



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
5018 Waghorn Street, Council Chambers
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Myron Thompson, CAO
Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Darolee Bouteiller, Manager of Corporate Services
Marco Jadie, IT Analyst
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant

REGRETS

Councillor Ray Olfert

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

Shane Hanson, Blackfalds Resident
Kevin Osborne, ACI Architecture
Eddo Cancian, ACI Architecture
Mark Hall, Delnor Construction
Brad Vanderhayden, Stantec

CALL TO

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

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

262/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council adopt the August 24, 2021 agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

ACI Architecture/Delnor Construction Ltd. – Eagle Builders Centre

- An update was provided by ACI Architecture/Delnor Construction Ltd. on the status of the Eagle Builders Centre construction schedule.



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BUSINESS

CAO Report

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

263/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Citizen Budget Questions

Manager Bouteiller presented the Citizen Budget survey questions, which will help the Town receive resident feedback to make decisions for the 2022 Budget.

264/21 Councillor Taylor moved that Council approve proceeding with the attached in-house budget survey subject to amendments made by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Panorama Drive/Parkwood Road Intersection Improvements

The intersection of Panorama and Parkwood has seen an increased volume of traffic and pedestrians with the growth along the commercial corridor, which have resulted in safety concerns. Two options were presented, including option 2 which would incorporate two pedestrian beacons and crosswalks to increase safety.

265/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council instruct Administration to design and finalize option 2, the construction of beacon lights and crosswalks for inclusion in the Womacks Road and Gregg Street realignment/plaza project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Appel temporarily excused herself from the meeting.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Penhold Parade Invitation

The Town of Penhold requested a delegation attend their parade on Saturday, September 11.

266/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Councillor Olfert attend the Penhold Parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Make Canada Gold Campaign – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Childhood Cancer Canada requested that the Town of Blackfalds declare the month of September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Blackfalds, and that the Wadey Centre be lit up in gold lights.

267/21 Councillor Taylor moved that the month of September be declared as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and that the Wadey Centre be lit up in gold.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pam Davidson Senate Candidate Tour

Senate Candidate Pam Davidson requested a delegation with the Town of Blackfalds.



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268/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council extend an invitation to senate candidate Pam Davidson and Senator Karen Sorenson for a meeting with Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- Capital Project Update
- Red Deer River Water Services Commission
- Senate and Referendum Funding Letter
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – August 9, 2021

269/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from July to August, 2021.

270/21 Councillor Stendie moved to accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

271/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2021 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

272/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2021 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

Mayor Poole noted he will not be running in the upcoming election.

BREAK

273/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved for a recess until the return of Councillor Appel at 9:14 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:25 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session

- **FOIP S.23**

274/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 9:25 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



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

275/21 Councillor Appel moved to come out of the closed session at 9:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

276/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council accept the investigation report as information and that it remain confidential.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors Stendie and Appel

277/21 Councillor Appel moved that Council review and more closely follow the Town of Blackfalds Procedural Bylaw, that is included in the annual Organizational Meeting Agenda. Further, that it is examined annually, outside of the Annual Organizational Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

278/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council review and update the Town of Blackfalds Code of Conduct for Elected Officials to include best practices and clear expectations. Items include but are not limited to: protocols pertaining to disputes, complaints, appeals, and procedures involving all Council members, and the CAO, their interactions with each other and their interactions with municipal employees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

279/21 Councillor Svab moved that Council be provided with the Town of Blackfalds Code of Conduct for Municipal Employees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

280/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council become more familiar with Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules of Order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

281/21 Councillor Stendie moved that the Town of Blackfalds develop an expedited process for procuring mediation. Issuing an RFP for qualified mediation firms to be on a Town of Blackfalds 'roster', whereby any mediator on that roster can be called on short notice without going through a separate RFP.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor Poole

282/21 Councillor Appel moved that Council, upon being elected, receive comprehensive training. Examples of training include: advanced communication, teambuilding initiatives, leadership skills, diversity, gender issues, communicating with difficult people, communicating under fire, as well as in sensitivity training. Further, that all Council members receive a presentation on the 'gender divide'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

283/21 Councillor Hoover moved that XXXXXXXX engage in advanced leadership training, benefitting of the offices they hold, if re-elected.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor Poole



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284/21 Councillor Stendie moved that XXXXXXXX receive sensitivity training as well as training on the 'gender divide'.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Poole

285/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that XXXXXXXX consider supplementary conflict management training.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Poole

286/21 Councillor Appel moved that XXXXXXXX refresh their leadership and communications skills with enhanced training opportunities currently available.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Poole

287/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that the effectiveness of implementing these recommendations be formally reviewed no later than April 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

288/21 Councillor Taylor moved that under no circumstances this report be made public.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillors Stendie and Appel

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Richard Poole, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO