
Councillor Laura Svab  
Councillor Brenda Dennis

**ATTENDING**

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer  
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services  
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services  
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management and Protective Services  
Shelby Craig, Marketing and Communications Team Lead  
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

**REGRETS**

None

**MEDIA**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

None

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2024, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and indicated that Deputy Mayor Sands was attending virtually.

**TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty Six Territory.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDAS**

Mayor Hoover declared a conflict of interest on Regular Agenda Business item 6.6 Request for Decision, Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee Appointment and advised that he would pass the Chair to Councillor Appel for Council's consideration of the item.

**340/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for November 12, 2024, as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**341/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for November 12, 2024, 2024, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - Organizational Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2024
  - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - October 22, 2024

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- Special Council Meeting Minutes - October 29, 2024
- **Council Reports**  
None
- **Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Director's Monthly Report - October 2024
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - October 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2024
  - Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024
- **Information**
  - Municipal Measurement Index – 2023
  - Library Program Update - October 2024
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights - October 24, 2024
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - October 28, 2024
  - Special Event Permit, Light Up Blackfalds - November 28, 2024
  - Special Event Permit, CPKC Holiday Train - December 11, 2024
- **Correspondence**  
None

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**DELEGATION**

None

**BUSINESS**

**Request for Decision, Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending September 30, 2024**

Director de Bresser presented the Quarterly Financial Reports for the period ending September 30, 2024, for Council's information.

- 342/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council accept the Operating Statement and Variance report for the period ending September 30, 2024, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 343/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council accept the Capital Project Report for the period ending September 30, 2024, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 344/24** Deputy Mayor Sands moved That Council accept the Council Expenditure Report for the period ending September 30, 2024, as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision, Affordable Housing Tax Exemption**

Director de Bresser brought forward for Council's consideration the letter request received from the Lacombe Foundation to consider leaving the full property tax exemption in place arising from new legislation exempting non-profit subsidized affordable housing from property taxation, starting in the 2025 tax year.

- 345/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council direct Administration to bring forward a bylaw to reinstate the Municipal portion of the property tax on the affordable housing units within Blackfalds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Director Kreklewich presented the proposal from the Central Alberta BMX group to construct a Supercross Track within the Town.

- 346/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council direct Administration to enter into an agreement with the Central Alberta BMX Supercross group to allow for the construction of a BMX Supercross Track at the proposed site at Sterling Industries Sports Park.

**CARRIED**

*Opposed: Deputy Mayor Sands and Councillor Dennis*

**Request for Decision, Broadway Reservoir Expansion 2024 Capital Project Request and Grant Approval**

Director Weran brought forward a request to amend the 2024 Capital Budget for the Broadway Avenue Water Reservoir Expansion Project and requested Council to support the grant application for the Broadway Reservoir Expansion Project.

- 347/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council amend the 2024 Capital Budget to include \$6.8M for the Broadway Avenue Water Reservoir Expansion Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 348/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council instruct Administration to negotiate with the County towards completing a project cost-sharing partnership agreement based on the memo ratios for water volumes.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 349/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council support the Local Growth and Sustainability Grant Program grant application for the Broadway Reservoir Expansion Project.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision, Council Appointments to Municipal Planning Commission and the Member at Large Review Panel**

CAO Isaak brought forward the recommendation for new Council appointments to Council Committees.

- 350/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council rescind resolution numbers 303/24 and 304/24.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 351/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council appoint Mayor Hoover, Deputy Mayor Sands, Councillor Dennis and Councillor Appel as alternate to the Member at Large Review Panel effective immediately, expiring October 20, 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 352/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council appoint Deputy Mayor Sands, as Chair, Councillor Dennis, as Vice Chair and Mayor Hoover to the Municipal Planning Commission effective immediately, expiring October 20, 2025.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Hoover declared a conflict of interest, vacated the Chair and requested Councillor Appel take the Chair for the next item.

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

CAO Isaak presented a request for Council to consider endorsing Mayor Hoover's appointment to the ABMunis Economic Strategy Committee.

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**353/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council endorse Mayor Jamie Hoover's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**  
*Mayor Hoover abstained*

Councillor Appel handed the Chair back to Mayor Hoover.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**RECESS**

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:42 p.m.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- **Land Acquisition, FOIP Section 24(1) – Advice from Officials**
- **CUPE Negotiations, FOIP Section 24(1) – Advice from Officials**

**354/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:46 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*.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closed Session Attendance:** Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands (virtual), Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Kim Isaak and Director Preston Weran.

**355/24** Councillor Coulter moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:05 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:05 p.m.

**Regular Council Meeting Attendance:** Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Jim Sands (virtual), Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Brenda Dennis and CAO Kim Isaak.

**Land Acquisition, FOIP Section 24(1) – Advice from Officials**

**356/24** Councillor Dennis moved That Administration proceed as directed in-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CUPE Negotiations, FOIP Section 24(1) – Advice from Officials**

**357/24** Councillor Dennis moved That Administration proceed as directed in-camera.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:07 p.m.

-Original Signed-

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Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

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Kim Isaak, CAO