



**Town of Blackfalds**  
**Standing Committee of Council Meeting**  
January 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
**MINUTES**

A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday, January 17, 2022, via remote virtual platform, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Jamie Hoover  
Deputy Marina Appel  
Councillor Edna Coulter  
Councillor Brenda Dennis  
Councillor Jim Sands  
Councillor Rebecca Stendie

**ATTENDING**

Myron Thompson, CAO  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services  
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services  
Laura Thevenez, Infrastructure Services Manager  
Marco Jadie, IT Tech  
Lorrie Logan, Municipal Clerk

**REGRETS**

Councillor Laura Svab

**MEDIA**

None

**PUBLIC**

Jim de Boon, Klassic Kennels

**CALL TO  
ORDER:**

Deputy Mayor Appel called the Standing Committee 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**

**01/22**

Mayor Hoover moved that the Standing Committee of Council adopt the agenda as amended by deferring the RCMP delegation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION**

**Animal Control Year-end Report**

Jim de Boon provided an overview of the 2021 Animal Control efforts to the Committee.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None

**BUSINESS**



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**Request for Direction, Sidewalk Repair Policy 158.22**

Manager Thevenaz brought forward an updated Sidewalk Repair Policy, which is used to help achieve long-term financial sustainability for the Town's sidewalk assets.

- 02/22** Councillor Stendie moved that the Standing Committee of Council recommend that the Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Policy be forwarded to Council for formal approval.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Direction, Flag Policy 159.22**

CAO Thompson brought forward an updated Flag Policy, to ensure consistent standards for half-masting procedures and flying community Flags.

- 03/22** Mayor Hoover moved that the Standing Committee of Council provide feedback on Flag Policy 159.22; and, that it be brought forward to the next Regular Council Meeting for formal approval.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Direction, Amendment to Utility Bylaw 1266.22**

Director Weran provided further information on updating utility rates for 2022, with options for a 0% increase and a 2% increase. Draft Utility Rate Bylaw 1266.22 reflects a 2% increase to utility rates.

- 04/22** Councillor Dennis moved that the Standing Committee recommend to Council to maintain the previous 2021 rates under the existing Bylaw.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

**Foreign Medical Practitioners Letter of Support**

A request was received from Crowsnest Pass to provide a letter of support for fast-tracking newcomers from the medical industry to qualify to work in Alberta.

- 05/22** Councillor Stendie moved that Standing Committee of Council recommend to Council that they consider drafting a letter of support in regards to medical staff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**INFORMATION**

- 2020 Financial Indicators

- 06/22** Mayor Hoover moved to accept the information item as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ROUND TABLE**

None

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

None

**BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE**

None



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**BREAK**

**07/22** Councillor Dennis moved for a five-minute recess at 7:47 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Appel called the Standing Committee of Council meeting back to order at 7:53 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session**

- **FOIP S. 19**
- **FOIP S. 24**

**08/22** Councillor Sands moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:53 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 19 and 24 of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.19:** Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Marina Appel, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Myron Thompson

**Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.24:** Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Marina Appel, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Myron Thompson

**09/22** Councillor Sands moved to come out of the closed session at 8:02 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Regular Council Meeting Attendance:** Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Marina Appel, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis, CAO Myron Thompson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Appel adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor, Marina Appel

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Myron Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer