

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.ca](http://www.blackfalds.ca). Minutes from meetings before 2020 are available upon request.

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – January 14, 2025

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2025, indicated that Councillor Appel had sent her regrets and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

There was one addition to the Regular Agenda under Business, 6.8 Request for Decision, Capital Adjustment – Articulated Loader.

Council adopted the January 14, 2025, Regular Agenda, as amended, and the Consent Agenda, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
  - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - December 10, 2024
  - Special Council Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2024
- **Council Reports**  
None
- **Administrative Reports**
  - Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report - December 2024
  - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report - December 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
  - Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - October 2, 2024
  - Library Board Meeting Minutes - December 3, 2024
- **Information**
  - Servus Blackfalds Library Programming Update - November 29, 2024
  - City of Lacombe Council Highlights - December 9, 2024
  - Lacombe County Council Highlights - December 12, 2024
  - Lacombe Foundation 2025 Requisition
  - Servus Blackfalds Library Programming Update - December 2024
- **Correspondence**  
None

### DELEGATION

#### Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre - CPTED Report

TerryLee Ropchan and Denise Rambow representing Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre, presented an overview of the findings and recommendations from the Town of Blackfalds' CPTED review, which was conducted to assess community issues identified by residents.

Future Meetings:

**Standing Committee of Council Meeting – January 14, 2025**

**Regular Council Meeting – January 28, 2025**

**Council Meetings are held in**  
Council Chambers  
Level 2, Civic Cultural Centre  
5018 Waghorn Street

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**BUSINESS****Central Alberta Crime Prevention Center CPTED Report**

Following the Delegation from the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Centre, Director Morrison brought forward the CPTED Report for Council's consideration. Council accepted the Central Alberta Crime Prevention Center CPTED Report dated November 30, 2024, for information.

**Request for Decision, Bylaw 1323.25 - Schedule "B" 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates**

Director Weran brought forward for Council's consideration of First Reading, Bylaw 1323.25, a Bylaw to set the 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates. Council gave First Reading to Bylaw 1323.25 – Schedule "B" 2025 Water and Wastewater Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20, as presented.

**Request for Decision, Blackfalds Industrial Park - Local Improvement**

Director de Bresser presented a formal request from a Blackfalds property owner for a local improvement in Blackfalds Industrial Park. Council directed Administration to send the required letters notifying affected landowners of the proposed Blackfalds Industrial Park Local Improvement.

**Request for Decision, Business Machines – Budget Adjustment**

Director de Bresser brought forward a request to adjust the Budget for the purchase of a replacement postage machine and a folding machine. Council approved the purchase of the Relay 3500 folding machine in the amount of \$12,000 and the purchase of the Mail Centre 1000 with an upset limit of \$10,500 to be drawn from the General Capital Reserve.

**Request for Decision, Letter of Support – Anam Rural Youth Association**

Director Kreklewich brought forward a request from Anam Rural Youth Association for a letter of support from Council for its grant applications. Council authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Anam Rural Youth Association's application for the Government of Alberta's Community Initiatives Program Operating Grant Stream as well as the Federal Youth Mental Health Fund Application.

**Request for Decision, Library Board Appointments**

CAO Isaak presented a request that Council amend the appointment terms for two (2) members at large who were appointed to the Library Board on December 10, 2024. Council amended the 2025 Member at Large Schedule of appointments to appoint Richard Poole and Ray Olfert to the Library Board for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2027.

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**Central Alberta Mayors and Reeves Group Quarterly Meeting Business Items**

Mayor Hoover brought forward the business items from the Central Alberta Mayors and Reeves Group Quarterly Meeting for Council's consideration. Council referred the nomination for the 2025 ED&I Champions at the Diversity Awards 2025 to the Regular Council Meeting on January 28, 2025, and authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support addressed to Minister Miller regarding the Post Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) Program for international students.

**Request for Decision, Capital Adjustment – Articulated Loader**

Director Kreklewich brought forward a capital adjustment request to increase the budget for the articulated loader. Council approved the capital adjustment for the articulated loader from \$80,000 to \$122,500.

**RECESS**

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 8:23 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

- **CUPE Negotiations - FOIP Section 24 - Advice from Officials**

Council moved into a closed session commencing at 8:27 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and reverted to an open meeting at 8:41 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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