

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – July 13, 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.

Delegations

RCMP Report – S/Sgt. Dan Martin

S/Sgt. Dan Martin provided Council with an update on RCMP crime statistics, hiring and clearance rates from January to June, 2021.

Business

Request for Decision – Special Ballots

Administration provided information on procedures required for including special ballots (mail-in ballots) in the 2021 Election. Council directed Administration to provide special ballots for the 2021 Election.

Request for Decision – 2022 Budget Public Engagement

In the past The Town of Blackfalds has used several different means of community engagement to determine their annual budget: an interactive survey with Citizen Budget, an in-house survey, attending an open house at the Community Information Expo, and Budget Week. Council directed Administration to proceed with an in-house budget survey and they will attend the Community Information Expo.

Request for Decision – National Drowning Week

The Lifesaving Society has declared the week of July 18 to 24, 2021 National Drowning Prevention Week to create awareness and aide in the prevention of drowning. Council proclaimed the week and staff are working on a social media campaign to bring awareness to this issue.

Request for Decision – Replacement of Blackfalds Connect with Citizen Request Portal

The Town currently utilizes Blackfalds Connect (provided by SeeClickFix) as its non-emergency reporting program for Blackfalds residents. The Citizen Request Portal (CRP) module provided by PSD City Wide Inc. includes much of the same functionality of Blackfalds Connect in that it captures non-emergency residential complaint issues and includes details on persons submitting, address, applicable department, status, etc., and would result in significant cost savings. Council directed Administration to move forward in replacing Blackfalds Connect with Citizen Request Portal.

Action Correspondence

Request from Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Program

The Rural Red Deer Restorative Justice Community Advisory Council requested space at the Protective Services Building for meetings between young offenders, facilitators and those they harmed. Council agreed to provide this meeting space.



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AUMA Awards

The AUMA awards acknowledge and congratulate leaders who have demonstrated innovation and distinction in their respective municipalities and communities. Council nominated Councillor Will Taylor for the distinguished service award.

Information

Council received the items below for information:

- Report to Council, Building and Development Permit Report – June 2021
- Report to Council, Enforcement Services Monthly Report – June 2021
- BOLT Transit Report – June 2021
- City of Lacombe, Council Highlights for June 28, 2021
- Lacombe County Council Highlights for June 24, 2021
- Red Deer River Municipal Users Group Newsletter – July 2021
- Parkland Library Open House Invitation – July 17, 2021
- Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program Letter

Adoption of Minutes

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on June 22nd, 2021, with amendments.

Business for the Good of Council

Plaque Awards to Schools

Mayor Poole noted that Plaques have been awarded to all four schools in the community to thank school employees, administrators, educational assistants and teachers for their work during COVID.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meeting:

Standing Committee Meeting - Monday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Council meetings are occurring virtually and via live stream currently.

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