



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Remote Virtual Platform
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, via remote virtual platform, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Richard Poole
Deputy Mayor Laura Svab
Councillor Marina Appel
Councillor Jamie Hoover
Councillor Ray Olfert
Councillor Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Will Taylor

ATTENDING

Myron Thompson, CAO
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Laura Thevanez, Manager of Infrastructure Services
Ken Morrison, Manager of Protective Services
Rick Kreklewich, Manager of the Abbey Centre
Marco Jadie, IT Analyst
Chris Johnson, Economic Development Officer
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

None

CALL TO

ORDER: Mayor Poole 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

302/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Council adopt the October 12, 2021 agenda as amended by adding item 7.8 Emergency Management Committee Update.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS

Director's Quarterly Report – 3rd Quarter

The Directors reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the months of July – September in their respective departments.

303/21 Councillor Olfert moved that the Director's Quarterly Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Request for Decision – Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

The Blackfalds Economic Development and Tourism Strategy is a critical document, necessary for identifying and fulfilling Economic Development and Tourism initiatives. As the previous Strategy expired in 2020, a new Strategy has been developed to guide the Town of Blackfalds moving forward.

- 304/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council refers this item back to Administration and the office of Economic Development for further discussion and revision.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Mayor Poole, Councillors Stendie, Appel, Taylor, Olfert and Hoover

- 305/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the document in principle with the suggested changes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Digital Service Squad

The Town of Blackfalds along with the communities of Sylvan Lake and Bentley would like to embark on the Digital Service Squad Program to deliver free tools, marketing assistance and training to small businesses in our community, with a letter required from Council in support of this initiative.

- 306/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council express their support of the Digital Service Squad program through approval of the attached Letter of Support to Business Link Alberta as part of the grant application process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Environmental Stewardship Strategy

The development of an Environmental Stewardship Strategy (ESS) was identified as a priority for the Town in 2016, when the Municipal Sustainability Plan (MSP) was approved. This Strategy will be used to guide new environmental initiatives for the community. Its key focus areas include water, stormwater, land, energy, buildings and infrastructure, air, and solid waste.

- 307/21** Councillor Olfert moved that the Environmental Stewardship Strategy be formally approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Property Assessment Services

The Town of Blackfalds posted an RFP for the position of municipal assessor. Four bids were received and Administration recommended that the assessment services contract be awarded to Bow Valley Property Valuers.

- 308/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council move to accept Administration's recommendation to award the assessment services contract to Bow Valley Property Valuers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 309/21** Councillor Taylor moved that Council move to appoint Bow Valley Property Valuers as the Property Assessor for the Town of Blackfalds from 2021 to 2026.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Request for Decision – Canada 150 Mural

The Canada 150 Mural was created as part of the Canada Mosaic Mural Project, uniting communities across the country to create one giant mural train. When the tile mural was built, it was discussed that the mural would eventually be displayed inside to preserve it and protect it from sunlight and weather damage. The Recreation, Culture and Parks Board recommended that the Canada 150 Mural be moved to the concourse of the Eagle Builders Centre.

- 310/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council accepts the recommendation of the Recreation, Culture and Parks Board in choosing location 2 for the Canada 150 Mural in the Eagle Builders Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – FCSS Board Member Resignations

The Town of Blackfalds received two member resignations from the FCSS Board, from Troy McQueen and Chandra Cooke.

- 311/21** Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Council move to formally accept the resignation of Troy McQueen from the FCSS Board effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 312/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council move to formally accept the resignation of Chandra Cooke from the FCSS Board effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Emergency Management Committee

Manager Morrison reviewed the past decisions of the Town of Blackfalds on COVID-19 restrictions and noted that Town facilities are currently utilizing the 1/3 capacity program. Manager Morrison noted that it is not permitted to allow facilities to use different restriction programs, therefore Administration requested a decision on implementing the REP Program for the Eagle Builders Centre and the Abbey Centre.

- 313/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council write a letter to the Provincial Government about detailed concerns we have as a municipality in the province; request that the Province of Alberta make decisions and not download it onto municipalities, businesses, and residents.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 314/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council formally adopt the REP for the Eagle Builders Centre.

Recorded Vote:

Mayor Poole	In Favour
Deputy Mayor Svab	In Favour
Councillor Appel	Opposed
Councillor Hoover	Opposed
Councillor Olfert	Opposed
Councillor Stendie	In Favour
Councillor Taylor	Opposed

DEFEATED



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- 315/21** Councillor Stendie moved that Council formally adopt the REP for the Abbey Centre.

DEFEATED

Opposed: Councillors Appel, Taylor, Olfert and Hoover

INFORMATION

- Report to Council, Building and Development Permit Report – September 2021
- Report to Council, Enforcement Services Monthly Report – September 2021
- BOLT Transit Report – September 2021
- Lacombe County Council Meeting Highlights – September 23, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Meeting Highlights – September 27, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Meeting Highlights – October 4, 2021
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2021
- Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2021
- Distinguished Service Award – Councillor Will Taylor

- 316/21** Councillor Olfert moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 317/21** Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from September 28, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

Council thanked Mayor Poole for his many years of service.

BREAK

- 318/21** Councillor Olfert moved for a five-minute recess at 8:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:00 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session

- **FOIP S.24**

- 319/21** Councillor Hoover moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 9:00 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 24 of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.24: *Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Thompson*

320/21 Councillor Olfert moved to come out of the closed session at 9:21 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: *Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Thompson*

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Richard Poole, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO