

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. Minutes from meetings before 2020 are available upon request.

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – January 23, 2024

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the January 23, 2024, Regular Council Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Additions to the Regular Agenda, Business item 6.7 Letter of Support for Care for Newcomers Society Funding Proposal and Confidential item 8.3 Water Act Approvals – FOIP 21(1) Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations and 8.3 was moved to 8.4.

Exemption of Consent Agenda item f) Neuron Mobility - Blackfalds 2023 Season was added under the Regular Agenda as Business item 6.8. Council adopted the Regular Agenda, as amended.

Council adopted the Consent Agenda for January 23, 2024, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 9, 2024
 - Minutes from the Standing Committee of Council on January 15, 2024
- **Council Reports**
 - Mayor Hoover
 - Deputy Mayor Dennis
 - Councillor Sands
 - Councillor Coulter
 - Councillor Appel
 - Councillor Svab
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – January 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2023 (*corrected*)
 - Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2023
- **Information**
 - City of City of Lacombe Council Highlights - January 8, 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - January 11, 2024
 - Special Events Permit, SuperKids Triathlon - July 6, 2024
 - Blackfalds Public Library Programming Report – December 2023

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- **Correspondence**
None

DELEGATION**Beyond Food Community Hub / Blackfalds Food Bank Society**

Shane Hanson from the Blackfalds Food Bank Society provided a brief overview of the Beyond Food Community Hub's activities over 2023 and brought forward three options for loan repayment for the Blackfalds Food Bank Society's renovations.

BUSINESS**Request for Decision, Bylaw 1297.24 - Schedule "B" 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates**

Director Weran brought forward Bylaw 1297.24 - Schedule "B" 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates for Council's consideration of Second and Third and Final Reading. Council gave Second and Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1297.24 – Schedule "B" 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate, a bylaw to amend Schedule "B" of Bylaw 1250.20.

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1298.24 – Schedule "A" 2024 Solid Waste Rates

Director Weran brought forward Bylaw 1297.24 - Schedule "B" 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates for Council's consideration of Second and Third and Final Reading. Council gave Second Reading to Bylaw 1298.24 - Schedule "A" 2024 Solid Waste Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw 1167/13.

Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-174.24 - Procurement

Director de Bresser presented the Procurement Council Policy for Council to review and consideration. Council adopted Council Policy CP-174.24 - Procurement, as presented.

Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-177.24 - Organizational Structure

CAO Isaak brought forward for Council's consideration the Organizational Structure Council Policy. Council adopted Council Policy CP-177.24 - Organizational Structure, as presented.

Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-178.24 - Human Resources Framework

CAO Isaak put forward the Council Policy for Human Resources Framework for Council's review and consideration. Council adopted Council Policy CP-178.24 - Human Resources Framework, as presented.

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Request for Decision, 2024 – 2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan

CAO Isaak presented the 2024 – 2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan for Council’s review and endorsement. Council adopted the 2024-2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan, as presented.

Letter of Support for Care for Newcomers Society Funding Proposal

CAO Isaak brought forward a request from Care for Newcomers requesting a letter of support for their funding proposal. Council authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Care for Newcomers Society funding proposal to the Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Settlement Program and Resettlement Assistance Program.

Neuron Mobility - Blackfalds 2023 Season Review

Consent Agenda item f) Neuron Mobility - Blackfalds 2023 Season Review was exempt from the Consent Agenda for further discussion, and Council directed Administration to request more information from Neuron Mobility and bring it back to a future meeting.

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:40 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **Redistricting Policy - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**
- **CAO Evaluation - FOIP 19(1) Confidential Evaluations**
- **Water Act Approvals - FOIP 21 (1) Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations**
- **Code of Conduct - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**

Upon calling the Regular Council Meeting back to order, Council moved into a closed session commencing at 7:47 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 24, 19 and 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Upon reverting back to an open meeting, Council unanimously authorized the Mayor to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas requesting that an expedited decision be made on the appeals related to the Town of Blackfalds Water Act approvals granted for the Northwest Storm Trunk Project.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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