



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Remote Virtual Platform
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, via remote virtual 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
Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Laura Thevanez, Manager of Infrastructure Services
Marco Jadie, IT Analyst
Chris Johnson, Economic Development Officer
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

None

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

290/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the September 28, 2021 agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS

CAO Report

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

291/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Request for Decision – Draft Environmental Stewardship Strategy

The development of an Environmental Stewardship Strategy (ESS) was identified as a priority for the Town in 2016, when the Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) was approved. This Strategy will be used to guide new environmental initiatives for the community. Its key focus areas include water, stormwater, land, energy, buildings and infrastructure, air, and solid waste.

- 292/21** Councillor Appel moved that the Draft Environmental Stewardship Strategy be revised and return to a Regular Council Meeting for formal approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – MAMP Funding

Administration is seeking municipal asset management program (MAMP) funding to support planned 2021/2022 asset management efforts. This funding would be used to secure a consultant to conduct an inventory analysis (surface distresses, roughness, rutting and other pavement issues) and to develop a comprehensive report on the condition of the Town road network. Council needs to commit \$10,000 towards this initiative for the grant application to be approved.

- 293/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the Town of Blackfalds Asset Management Program Initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 294/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

- Securing a consultant to conduct an inventory analysis (surface distresses, roughness, rutting and other pavement issues) and to develop a comprehensive report of the condition of the Town road network.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 295/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council commits \$10,000 towards the cost of this initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Small Business Week

Small Business Week has been organized by the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) since 1979 and is a national celebration of Canadian entrepreneurs and their contribution to Canada's economy.

- 296/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council proclaim the week of October 17 – 23 as Small Business Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

The Blackfalds Economic Development and Tourism Strategy is a critical document, necessary for identifying and fulfilling Economic Development and Tourism initiatives. As the previous Strategy expired in 2020, a new Strategy has been developed to guide the Town of Blackfalds moving forward.



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- 297/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council accept the recommendation of the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee in the formal adoption of the content of the Blackfalds Economic Development and Tourism Strategy with the formal document to follow.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Emergency Ambulance Dispatch System

Mayor Poole noted that Council has advocated for the ambulance system to use the integrated satellite centres approach, instead of the currently used consolidated dispatch system.

- 298/21** Councillor Stendie moved that this item be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wolf Creek School Board Trustee Congratulatory Letter

Council requested that Administration draft a letter to congratulate Darryl Stendie on being acclaimed as the Wolf Creek School Board Trustee.

- 299/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council draft a letter of congratulations to Trustee Stendie.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update – Director Barnes (*verbal*)
- 2022 Budget Survey Results
- FCSS Minutes – June 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – September 13, 2021
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – September 9, 2021
- Emergency Management Committee Minutes – September 17, 2021

- 300/21** Councillor Olfert moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 301/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Richard Poole, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO