



Town of Blackfalds  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Remote/Virtual Platform  
**MINUTES**

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, via virtual remote platform, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ATTENDING**

Myron Thompson, CAO  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services  
Justin De Bresser, Director of Corporate Services  
Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services  
Jeff Heindel, Manager of Parks and Facilities  
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant  
Eddo Cancian, ACI Architect  
Lloyd Desjarlais, Manager of Indigenous Services

**REGRETS**

None

**MEDIA**

None

**PUBLIC**

None

**CALL TO**

**ORDER:** Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Notice of Motion - Land Use Bylaw Feedback Process for Developers was moved under Business.

**186/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the June 22, 2021 agenda as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION**

**Council Reconciliation Discussion - Lloyd Desjarlais**

L. Desjarlais discussed the importance of continuing education and willingness to learn from Indigenous Peoples in Council's efforts toward reconciliation.

**Eagle Builders Centre: Architect Update - Eddo Cancian**

E. Cancian provided an update on the status of the Eagle Builders Centre, which is currently on schedule for completion in September.



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**BUSINESS**

**CAO Report**

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

187/21 Councillor Svab moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Council Remuneration Review Committee**

A Council Remuneration Review Committee (CRRC) is established ahead of each new Council term to make recommendations on compensation amounts for the incoming Council. The Committee will consist of 5 citizens from the community as well as administrative personnel and a member of a consulting firm.

188/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council formally approve the Council Remuneration Review Committee Terms of Reference as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

189/21 Councillor Appel moved that Council appoint the citizen representation as recommended to participate on the Council Remuneration Review Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Office Hours Policy**

The Office Hours Policy is used in order to be accountable to the public, by setting consistent hours (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) in which the Civic Centre will operate and provide services.

190/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council accept the recommendation of Standing Committee of Council in the approval of Office Hours Policy 153.21 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Purchasing Policy**

Director de Bresser brought forward for discussion and review the revised Purchasing Policy, which includes amendments to allow for better local purchasing preference options and green procurement.

191/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council accepts the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Council in the approval of the Purchasing Policy 151.21 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – 2022 Budget Timeline**

The budget schedule follows the Budget Planning Policy and Procedures and ensures both Council and Administration have a set schedule to move forward with endorsements throughout the process. The schedule includes both Capital and Operating Budget timeframes for planning, reviews, and approvals at all levels.

192/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council accepts the recommendation of Administration to approve the 2022 Budget Timeline as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**Request for Decision – Aurora Heights Playground**

On May 5, 2021, the Aurora Heights Playground themes were brought forward to the Recreation, Culture and Parks (RCP) Board Meeting. The RCP Board made the decision to move forward with the “train” theme for the Request for Proposal and have the final three design options chosen by the RCP Board to go out to public vote to determine the winning playground design.

- 193/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council moves to accept the chosen winner from the public of Option A - BDI Play Designs Inc. for the new Aurora Heights community playground in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Stendie and Deputy Mayor Svab Opposed*

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**Notice of Motion – Land Use Bylaw Feedback Process for Developers**

- 194/21** Mayor Poole moved that Council direct Administration to reach out to developers and builders who work with the Town of Blackfalds, as well as any other group that Council may, during debate of the motion, feel would be useful and to and see if they would like to meet with Council to provide feedback on the proposed changes in the new LUB as well as the existing planning and development practices and procedures.

**CARRIED**

*Councillor Stendie and Deputy Mayor Svab Opposed*

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

**988 Suicide Prevention Hotline**

MP Blaine Calkins requested Council’s support on the creation of a national 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline.

- 195/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council accept the 988 Hotline request as information.

**CARRIED**

*Mayor Poole Opposed*

**Central Alberta Mayors Support Letter**

A request was made by the Town of Sylvan Lake to write a letter of support for the Red Deer College Child Advocacy Centre.

- 196/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council write a letter of support for the Child Advocacy Centre.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION**

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update – Director Barnes (*verbal*)
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 25, 2021
- FCSS Funding Letter – Ministry of Community and Social Services
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – June 10, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – June 14, 2021

- 197/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved to accept the Information Items as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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

**198/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved to accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**199/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**200/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Standing Committee Meeting Minutes from June 14, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BREAK**

**201/21** Councillor Taylor moved for a five-minute recess at 9:08 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:14 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session**

• **FOIP S.23**

**202/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 9:14 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 23 of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.23:** Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Thompson

**203/21** Councillor Appel moved to come out of the closed session at 10:03 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Regular Council Meeting Attendance:** Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Thompson

**204/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council direct Administration to proceed as directed in item 13.1.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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Richard Poole, Mayor

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Myron Thompson, CAO