

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on January 14, 2025, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
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 Marina Appel

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

TerryLee Ropchan, Executive Director - Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre
Denise Rambow, Programs Services Coordinator - Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2025, indicated that Councillor Appel had sent her regrets 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 Regular Agenda Business item 6.8 Request for Decision, Capital Adjustment – Articulated Loader

001/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for January 14, 2025, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

002/25 Deputy Mayor Coulter moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for January 14, 2025, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024
 - Special Council Meeting Minutes – December 16, 2024
- **Council Reports**
None

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- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report - December 2024
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - December 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2024
 - Library Board Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2024
- **Information**
 - Servus Blackfalds Library Programming Update - November 29, 2024
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - December 9, 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - December 12, 2024
 - Lacombe Foundation 2025 Requisition
 - Servus Blackfalds Library Programming Update - December 2024
- **Correspondence**

None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

DELEGATION**Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre - CPTED Report**

TerryLee Ropchan and Denise Rambow representing Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre, presented an overview of the findings and recommendations from the Town of Blackfalds' CPTED review, which was conducted to assess community issues identified by residents.

BUSINESS**Central Alberta Crime Prevention Center CPTED Report**

Following the Delegation from the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre, Director Morrison brought forward the CPTED Report for Council's consideration.

003/25

Councillor Sands moved That Council accept the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Center CPTED Report dated November 30, 2024, for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Bylaw 1323.25 - Schedule "B" 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates**

Director Weran brought forward for Council's consideration of First Reading, Bylaw 1323.25, a Bylaw to set the 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates.

004/25

Deputy Mayor Coulter moved That Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1323.25 – Schedule "B" 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**Request for Decision, Blackfalds Industrial Park - Local Improvement**

Director de Bresser presented a formal request from a Blackfalds property owner for a local improvement in Blackfalds Industrial Park.

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Councillor Svab moved That Council direct Administration to send the required letters notifying affected landowners of the proposed Blackfalds Industrial Park Local Improvement.

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Request for Decision, Business Machines – Budget Adjustment

Director de Bresser brought forward a request to adjust the Budget for the purchase of a replacement postage machine and a folding machine.

- 006/25** Councillor Dennis moved That Council approve the purchase of the Relay 3500 folding machine in the amount of \$12,000 drawn from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 007/25** Councillor Sands moved That Council approve the purchase of the Mail Centre 1000 with an upset limit of \$10,500 drawn from the General Capital Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Letter of Support – Anam Rural Youth Association

Director Kreklewich brought forward Anam Rural Youth Association's request for a letter of support from Council for its grant applications.

- 008/25** Councillor Svab moved That Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Anam Rural Youth Association's application for the Government of Alberta's Community Initiatives Program Operating Grant Stream as well as the Federal Youth Mental Health Fund Application.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Library Board Appointments

CAO Isaak presented a request that Council amend the appointment terms for two (2) Members at Large who were appointed to the Library Board on December 10, 2024.

- 009/25** Deputy Mayor Coulter moved That Council amend the 2025 Member at Large Schedule of appointments to appoint Richard Poole and Ray Olfert to the Library Board for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Central Alberta Mayors and Reeves Group Quarterly Meeting Business Items

Mayor Hoover brought forward the business items from the Central Alberta Mayors and Reeves Group Quarterly Meeting for Council's consideration.

- 010/25** Mayor Hoover moved That Council refer the nomination for the 2025 ED&I Champions at the Diversity Awards 2025 to the Regular Council Meeting on January 28, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 011/25** Councillor Sands moved That Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support addressed to Minister Miller regarding the Post Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Program for international students.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Capital Adjustment – Articulated Loader

Director Kreklewich brought forward a capital adjustment request to increase the budget for the articulated loader.

- 012/25** Councillor Svab moved That Council approve the capital adjustment for the articulated loader from \$80,000 to \$122,500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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NOTICES OF MOTION

None

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 8:23 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:27 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **CUPE Negotiations - FOIP Section 24(1) Advice from Officials**

013/25

Councillor Sands moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:27 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 Edna Coulter, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands and CAO Kim Isaak.

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Councillor Svab 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 Edna Coulter, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands and CAO Kim Isaak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:41 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, CAO