

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – October 12, 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

Director's Quarterly Report – 3rd Quarter

The Directors reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the months of July – September in their respective departments. This was accepted as information.

Request for Decision – Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

The Blackfalds Economic Development and Tourism Strategy is a critical document, necessary for identifying and fulfilling Economic Development and Tourism initiatives. As the previous Strategy expired in 2020, a new Strategy was developed and presented to Council to guide the Town of Blackfalds moving forward. This document was accepted in principle.

Request for Decision – Digital Service Squad

The Town of Blackfalds along with the communities of Sylvan Lake and Bentley are applying for the Digital Service Squad Program to deliver free tools, marketing assistance and training to small businesses in our community, with a letter required from Council in support of this initiative. Council moved to provide the letter.

Request for Decision – Environmental Stewardship Strategy

The development of an Environmental Stewardship Strategy (ESS) was identified as a priority for the Town in 2016, when the Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) was approved. This Strategy will be used to guide new environmental initiatives for the community. Its key focus areas include water, stormwater, land, energy, buildings and infrastructure, air, and solid waste. This document was approved with minor amendments.

Request for Decision – Canada 150 Mural

The Canada 150 Mural was created as part of the Canada Mosaic Mural Project, uniting communities across the country to create one giant mural train. When the tile mural was built, it was discussed that the mural would eventually be displayed inside to preserve it and protect it from sunlight and weather damage. The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommended that the Canada 150 Mural be moved to the concourse of the Eagle Builders Centre and Council approved this recommendation.



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Request for Decision – Emergency Management Committee

Manager Morrison reviewed the past decisions of the Town of Blackfalds on COVID-19 restrictions and noted that Town facilities are currently utilizing the 1/3 capacity program. Manager Morrison noted that it is not permitted to allow facilities to use different restriction programs, therefore Administration requested a decision on implementing the REP Program for the Eagle Builders Centre and the Abbey Centre. Council voted to continue with the 1/3 capacity program.

INFORMATION

Council received the items below for information:

- Report to Council, Building and Development Permit Report – September 2021
- Report to Council, Enforcement Services Monthly Report – September 2021
- BOLT Transit Report – September 2021
- Lacombe County Council Meeting Highlights – September 23, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Meeting Highlights – September 27, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Meeting Highlights – October 4, 2021
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2021
- Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2021
- Distinguished Service Award – Councillor Will Taylor

MINUTES

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on September 28th, 2021.

Confidential – Closed Session

Council moved held an in-camera session at 9:00 p.m. pursuant to s. 24 of the FOIP Act. Council returned to the Regular Council Meeting at 9:21 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting:

Regular Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 26, 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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