

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on November 14, 2023, 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 Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Marina Appel
Councillor Laura Svab

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Laura Thevenaz, Infrastructure Services Manager
Marco Jadie, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

None

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 2023, and called the 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 AGENDAS

Addition of Business item 6.6 - 2024 National Women's Softball Championships

391/23 Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for November 14, 2023, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

392/23 Councillor Coulter moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for November 14, 2023, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the Organizational Meeting on October 24, 2023
 - Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 24, 2023
 - Minutes from the Special Council Meeting on November 2, 2023
- **Council Reports**

None

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- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Council Expenditures for the Period Ending September 30, 2023
 - Report for Council, Enforcement and Protective Services Monthly Report - October 2023
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - October 2023
 - Report for Council, BOLT KPI Monthly Report - September 2023
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Library Board Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2023
 - Recreation Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - October 4, 2023
 - Blackfalds Library Programming Report October 2023
- **Information**
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - October 23, 2023
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - October 26, 2023
 - Letter from Land & Property Rights Tribunal - Re Annex Withdrawal - October 16, 2023
 - Notice of Public Meeting and Online Survey - QEII West Area Structure Plan
- **Correspondence**
 - Letter from the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre - October 30, 2023
 - Letter from the Central Alberta Victim & Witness Support Society - October 20, 2023

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**DELEGATION**

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS**Request for Decision, Mayor Hoover - Notice of Motion, 2022 Social Needs Assessment**

CAO Isaak brought forward the recommendation to postpone the motion put forward by Mayor Hoover by way of Notice of Motion at the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council on the 2022 Social Needs Assessment.

- 393/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council postpone the motion put forward by Mayor Hoover by way of Notice of Motion at the August 22, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council on the 2022 Social Needs Assessment until such time that the FCSS Board makes recommendations on changes to the Social Needs Assessment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 394/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council rescind resolution #299/23 carried by Council at the September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Extended Producer Responsibility Update and Registration**

Manager Thevenaz brought forward the recommendation to move forward with Extended Producer Responsibility community registration with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority.

- 395/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council instruct Administration to move forward with Extended Producer Responsibility community registration with the Alberta Recycling Management Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Request for Decision, Varme Energy Letter of Intent for Support

Manager Thevenaz brought forward the request from Varme Energy to provide a non-binding letter of interest committing Blackfalds solid waste to the proposed new Waste to Energy facility in Innisfail, Alberta.

- 396/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council directs the CAO to provide a non-binding Letter of Intent to Varme Energy indicating the Town's interest in committing Blackfalds solid waste to Varme's proposed new Waste to Energy facility in Alberta.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, CP Train Whistle Cessation Request for Proposal Award

Director Weran presented a summary of the next steps for moving forward with the whistle cessation and the proposals received from the CP Train Whistle Cessation Request for Proposal and the recommendation for awarding it.

- 397/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council allocate \$30,000 from Capital reserves towards a new Whistle Cessation Capital Project.

CARRIED

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dennis

- 398/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council award the Whistle Cessation Safety Study to Watt Consulting Group for a total upset cost of \$30,000 to determine the scope of improvements for whistle cessation in and surrounding the Town of Blackfalds.

CARRIED

Opposed: Deputy Mayor Dennis

Request for Decision, Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee Appointment Endorsement

CAO Isaak brought forward a request for Council to endorse Mayor Hoover's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee.

- 399/23** Councillor Svab moved That Council endorse Mayor Jamie Hoover's appointment to the Alberta Municipalities' Economic Strategy Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 National Women's Softball Championships

CAO Isaak presented a request to host the 2024 National Women's Softball Championship in the Town of Blackfalds and provide a letter of support for endorsing the bid.

- 400/23** Councillor Coulter moved That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support for the Town of Blackfalds to host the 2024 National Women's Softball Championship from August 7-11, 2024 and provide in-kind support for the field rental.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:59 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:04 p.m.

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CONFIDENTIAL

- **Disposition of Municipal Land - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**

- 401/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:04 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: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Justin de Bresser and Director Preston Weran.

- 402/23** Councillor Sands moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:45 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Justin de Bresser and Director Preston Weran.

- 403/23** Councillor Stendie moved That Council approve the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement to sell the lands for \$651,000 on terms satisfactory to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 404/23** Councillor Svab moved That Council direct Administration to start land negotiations to acquire a new Snow Management Facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DEPARTURE

Councillor Stendie left the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

- **Code of Conduct - FOIP 24 (1) Advice From Officials**

- 405/23** Councillor Appel moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:47 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: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab and CAO Kim Isaak.

- 406/23** Councillor Coulter moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:24 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:24 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, CAO