

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on April 25, 2023, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Hoover
Deputy Mayor Laura Svab
Councillor Brenda Dennis
Councillor Jim Sands
Councillor Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Marina Appel

ATTENDING

Justin de Bresser, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Darolee Bouteiller, Finance Manager
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Jason Baranec, Economic Development Officer
Robert Côté, Fire Chief
Shelby Craig, Marketing & Communications Team Lead
Marco Jadie, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

Councillor Edna Coulter

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Elder, Fire Department
Chris MacDonald, Fire Department
Mitchell Kennedy, BDO
Tetiana Nabutovskyi, BDO

CALL TO

ORDER: Mayor Hoover 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

Business item 7.1 CAO Report was moved to 7.2., and 7.2 Request for Decision, 2022 Audited Financial Statements moved to 7.1.

Mayor Hoover acknowledged that Councillor Coulter will not be in attendance and sent her regrets, and Deputy Mayor Svab will be delayed but will try to be in attendance.

123/23 Councillor Sands moved That Council adopt the April 25, 2023, Agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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DELEGATION**Provincial Fire Service Awards - Mike Elder and Chris MacDonald, Mayor Hoover and Fire Chief Côté**

Mayor Hoover and Fire Chief Côté presented Mike Elder and Chris MacDonald with the Alberta Emergency Services Award for their years of service with Fire Services.

2022 Audited Financial Statements - BDO, Mitchell Kennedy and Tetiana Nabutovskyi

Mitchell Kennedy and Tetiana Nabutovskyi presented to Council an overview of the 2022 Audited Financial Statements for the Town of Blackfalds.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**Request for Decision, Bylaw 1281.23, 2023 Property Tax Rate Bylaw**

Interim CAO de Bresser brought forward Bylaw 1281.23, 2023 Property Tax Rate Bylaw for Second, Third and Final Reading.

- 124/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council move to give Second Reading to Bylaw 1281.23, 2023 Property Tax Rate Bylaw for the Town of Blackfalds, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 125/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council move to give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1281.23, 2023 Property Tax Rate Bylaw for the Town of Blackfalds, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS**Request for Decision, 2022 Audited Financial Statements**

Following the Delegation from BDO, Manager Bouteiller brought forth for Council's approval the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Town of Blackfalds.

- 126/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council move to approve the 2022 Consolidated Financial Statements, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CAO Report

Interim CAO de Bresser reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of April 2023.

- 127/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council accept the CAO Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, 2023 Spring Budget Adjustments

Manager Bouteiller presented to Council the proposed 2023 Spring Budget Adjustments to better reflect the current state of Town Operations for 2023.

ARRIVAL

Deputy Mayor Svab entered the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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- 128/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council move to accept the 2023 Operating Budget Adjustments, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 129/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council move to accept the 2023 Capital Adjustment, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending March 31, 2023

Manager Bouteiller presented to Council the Quarterly Financial Reports for the first quarter of 2023.

- 130/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council accepts the Operating Statement and Variance Report for the three-month period ending March 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 131/23** Deputy Mayor Svab moved That Council accepts the Capital Project Report for the period ending March 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 132/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council accepts the Council Expenditure Report for the period ending March 31, 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1275.23, Land Use Bylaw Housekeeping Amendments

Manager Tejkl brought forward Bylaw 1275.23, Land Use Bylaw Housekeeping Amendments for First Reading and, upon giving First Reading, set a Public Hearing Date for May 23, 2023.

- 133/23** Deputy Mayor Svab moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1275.23, Land Use Bylaw Housekeeping Amendments, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 134/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council, upon giving First Reading to Bylaw 1275.23, set a Public Hearing date for May 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Shared Micro-Mobility (E-scooter) - Neuron Mobility Proposal

Economic Development Officer Baranec presented the proposal from Neuron Mobility for a shared micro-mobility E-scooter program in the Town.

- 135/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council approves Neuron Mobility (Canada) Limited Shared Micro-Mobility Program, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee Member Resignation

Economic Development Officer Baranec brought forth the resignation of Joshua McQueen from the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee.

- 136/23** Councillor Dennis moved That Council moves to formally accept the resignation of Joshua McQueen from the Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Request for Decision, Plaza Wall Structure & Mural

Director Kreklewich brought forward to Council the Administrative Recommendation to award the Plaza Wall Structure & Mural project.

- 137/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council award the Plaza Wall Structure & Mural to Behrends Group in the amount of \$89,249.60.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Request for Decision, Arena Lease Space 1 – Functional Pantry

Director Kreklewich brought forward Functional Pantry's proposal to lease Arena Lease Space 1 in the Eagle Builders Centre.

- 138/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council directs Administration to enter into a Lease Agreement with Functional Pantry for Arena Lease Space 1 in the Eagle Builders Centre for a period of five (5) years.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Request for Decision, Directors' Quarterly Reports, 1st Quarter of 2023

Interim CAO de Bresser provided Council with the Directors' First Quarter Reports for 2023.

- 139/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council accept the Directors' First Quarter Reports for 2023 as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Request for Decision, National Youth Week Proclamation Request

Director Kreklewich brought forward a request to proclaim May 1-7, 2023, as National Youth Week.

- 140/23** Mayor Hoover moved That Council move to proclaim May 1 - 7, 2023, as National Youth Week in the Town of Blackfalds.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**Letter from Minister Schulz Re: Updates to the Alberta Editions of the Building Codes**

Mayor Hoover indicated that the updates will partially adopt the National Building Codes, which is optional for provinces and mainly, the changes will be for Energy Efficient Standards.

- 141/23** Deputy Mayor Svab moved That Council accept the Letter from Minister Schulz as information.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

INFORMATION

- Report for Council, Day of Mourning – April 28, 2023
- Lacombe Foundation 2022 Audited Financial Statements
- Lacombe Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2023, and February 27, 2023
- Lacombe Foundation - Advocacy 2023
- Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2023
- Family & Community Support Services Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2023
- Letter to Minister Savage from Town of Tofield - Exemption of Newspaper from EPR Program Revisions
- Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors- Highway 2A Construction
- City of Lacombe Highlights - April 11, 2023
- County of Lacombe Highlights - April 13, 2023

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- 142/23** Councillor Dennis moved That Council accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from March 16 – April 15, 2023.

- 143/23** Deputy Mayor Svab moved That Council accept the Round Table Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 144/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 145/23** Councillor Dennis moved That Council accept the Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2023, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 146/23** Councillor Dennis moved That Council accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes from April 18, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

None

RECESS

- 147/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council move for a five-minute recess at 8:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEPARTURE

Mayor Hoover and Councillor Stendie left the Regular Council Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:41 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session

• **FOIP Section 24 - Advice from Officials**

- 148/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:41 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance: Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis and Councillor Marina Appel.

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149/23 Councillor Sands moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Svab called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 10:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: *Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis and Councillor Marina Appel.*

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Svab adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Justin de Bresser, Interim CAO