



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Remote/Virtual Platform
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021, via virtual remote platform, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Myron Thompson, CAO
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Justin De Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Sue Bornn, Manager of FCSS
Rick Krelewich, Manager of Community Services
Kalina Van Winsen, Executive Assistant

REGRETS

Councillor Will Taylor
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

149/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the May 25, 2021 agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Delivering Community Power

- The Canadian Union of Postal Workers requested Council's support on their delivering Community Power Campaign, which aims to revitalize Canadian post offices and make the delivery process more environmentally friendly.

BUSINESS

CAO Report

CAO Thompson reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of May.

150/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that the May 2021 CAO Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Request for Decision – Credit Card Policy

The Corporate Services Director presented the updated Credit Card Policy, which includes minor amendments to protect against fraud and update current procedures.

151/21 Councillor Stendie moved that the Credit Card Policy be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – 2021 Census

The population count from the Census for 2021 is 11,015. This is an increase of 890 from the 10,125 count in 2018. The growth of 890 translates into an 8.8% increase over the three-year period or an average of 2.93% per year.

152/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council accept the 2021 Municipal Census as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Environment Week

As part of the Town's goal in moving forward with more environmentally sustainable initiatives, it was requested that May 30 – June 5 be proclaimed Canadian Environment Week. Clean Air Day was also declared on June 2. Free public transit will be given on June 2 to celebrate these initiatives.

153/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council move to support Canadian Environment Week from May 30 – June 5, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

154/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council move to proclaim Clean Air Day on June 2, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – FCSS Grant Funding Allocation Recommendation

FCSS grant funding for preventative social programs for 2021 was budgeted at \$23,500. Grant applications were received from four local organizations. With a limited amount of funding available and all the applicants providing eligible social preventative programming; this funding decision was suggested using a mathematical formula (54% of each ask).

155/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council accept the FCSS Board recommendation to allocate FCSS grant funding to ANAM (On-um) Rural Youth Association in the amount of \$2,700 for facilitation of their outreach support programming.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

156/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council accept the FCSS Board recommendation to allocate FCSS grant funding to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District in the amount of \$9,812.40 for their mentoring program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

157/21 Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the FCSS Board recommendation to allocate FCSS grant funding to the Iron Ridge Elementary Campus in the amount of \$6,505.60 for their School Social Workers Program.

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158/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council accept the FCSS Board recommendation to allocate FCSS grant funding to the Iron Ridge Intermediate Campus in the amount of \$4,482 for their School Social Workers Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Seniors Week Proclamation

The week of June 7-13, 2021 has been declared Seniors' Week and is a time to acknowledge the diversity of seniors and to increase public awareness of their vital role in our community. FCSS has partnered with the Blackfalds Library and local seniors have been invited to register to receive a Seniors Week Celebration Package; including at home activities, a scavenger hunt, a 30 kms in 30 days walking/biking challenge, how well do you know your community trivia challenge, bird watching and more.

159/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council move to proclaim June 7-13, 2021 as Seniors' Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – World Elder Abuse Day Proclamation

The date of June 15, 2021 has been declared World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The Town of Blackfalds will promote World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on social media through an awareness campaign.

160/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council moves to proclaim June 15, 2021 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the Town of Blackfalds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Rural Health Week Proclamation

May 24 – 28 is Alberta Rural Health Week, which is an opportunity to honour the contributions of rural Alberta healthcare providers and volunteers who help keep healthcare close to home.

161/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council proclaim May 24 – 28, 2021 as Alberta Rural Health Week.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

988 Suicide Prevention Hotline

MP Calkins requested Council's support to create a national 988 hotline for suicide prevention and crisis situations.

Council requested further information on this initiative through Administration from MP Calkins.

INFORMATION

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update – Manager Kreklewich (*verbal*)
- Municipal Affairs Letter – Municipal Sustainability Initiative Funding
- County Development Referral Package DPA 72/21
- County Notice of Development Package DPA 80/21
- Revised Building and Development Report – April 2021
- City of Lacombe, Council Highlights - May 10, 2021
- Lacombe County, Council Highlights - May 13, 2021
- FCSS Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2021



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162/21 Councillor Olfert moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from April to May, 2021.

163/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved to accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

164/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

165/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council accept the Standing Committee Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

None

BREAK

166/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved for a five-minute recess at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:15 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session

- **FOIP S.24**
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167/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:15 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 Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, CAO Thompson

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168/21 Councillor Olfert moved to come out of the closed session at 9:09 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Richard Poole, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO