



Town of Blackfalds  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 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 10, 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 Ray Olfert  
Councillor Rebecca Stendie  
Councillor Will Taylor

**ATTENDING**

Myron Thompson, CAO  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services  
Ken Morrison, Manager of Protective Services  
Darolee Bouteiller, Manager of Corporate Services  
Marco Jadie, IT Tech  
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant

**REGRETS**

Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services

**MEDIA**

None

**PUBLIC**

Kevin Hallet, Chamber of Commerce

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**235/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the August 10, 2021 agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION**

- Kevin Hallet and CAO Thompson presented the Remuneration Committee's recommended changes to the Council compensation and benefits package. This included increases to honorarium rates, per diem rates, internet compensation rates, and extending the Health Spending Account Benefit. Healthcare benefits and travel expenses were recommended to remain as is.

Council Remuneration Recommendations was added as item 6.1.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement**

At the July 26, 2021 Council Meeting, a Notice of Motion was brought forward to formalize the inclusion of a Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement as part of the Council Meeting procedure.

**236/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council begin each Regular Council and Standing Committee Meeting going forward with a thoughtful Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement.



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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 237/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council direct Administration to amend the Council Procedural Bylaw to include the Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement at the start of each Council Meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS**

**Request for Decision – Remuneration Recommendations**

- 238/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council increase honorariums to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile at a monthly rate of \$4,980 for the Mayor and \$2,369 for Councillors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 239/21** Councillor Appel moved that the Mayor position remain as part-time status.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 240/21** Councillor Hoover moved that the per diem rate be increased to \$135 for a half day and \$255 for a full day.

**CARRIED**

*Opposed: Deputy Mayor Svab and Councillor Stendie*

- 241/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council travel rates and expenses remain the same; and, that sundry expenses be removed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 242/21** Councillor Appel moved that technology reimbursement rates increase to \$100 per month.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 243/21** Councillor Hoover moved that healthcare benefits remain as is.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 244/21** Councillor Taylor moved that the Wellness/Health Spending Account in the amount of \$475 per year be extended to Council.

**CARRIED**

*Opposed: Mayor Poole and Deputy Mayor Svab*

**Request for Decision - Elected Officials Professional Development Policy**

The Elected Officials Professional Development Policy is used to outline the parameters and financial considerations for Council to attend professional development sessions which support their role. This Policy was brought before Council for formal approval.

- 245/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council formally approve Elected Officials Development Opportunities Policy 155/21.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Municipal Election Special Ballots**

At the July 13th Regular Council Meeting, Council directed Administration to provide special ballots in the 2021 Election. The *Local Authorities Election Act* requires that a resolution be passed which outlines when special ballot



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applications will be accepted until, what methods of application acceptance will be utilized, and when they must be returned by.

- 246/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council direct Administration to receive special ballot forms in writing, by telephone, fax, email, or in-person; and, furthermore, that special ballot packages must be requested by October 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and returned by October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Operations Centre Water and Wastewater Connection Project**

Per the Town's Utility Bylaw, the Operations Centre requires a connection into the existing municipal water and wastewater system along Duncan Avenue. This is because the existing system is undersized for the numbers of people working at the Operations Centre.

- 247/21** Councillor Taylor moved that Council award the Water and Wastewater Connection Project to Northside Construction Partnership for \$153,172.36.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Parkwood Road Parking Survey**

A local property owner had expressed concerns with the increase of trucks parking on Parkwood Road, north of Panorama and south of Cottonwood Road. Therefore, a survey was developed and provided to business owners in the area, which resulted in 70% of respondents indicating they would be in favour of designated parking for heavy trucks.

- 248/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council accepts the recommendation of the Policing Committee in implementing a one-year pilot allowing the parking of heavy trucks overnight between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in designated areas on Parkwood Road between Panorama Drive and Cottonwood Drive.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION**

- Report to Council, Building and Development Permit Report – July 2021
- Report to Council, Enforcement Services Monthly Report – July 2021
- BOLT Transit Report – July 2021
- Broadway Ave. & Minto St. Traffic Control Update
- 2021 Gas Tax Funding Allocation Letter – Minister of Municipal Affairs

- 249/21** Councillor Stendie moved to accept the Information Items as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- 250/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL**

Habitat for Humanity will be building four new units in Blackfalds.



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There will be public communications on where and what supplies residents can use to remove graffiti around the community.

**BREAK**

**251/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved for a five-minute recess at 8:36 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:44 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session**

- **FOIP S.23**

**252/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:44 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, Pete Desrosiers*

**253/21** Councillor Olfert moved to come out of the closed session at 10:24 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 10:25 p.m.

**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, Pete Desrosiers*

**254/21** Councillor Stendie moved that the report be made public.

**DEFEATED**

*In favour: Councillors Appel and Stendie*

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

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Richard Poole, Mayor

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Myron Thompson, CAO