



Town of Blackfalds
Standing Committee of Council Meeting
July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, July 19, 2021, at the Civic/Cultural Centre, 5018 Waghorn Street, Blackfalds, Alberta commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Richard Poole
Deputy Mayor Laura Svab
Councillor Ray Olfert
Councillor Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Will Taylor
Councillor Marina Appel

ATTENDING

Myron Thompson, CAO
Robert Cote, Fire Chief
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Liz Pollock, Municipal Planning Intern
Billie Scott, Planning & Development Officer I
Marco Jadie, Information Technologist Support
Lorrie Logan, Municipal Clerk

REGRETS

Councillor Jamie Hoover

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Svab called the Standing Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

52/21 Councillor Olfert moved that the Standing Committee of Council move to accept the agenda for July 19, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

BUSINESS

Blackfalds Fire Service Operations Update (verbal)

Fire Chief Robert Cote gave an update on the Blackfalds Fire Service Operation. Calls are up 24% and there have been 100 calls to date. Training has begun again with 10 NFPA Level 1 and Hazmat. In-house pump training will begin in the fall. The house simulation is now a permanent fixture at the old public works quonset and it has been beneficial in training not only the Blackfalds members but also the



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Lacombe County members as well. There are 26 volunteer members and there will be a new recruitment process in place to bring the members back up to 30. They are still being very cautious when going out on calls and are still using masks, gloves and sanitizer, even though COVID restrictions have been lifted. There is a plan to have an open house during Fire Prevention Week in early October depending on the restrictions.

- 53/21** Councillor Stendie moved that the Standing Committee of Council accept this as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Direction, Council Remuneration Compensation

CAO Thompson brought forward to Council for discussion, the Council Remuneration Compensation policy 156.21. This policy provides guidelines for the provision of remuneration to elected officials through the various provisions including honorariums, per diems, benefits, expenses, and professional development.

- 54/21** Mayor Poole moved that the Council Remuneration and Compensation Policy 156.21 be brought forward to a future Council Meeting with adjustments and any changes provided by the Remuneration Committee as noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Direction, Elected Officials Development Opportunities Policy

CAO Thompson brought forward for discussion and review the draft Elected Official Development Opportunities Policy 155.21, which encourages annual professional development and training for Council members.

- 55/21** Councillor Stendie moved that the Standing Committee of Council refer the Elected Official Development Opportunities Policy back to Administration for requested changes and that this item be brought forward to a future Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Direction, Development Fees and Fines Bylaw

Municipal Planning Intern Pollock brought forward for discussion and review the draft Development Fees and Fines Bylaw. It was recommended that the Fees and Fines section be taken out of the current LUB and included separately as its own Bylaw, combined with the other schedules for ease of review and amendments. This Bylaw will reference the Land Use Bylaw and vice versa.

- 56/21** Councillor Appel moved that Administration update the draft Development Fees and Fines Bylaw Schedules as directed by Council with amendments that will form part of the new Bylaw 1261.21.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Alberta Association of Community Peace Officers Communications Request

CAO Thompson gave an update on the CPO communications pilot project. The RCMP indicated they needed to suspend the project due to a staff shortage in their informatics department, but noted they are committed to completing this project. They are asking for a letter of support for this project.



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57/21 Mayor Poole moved that the Standing Committee of Council direct Administration to send a letter to the Justice Minister, the Rural Municipalities of Alberta, and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to support this project and the requests from the RCMP.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- Centre Plaza Update (*verbal*)
- Interim Police Advisory Quarterly Report

58/21 Councillor Olfert moved to accept the information items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND TABLE

None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE

None

CONFIDENTIAL

None

AJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Svab adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.


Deputy Mayor, Laura Svab


Myron Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer