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A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on March 11, 2025, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Hoover
Deputy Mayor Edna Coulter (*virtual*)
Councillor Marina Appel
Councillor Laura Svab
Councillor Brenda Dennis
Councillor Jim Sands

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management and Protective Services
Marco Jadie, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Brianna Berthiaume, Big Brothers Big Sisters
Jennifer Harty, Big Brothers Big Sisters

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2025, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and indicated that Deputy Mayor Coulter was attending virtually.

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement was read to recognize that the Town of Blackfalds is on Treaty Six Territory.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

Removal of Regular Agenda Business item 6.6 Request for Decision, Regional Collaboration Committee and the Agenda was renumbered accordingly.

052/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for March 11, 2025, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

053/25 Councillor Dennis moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for March 11, 2025, as presented, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 25, 2025
- **Council Reports**
None

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- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, Enforcement & Protective Services Monthly Report – February 2025
 - Report for Council, Development & Building Monthly Report – February 2025
 - Report for Council, 2024-2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan Actions Update
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Library Board Meeting Minutes - January 7, 2025
 - Recreation Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2025
 - Recreation Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes - February 5, 2025
- **Information**
 - ABmunis Preliminary Analysis on Alberta's 2025 Budget
 - Blackfalds Library Programming Report Library - January 2025
 - Thank You Certificate - Blackfalds Seniors Club - February 20, 2025
 - City of Lacombe Council Highlights – February 24, 2025
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights – February 27, 2025
- **Correspondence**

None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DELEGATION**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District**

Brianna Berthiaume and Jennifer Harty, representing Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lacombe and District, presented an overview of the organization's impact on mentoring youth and strengthening the community of Blackfalds throughout 2024 and beyond by sharing the transformative stories of mentoring relationships and their long-lasting benefits for youth, families, and the community.

BUSINESS**Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – Frazier's Next Level Coaching**

Director Kreklewich brought forward Frazier's Next Level Coaching's Community Initiative Grant Application for Council's consideration.

- 054/25** Councillor Dennis moved That Council refer the Frazier's Next Level Coaching Community Initiatives Grant's Application back to Administration for resubmission and clarification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – Cold Blooded Cornhole

Director Kreklewich brought forward Cold Blooded Cornhole's Community Initiative Grant Application for Council's consideration.

- 055/25** Councillor Svab moved That Council provide funding to Cold Blooded Cornhole from the Community Initiatives Grant in the amount of \$1,360.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Community Initiatives Grant – Heart of Blackfalds Society

Director Kreklewich brought forward Heart of Blackfalds Society's Community Initiatives Grant Application for Council's consideration.

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056/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council provide funding to the Heart of Blackfalds Society from the Community Initiatives Grant in the amount of \$2,000.

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Request for Decision, Blackfalds Policing Committee

Director Morrison brought forward for discussion the Police Governance Regulation which requires all municipalities to establish civilian governance bodies.

057/25 Councillor Appel moved Council send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, Mike Ellis requesting to opt out of the Regional Policing Committee and to maintain the current Town of Blackfalds Policing Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Council Remuneration and Compensation Review

Following the recommendation from the Standing Committee of Council Meeting on February 18, 2025, CAO Isaak presented Council with the amended Council Remuneration and Compensation Policy and requested Council's direction.

058/25 Councillor Svab moved That Council rescind Policy 156/21-Council Remuneration & Compensation, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

059/25 Councillor Sands moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-189.25 - Council Remuneration & Compensation, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

060/25 Councillor Appel moved That Administration be directed to utilize Option 3 as outlined in the Council Remuneration and Compensation Policy to conduct the 2025 Council Remuneration and Compensation Review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Policies for Rescinding

CAO Isaak brought forward a report identifying policies which are no longer required as part of the ongoing cleanup and restructuring of policies as per the Council Policy Governance Framework.

061/25 Councillor Appel moved That Council rescind the following Policies:

1. Community Event Sign Policy
2. Public Facility Spitting Policy
3. Aquatic Centre Closure Policy 164.23
4. Abbey Centre - Acceptable Usage Policy 165.23
5. Code of Conduct and Ethics for Municipal Employees Policy 128/16
6. Civic Centre and FCSS Facility Visitation Security and Identification Policy 127/16
7. Municipal Facility Access Control Policy 125/16

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

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None

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Rick Kreklewich, Acting Chief Administrative Officer