

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](http://www.blackfalds.ca). Archived minutes are available by request.

## Highlights of the Regular Meeting of Council – July 25, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Front Parking Pads, *Mandi Gerhardt*

Mandi Gerhardt presented to Council concerns and challenges relating to her desire to develop a front parking pad at her residence to alleviate some of the frustrations of parking due to an increase in parking needs by the Eagle Builders Centre.

### BUSINESS

#### CAO Report

Interim CAO de Bresser reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of July 2023. Council accepted the CAO Report as information.

#### Request for Decision, Bylaw 1288.23 - CAO Appointment Bylaw - Kim Isaak

Interim CAO de Bresser presented Bylaw 1288.23 – CAO Appointment Bylaw – Kim Isaak for First, Second and Third and Final Reading. Council was unanimous in giving First, Second and Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1288.23, CAO Appointment Bylaw, appointing Kim Isaak as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Blackfalds, effective August 1, 2023.

#### Request for Decision, Updates to Signing Authority

Manager Bouteiller brought forward a request to update the Town of Blackfalds signing authority for the banking activities, investment activities, and CRA Accounts. Council directed Administration to update the signing authorities by adding newly appointed Kim Isaak, CAO, and Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services and Councillor Coulter, as authorized representatives of the Town and removing Myron Thompson, retired CAO, Sean Barnes, former Director of Community Services as well any previously elected officials that are not current, from the authorized signers group.

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**Request for Decision, Quarterly Financial Reports for the Period Ending June 30, 2023**

Manager Bouteiller presented to Council the Quarterly Financial Reports for the 2nd Quarter of 2023 and the Period Ending June 30, 2023. Council was unanimous in accepting the Operating Statement and Variance, Capital Project Report and the Council Expenditure Report as information.

**Request for Decision, Proposed Capital Project - Transfer Station Remediation & Upgrades**

Manager Thevenaz brought forward the proposal of a Capital Project for the Transfer Station and Remediation & Upgrade. Council approved \$91,000 to conduct Phase 1 upgrades at the Transfer Station during 2023 to be funded through the Solid Waste Reserve and instructed Administration to bring forward Phase 2 capital project for discussion at the 2024 Capital Budget discussions in the fall of this year.

**Request for Decision, Policy CP-170.23 - Public Participation**

Director Kreklewich presented Public Participation Policy CP-170.23 for Council's formal adoption. Due to discrepancies within the Policy, Administration recommended tabling the item and bringing it back to a future Council Meeting with the corrected Policy.

**Request for Decision, Blackfalds Library Financial Services**

Director Kreklewich brought forward the Blackfalds Library Board's request to change their financial reviewer for 2023 and continuing after. Council accepted MNP for the Blackfalds Library's financial services for the 2023 year and continuing after.

**Request for Decision, Directors' Quarterly Reports, 2nd Quarter of 2023**

Interim CAO de Bresser provided a review of the Directors' Quarterly Reports, 2nd Quarter of 2023. Council accepted the Directors' second quarter reports for 2023 as information.

**Request for Decision, Minister of Education Appointment Congratulations and Meeting Request**

Interim CAO de Bresser brought forward the recommendation of forwarding a congratulatory letter to the Minister of Education Demetrios Nicolaides on his appointment and a request for a meeting with Council. Council directed Administration to prepare and forward a congratulatory letter to the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides on the appointment as Minister of Education, and further, that Administration requests a meeting with Council and the Minister to discuss educational needs for the Town of Blackfalds

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## **ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Letter from Black Press Media - Bill C-18**

Black Press Media wrote a letter to Council requesting their support for local news media by taking a stand against Bill C-18. Council directed Administration to prepare and forward a letter to the Provincial and Federal Governments outlining our democratic principles regarding news media.

## **INFORMATION**

- IRJC Open House - August 31, 2023

Council directed Administration contact Nicole Rawlinson, Principal of IRJC and arrange a table for Council's attendance at the IRJC Open House on August 31, 2023.

- Family and Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2023
- City of Lacombe Highlights - July 10, 2023
- County of Lacombe Highlights - July 13, 2023

Council accepted the Information Items as information.

## **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

Deputy Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from June 16 – July 15, 2023.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Council accepted the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2023, as presented.

### **BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL**

Councillor Coulter indicated that she heard on the news that the Minister of Education is looking to improve school facilities in smaller communities.

## **RECESS**

Council moved for a five-minute recess at 8:33 p.m.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Upon returning the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:42 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Deputy Mayor Dennis called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:46 p.m.

Upon reverting back to an open meeting, Council unanimously carried That the Town of Blackfalds/Lacombe County Joint Economic Area agreement be approved as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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