



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Civic/Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday February 23, 2021, at the Civic/Cultural Centre, 5018 Waghorn Street, Blackfalds, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Richard Poole
Deputy Mayor Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Marina Appel
Councillor Jamie Hoover
Councillor Ray Olfert
Councillor Laura Svab
Councillor Will Taylor

ATTENDING

Myron Thompson, CAO
Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Keith Wilson, Information Technology Manager
Sue Bornn, FCSS Manager
Ken Morrison, Emergency Management and Protective Services Manager
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant
Lorrie Logan, Municipal Clerk

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

None

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 51/21

Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the February 23, 2021 agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

BUSINESS

CAO Report

CAO Myron Thompson gave a verbal report on current projects and initiatives from February 2021.



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Resolution No. 52/21

Councillor Svab moved that Council accept the February 2021 CAO Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, East Area Stormwater Project Tender Award

The East Area Stormwater Master Plan Project will provide separate storm drainage infrastructure that will support the growth of the Town of Blackfalds and help protect a sensitive segment of the Red Deer River Basin. Phase 2A and 3 (Linear Wetland Construction and South of Blackfalds Lake Dredging Plan) were tendered as a part of this project and the budgeted amount was \$3.3 million. DB Bobcat was the lowest bid at \$4,773,519.98 (excluding GST); however, due to the project coming in higher than the budgeted amount, Administration removed the planned excavation construction of this area and negotiated with the lowest bidder to save approximately \$1.5 million dollars in material moving.

Resolution No. 53/21

Councillor Hoover moved that Council award the East Area Stormwater phase 2A and 3; Ditching Project to DB Bobcat for \$2,927,608.05 (excluding GST).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – FCSS Provincial Advocacy

With the provincial budget upcoming and in consideration of the work that FCSS does in the community and province, the FCSS Board has recommended a letter of advocacy be sent on behalf of Council.

Resolution No. 54/21

Deputy Mayor Stendie moved that Council provide a letter of advocacy for continued FCSS funding to MLA Ron Orr and MLA Sawhney.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – RCMP Performance Plan

Each year the RCMP meets with its stakeholders and reviews the priorities for the coming year, both federally, provincially and on a local level. Due to the pandemic, each Detachment has been asked to set their own priorities. Possible recommended priorities for the Town of Blackfalds include: Police-Community Relations, Safe Roads, Community Engagement, Focus on Crime Reduction Strategies, Property Crime, Prevention and Reduction of Crimes Against Persons.

Resolution No. 55/21

Councillor Olfert moved that Council accept the recommendation of Administration in identifying the RCMP three policing priorities for the 2021 year as Police & Community Relations, Safe Roads and Property Crime.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Municipal Excellence Awards

Since 2002, the Annual Municipal Excellence Award has been recognizing and awarding municipalities in their successes and accomplishments for the provision of municipal services in Alberta. Administration is recommending that the Eagle Builders Centre Project be our Municipality's submission. It is felt that this project is worthy of award consideration on many fronts, including: Intermunicipal partnership, Other Orders of Government, Agencies, Community Groups and Business.



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Resolution No. 56/21

Councillor Appel moved that Council direct Administration to make an application to the 2021 Minister's Award of Municipal Excellence for the Eagle Builders Centre Project under the Partnership Category.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Habitat for Humanity

Two duplexes are being built on Vista Trail for the Blackfalds Habitat for Humanity Project. Habitat for Humanity has requested that Council and staff participate in a team building activity that includes helping with finishing work and painting.

Resolution No. 57/21

Deputy Mayor Stendie moved that March 25th, 2021 be recommended as the preferred date for the teamBuild opportunity and advised that Mayor Poole, Deputy Mayor Stendie and Councillor Hoover would be in attendance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Proclamation for International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It is celebrated annually on March 8th and this year, AUMA will be hosting a virtual gathering that promotes the participation of women in government.

Resolution No. 58/21

Deputy Mayor Stendie moved that Council form a working committee which will include current Council women and Administration to formulate and execute plans encouraging women and persons in minority groups to become more involved and educated with municipal politics; including, but not limited to a virtual open house with Council women, residents, and trustees.

CARRIED
Opposed: Councillor Taylor

Resolution No. 59/21

Councillor Appel moved that Council recognize March 8th as International Women's Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 60/21

Councillor Appel moved that Council recognize March 8th as International Women's Day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Municipal Library Board Resignation

At the November 3rd, 2020 Municipal Library Board Meeting, a resignation letter was received from Karyl Tobin to resign her member-at-large term effective November 3rd, 2020. There is now one vacancy on the Committee.

Resolution No. 61/21

Councillor Olfert moved that Council formally accept the resignation of Karyl Tobin from the Municipal Library Board effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

None

INFORMATION

- Report to Council, 2021 Volunteer Recognition Awards
- Report to Council, Eagle Builders Multi-Plex Project Update
- Municipal Internship – Alberta Municipal Affairs Award Letter
- Gas Tax Funding Approval – Alberta Municipal Affairs
- FCSS Board Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2021
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – February 11, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – February 8, 2021

Resolution No. 62/21

Councillor Hoover moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND TABLE

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from January to February, 2021.

Resolution No. 63/21

Councillor Svab moved to accept the Round Table Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 63/21

Councillor Olfert moved that Council approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2021, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

None

Break

Resolution No. 64/21

Councillor Svab moved for a five-minute recess at 9:08 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:12 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session

- FOIP S.29

Resolution No. 65/21

Councillor Appel moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 9:12 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss matters



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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.29: *Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Stendie, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Myron Thompson*

Resolution No. 66/21

Councillor Olfert moved to come out of the closed session at 9:39 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:42 p.m.

Regular Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Stendie, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Myron Thompson*

Resolution No. 67/21

Councillor Taylor moved that Council approve DIDS and Agricultural Society to purchase a marble sculpture with provision of tax receipt.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Stendie, Councillor Svab, Councillor Appel, Councillor Hoover, Councillor Olfert

AJOURNMENT

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting 9:38 p.m.

Richard Poole, Mayor

Myron Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer