

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Town of Blackfalds Council. Residents, businesses, and stakeholders are encouraged to keep in touch with Council news. Council Meetings are live streamed on the Town's [YouTube channel](#). Official Minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at www.blackfalds.ca. Minutes from meetings before 2020 are available upon request.

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – February 13, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

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

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 was added under the Regular Agenda under Business as item 6.7. Council adopted the Regular Agenda, as amended.

Council adopted 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
- **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

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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. Council supported 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.

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. Council unanimously authorized 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.

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. Council resolved to provide their available attendance times to the Economic Development Officer for the 2024 Red Deer Home Show.

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. Council declared May 6th, 2024, as Census Day for the Town of Blackfalds.

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. Council was unanimous in engaging Civic Excellence to assist Council with the probationary review performance evaluation process for the CAO at a cost of \$3,000 and further that Civic Excellence 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.

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. Council authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Red Deer Minor Hockey's bid to host the 2025 Telus Cup April 21-27.

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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. Council directed Administration to bring the Report for Council, Local Government Fiscal Framework to the February 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting for further discussion.

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:40 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**

Upon calling the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into 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*.

Upon reverting back to an open meeting, Council unanimously forgave the Blackfalds Food Bank Society's outstanding loan amount of \$95,123.78.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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