

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – August 10, 2021

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by the 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.com. Archived minutes are available by request.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Treaty Six Acknowledgement

At the July 26, 2021 Council Meeting, a Notice of Motion was brought forward to formalize the inclusion of a Treaty Six Land Acknowledgement as part of Council Meeting procedures. Going forward a Treaty Six Acknowledgement will be included at all Standing Committee and Regular Council Meetings, and the Council Procedural Bylaw will be amended at the Organizational Meeting to reflect this change.

Business

Request for Decision - Council Remuneration Review

The Remuneration Committee's recommended changes to the Council compensation and benefits package were brought before Council. Council increased honorarium rates, per diem rates, internet compensation rates, and extended the health spending account benefit. Healthcare benefits and travel expenses will remain as is.

Request for Decision – Elected Officials Development Opportunities Policy

The Elected Officials Professional Development Policy is used to outline the parameters and financial considerations for Council to attend professional development sessions which support their role. Council approved this Policy.

Request for Decision – Municipal Election Special (Mail-in) Ballots

At the July 13th Regular Council Meeting, Council directed Administration to provide special ballots in the 2021 Election. Council directed that special ballot forms will be received in writing, by telephone, fax, email, or in-person. Special ballot packages must be requested by October 15th at 4:30 p.m. and returned by October 18th at 4:30 p.m.

Request for Decision – Operations Centre Water and Wastewater Connection Project

Per the Town's Utility Bylaw, the Operations Centre requires a connection into the existing municipal water and wastewater system along Duncan Avenue. This is because the existing system is undersized for the number of people working at the Operations Centre. Council awarded the Water and Wastewater Connection Project to Northside Construction Partnership for \$153,172.36.



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Request for Decision – Parkwood Road Parking Survey

A local property owner has expressed concern with the increase of trucks parking on Parkwood Road, north of Panorama and south of Cottonwood Road. Therefore, a survey was developed and provided to business owners in the area, which resulted in 70% of respondents indicating they would be in favour of designated parking for heavy trucks. Council recommended that a one-year pilot allowing the parking of heavy trucks overnight between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in designated areas on Parkwood Road between Panorama Drive and Cottonwood Drive be implemented.

Information

Council received the items below for information:

- Report to Council, Building and Development Permit Report – July 2021
- Report to Council, Enforcement Services Monthly Report – July 2021
- BOLT Transit Report – July 2021
- Broadway Ave. & Minto St. Traffic Control Update
- 2021 Gas Tax Funding Allocation Letter – Minister of Municipal Affairs

Adoption of Minutes

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on July 27th, 2021.

Confidential – Closed Session

Council moved into an in-camera session at 8:44 p.m. pursuant to s. 23 of the FOIP Act. Council returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 10:25 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting:

Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meetings are held in the
Council Chambers on Level 2
Civic Cultural Centre | 5018 Waghorn Street

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The Confidential (In Camera) portion of a Council meeting is closed to the public to discuss matters permitted under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, Chapter F-25.