

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on February 13, 2024, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Hoover
Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis
Councillor Jim Sands
Councillor Edna Coulter
Councillor Laura Svab

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure & Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management & Protective Services
Marco Jadie, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

Councillor Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Marina Appel
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2024, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and indicated that Councillor Rebecca Stendie and Councillor Marina Appel have sent their regrets.

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Addition of Regular Agenda Business item 6.6 Letter of Support for 2025 Telus Cup Bid - Red Deer Minor Hockey.

Exemption of Consent Agenda item 3.2 d) Report for Council, Local Government Fiscal Framework and added under Business as item 6.7 on the Regular Agenda.

031/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for February 13, 2024, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

032/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for February 13, 2024, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2024

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- **Council Reports**
None
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - January 2024
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - January 2024
 - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report - January 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Lacombe Foundation Board Organizational Meeting Minutes - November 27, 2023
 - Lacombe Foundation Board Meeting Minutes - November 27, 2023
- **Information**
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - January 22, 2024
 - County of Lacombe Council Highlights - January 25, 2024
 - Blackfalds Public Library Update - September - December 2023
 - Blackfalds Public Library Programming Report - January 2024
 - Red Deer Regional Catholic School - Blackfalds Engagement Report For Public - January 26, 2024
- **Correspondence**
None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**DELEGATION**

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS**Request for Decision, Area Structure Plan Redistricting Change of Practice**

Director Weran brought forward for discussion a proposed change of practice in how the Town redistricts Area Structure Plans.

033/24

Councillor Sands moved That Council support the change in redistricting practice at the time of Area Structure Plan adoption to redistrict the plan area to Urban Reserve concurrently with Area Structure Plan adoption. Requiring redistricting to other land use districts in conformance with the Area Structure Plan Development Concept at the time of subdivision application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Womacks Project Railway Transport Canada Grant Update**

Director Weran provided an update regarding the Womacks Railway Project's grant from Transport Canada.

034/24

Councillor Svab moved That Council authorizes the CAO to execute the 2023-2024 Rail Safety Improvement Funding Agreement for the "Project" as per the November 28, 2023 Transport Canada - Transport and Infrastructure Programs Letter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, 2024 Red Deer Home Show**

CAO Isaak, on behalf of Director de Bresser, presented details about the Town's booth at the 2024 Red Deer Home Show and invited Council members to attend the event.

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Councillor Sands moved That Council provide their available attendance times to the Economic Development Officer for the 2024 Red Deer Home Show.

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Request for Decision, 2024 Census

CAO Isaak, on behalf of Director de Bresser, provided an overview of the upcoming 2024 Census and proposed designating May 6, 2024, as Census Day.

036/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council declare May 6th, 2024, as Census Day for the Town of Blackfalds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, CAO Performance Evaluation

Mayor Hoover initiated a discussion in response to Council's request for quotes from consultants to aid in the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) reviews.

037/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council engage Civic Excellence to assist Council with the probationary review performance evaluation process for the CAO at a cost of \$3,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

038/24 Councillor Sands moved That Council engage Civic Excellence to assist Council with the comprehensive performance evaluation process for the CAO in 2025 at a cost of \$5,000 AND That this amount be included in the 2025 Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2025 Telus Cup Bid - Red Deer Minor Hockey

CAO Isaak brought forward a request from Red Deer Minor Hockey to provide a letter of support for their bid to host the 2025 Telus Cup April 21-27, 2025.

039/24 Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Red Deer Minor Hockey's bid to host the 2025 Telus Cup April 21-27, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Report for Council, Local Government Fiscal Framework

Consent Agenda item 3.2 d) Report for Council, Local Government Fiscal Framework was exempted from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

040/24 Mayor Hoover moved That Council direct Administration to bring the Local Government Fiscal Framework as a Business item to the February 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting for further discussion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:47 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **Committee Request - FOIP 24 (1) Advice from Officials**
- **Loan Proposal - FOIP 24 (1) Advice from Officials**
- **Education Facility - FOIP 21 (1) Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations**

041/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:47 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 24 and 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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Closed Session Attendance: *Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Laura Svab, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Rick Kreklewich and Director Preston Weran.*

042/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:41 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

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

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Laura Svab, CAO Kim Isaak and Director Rick Kreklewich.*

043/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council forgive the Blackfalds Food Bank Society's outstanding loan amount of \$95,123.78.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:42 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, CAO