



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Remote Virtual Platform
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, via remote virtual platform, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jamie Hoover
Deputy Mayor Marina Appel
Councillor Edna Coulter
Councillor Laura Svab
Councillor Jim Sands
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Myron Thompson, CAO
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Sean Barnes, Acting Director of Community Services
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant

REGRETS

Councillor Rebecca Stendie

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

Eddo Cancian
Kevin Osbourne
Mark Hall

CALL TO

ORDER: Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

TREATY SIX LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

018/22

Councillor Svab moved that Council adopt the January 25, 2022 agenda as amended by removing the RCMP Year-end Report Delegation, and the Blackfalds Iron Ridge Elementary Campus Replacement School Letter was added under information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATIONS

Retirement – Director Sean Barnes

- Director Barnes was thanked for his 17 years of service to the Town of Blackfalds in a Director capacity.

Eagle Builders Centre Project Final Update

- A final update was provided from Delnor and ACI Architects on the Eagle Builders Centre final costs.



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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Procedural Bylaw 1265.22

The Procedural Bylaw establishes rules of procedure for governing processes related to Council and Committee meetings, and as well to regulate the conduct of Councillors and members of committees established by Council. This has been updated with the new Council elected and received first reading on the January 11 Regular Council Meeting.

- 019/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1265.22, a Bylaw to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Council and Council Committee Meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 020/22** Councillor Sands moved that Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1265.22, a Bylaw to regulate the proceedings and conduct of Council and Council Committee Meetings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS

CAO Report

CAO Thompson reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of January.

- 021/22** Councillor Sands moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Director’s Quarterly Report

The 4th Quarter Director’s Quarterly Report was provided to Council for their information.

- 022/22** Deputy Mayor Appel moved that Council accept the 4th Quarter Quarterly Report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Library Board Resignation

At the November 2nd Library Board Meeting, notice of resignation was received from member-at-large Pamela Handford.

- 023/22** Councillor Dennis moved that Council move to formally accept the resignation of Pamela Handford from the Municipal Library Board effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Library Board Appointment

The Library Board currently has one vacancy, and a recommendation was brought forward from Administration to fill the vacant member-at-large position.

- 024/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council move to appoint Richard Poole as a member-at-large to the Municipal Library Board for a three-year term effective immediately and ending October 31, 2024.



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Request for Decision – Council Internal and External Board Appointments

New Councillor Edna Coulter was recently elected in the January 10, 2022 by-election, therefore she will need to be appointed to internal and external boards and committees.

- 025/22** Councillor Sands moved that Councillor Coulter be appointed to the Municipal Library Board, 55+ Housing Committee, and the Blackfalds Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 026/22** Councillor Coulter moved that this item be tabled until review in March.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Flag Policy 159.22

Flag Policy 159.22 will bring the Flag Policy up to date with current practices, and has been updated from the January 17 Standing Committee Meeting.

- 027/22** Deputy Mayor Appel moved that Council formally approve Flag Policy 159.22.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Panorama Drive/Parkwood Intersection Improvements

The intersection of Panorama and Parkwood has seen the volume of traffic and pedestrians increase with the growth along the commercial corridor. Director Weran brought two options for recommendations to make this area safer for residents and visitors.

- 028/22** Councillor Sands moved to not proceed with the tendering of the project.

DEFEATED

In favour: Councillor Sands

- 029/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council refer this item back to Administration for further information, no later than the March 21st Standing Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillor Sands

Request for Decision – Utility Bylaw 1250.20/1254.21 – Schedule B 2022 Rates

Administration provided an updated review of reserves and assets and presented a 0% rate increase option, where previously the impacts of a 2% rate increase were presented to Council.

- 030/22** Councillor Sands moved that Council instruct Administration to maintain the previous 2021 rates for water and sewer under the existing Schedule B Bylaw 1254.21 for the 2022 year.

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ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Newcomer Nurses and Physicians Letter of Support

Letters of support were requested by the City of Cold Lake and municipality of Crowsnest Pass for faster certification of newcomer physicians and nurses.

031/22 Deputy Mayor Appel moved that Council direct Administration to draft and send letters of support for the faster certification of newcomer nurses and physicians.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- Eagle Builders Centre Completion Report
- FCSS Minutes – November 10, 2021
- FCSS Minutes – December 9, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – January 10, 2022
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – January 13, 2022
- Recreation, Parks and Culture Board Minutes – December 12, 2021
- Municipal Planning Commission Minutes – December 14, 2021
- Canada 150 Mural
- Award Magazine Feature – Eagle Builders Centre
- Blackfalds Iron Ridge Elementary Campus Replacement School Letter

032/22 Councillor Dennis moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from October 2021 to January 2022.

033/22 Councillor Svab moved that Council accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

034/22 Councillor Dennis moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

035/22 Deputy Mayor Appel moved that Council accept the Standing Committee Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

None



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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO