



Town of Blackfalds  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 27, 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, July 27, 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 Ray Olfert  
Councillor Rebecca Stendie  
Councillor Will Taylor

**ATTENDING**

Justin de Bresser, Acting CAO  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services  
Rick Kreklewich, Abbey Centre Manager  
Marco Jadie, IT Analyst  
Kalina Van Winsen, Executive Assistant

**REGRETS**

Councillor Jamie Hoover  
Myron Thompson, CAO  
Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services

**MEDIA**

None

**PUBLIC**

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**219/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the July 27, 2021 agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS**

**CAO Report**

Acting CAO de Bresser reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of July.

**220/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Quarterly Finance Report**

Acting CAO de Bresser presented the Quarterly Financial Report, which consists of the Operating Statement of Revenue & Expenditures, Divisional Variance Analysis, Capital Projects Update, and Council Expenditure Report for the six-month period ending June 30, 2021.



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**221/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council accept the Operating Statement and Variance report for the three-month period ending June 30, 2021 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**222/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Capital Project Report for the period ending June 30, 2021 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**223/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council accept the Council Expenditure report for the period ending June 30, 2021 as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Elected Officials Development Opportunities 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.

**224/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council refer this item back to Administration for further information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Congratulatory Letter**

On July 8, 2021, MLA Ron Orr was appointed the Minister of Culture. As the provincial representative for the Lacombe-Ponoka constituency, which includes Blackfalds, a letter of congratulations for this appointment was drafted.

**225/21** Councillor Taylor moved that Council send a congratulatory letter to Minister Orr.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

**Costs of RCMP Unionization**

AUMA has drafted a letter for municipalities to advocate that the federal government be responsible for RCMP retroactive pay increases, as some municipalities will struggle to absorb significant increases to their policing costs.

**226/21** Councillor Stendie moved that a letter be drafted and sent out to Public Safety Canada; and, that a letter requesting that FCM take an advocacy position on this matter be drafted and sent out.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION**

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update – Manager Kreklewich (*verbal*)
- Annexation Process Update
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – July 8, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – July 12, 2021

**227/21** Councillor Olfert moved to accept the Information Items as information.

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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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

**228/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved to accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**229/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**230/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council accept the Standing Committee Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Stendie moved that Council begin each Regular Council Meeting going forward with a thoughtful Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement.

**BREAK**

**231/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved for a five-minute recess at 8:19 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session**

- **FOIP S.24**

**232/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:25 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.24:** Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, Acting CAO de Bresser, Director Weran

**233/21** Councillor Olfert moved to come out of the closed session at 8:55 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Regular Council Meeting Attendance:** Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, Acting CAO de Bresser, Director Weran

**234/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council direct Administration to commence negotiations for 4.0 – 4.9 HA of land for the future K-5 Catholic school.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Richard Poole, Mayor

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Myron Thompson, CAO