



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
5018 Waghorn Street
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 5018 Waghorn Street, Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services/Acting CAO
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Ken Morrison, Manager of Enforcement Services
Laura Thevanez, Manager of Infrastructure Services
Jolene Tejkl, Manager of Planning and Development
Robert Cote, Fire Chief
Chris Johnson, Economic Development Officer
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant
Marco Jadie, IT Technician

REGRETS

Deputy Mayor Marina Appel
Councillor Rebecca Stendie
Myron Thompson, CAO

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

Karen Vavrek, Habitat for Humanity
Wendy Madden, Habitat for Humanity
Brad Vander Hayden, Stantec
Shane Hansen, Blackfalds Resident
Kendra Deuscher, Blackfalds Resident
Kayla Gillingham, Blackfalds Resident

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

071/22 Councillor Svab moved that Council adopt the March 22, 2022 agenda as amended by moving item 7.13 Panorama / Parkwood Drive Intersection Improvements to 7.2 and removing item 14.1 FOIP S. 19.

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DELEGATION



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Habitat for Humanity

Karen Vavrek from Habitat for Humanity presented the goals and targets for the Aspen Lakes West Phase II Build.

Welcome Video - BHPARC

EDO Chris Johnson played the new Blackfalds Welcome Video.

BUSINESS

CAO Report

Acting CAO de Bresser reviewed the various organizational operations and activities during the month of March.

072/22 Councillor Svab moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Panorama / Parkwood Drive Intersection Improvement Options

Following the results of the survey requested by Council, 81% voted for option 2 for the intersection improvements. Option 2 would: remove the existing pedestrian crosswalk on the north side of the intersection, install new pedestrian crosswalks on the west and south sides of the intersection; and re-configure both eastbound and westbound configurations to one dedicated left turn lane, one through lane and one dedicated right turn lane.

073/22 Councillor Sands moved that Council move forward with option 2 and recommends that Administration to prepare a change order for the anticipated work through the existing Border Paving contract for the Womacks/Gregg Project using the capital funds allocated of \$175,000 and use \$45,000 from the Streets Reserves.

CARRIED

Opposed: Councillors Dennis and Coulter

Request for Decision – EV Charging Station Grant

The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre is providing grant funding for municipalities to support investments in electric vehicle charging stations. Administration requested feedback on supporting the program.

074/22 Councillor Svab moved that Council supports the application for the EV charging station grant being offered through the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

075/22 Councillor Sands moved that Council support the implementation of an EV charging program for the community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

076/22 Councillor Coulter moved that Council move to provide electric vehicle charging stations free of charge for the level 2 users with an established maximum rate of \$15/hr for the Level 3 charging systems.

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Request for Decision – Fire Services Agreement

The proposed mutual aid agreement between the City of Lacombe and Town of Blackfalds outlines the extent of fire services provided and how these services will be standardized and delivered. The agreement also identifies requirements for equipment maintenance, training, record keeping, reporting and communication. It also outlines a fee schedule that will be utilized to compensate for the municipality providing the assistance.

- 077/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council authorizes Administration to enter into the proposed mutual aid agreement with the City of Lacombe.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – RCMP Annual Performance Plan

On March 16th, the Policing Committee met with the Detachment Commander S/Sgt. Dan Martin being present. The annual priorities were discussed at length and the Committee put forward the following recommended priorities for the 2022/2023 year: Traffic Enforcement, Community Relations, Theft of Motor Vehicles.

- 078/22** Councillor Sands moved that accepts the recommendation of Administration in identifying the RCMP three policing priorities for the 2022 year as Community Relations, Traffic Enforcement and Vehicle Theft.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week for 2022 will take place from April 24-30. This week is set aside each year to honour and thank volunteers across Canada for the time and energy they contribute to causes that benefit their communities.

- 079/22** Councillor Dennis moved that Council moves to proclaim April 24-30, 2022, as National Volunteer Week in the Town of Blackfalds.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BREAK

Council called for a two-minute break at 9:16 p.m.

Council resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Request for Decision – Blackfalds Border Paving Plaza

An update on the Centre Plaza Project was brought forward to the March 14th Standing Committee of Council Meeting. This report provided updated renderings for the project as well as updated project costs and project funding information. In order to finalize the project, Administration requested feedback on the proposed graphics.

- 080/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council accept the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Council that the project be advanced including that of the project tendering process.

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- 081/22** Councillor Sands moved that Town Council accept the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Council in formally accepting the naming rights sponsorship of the plaza to be provided to Border Paving Ltd.



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- 082/22** Councillor Dennis moved that Council accept the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Council and formally accept the naming of the facility to be that of the Border Paving Plaza.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 083/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council use the fun activity graphics to be depicted on the perforated aluminum screening wall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – FCSS Board Resignation

At the February 10th, 2022, FCSS Board Meeting, an email was presented from Theresa Franko resigning her member-at-large term effective immediately.

- 084/22** Councillor Sands moved that Council formally accept the resignation of Theresa Franko from the FCSS Board effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Special Events Concession Policy

The Special Events Concession Policy was created in 2011. The policy was intended to provide opportunities for local non-profit organizations to operate the concession for events as a fundraiser. Administration believes that this policy is no longer required as it is not the current operating plan for many of our special events.

- 085/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council moves to accept the Standing Committee of Council recommendation and rescinds the Special Events Concession Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Tournament Scheduling Policy (Arena)

The Tournament Scheduling Policy was last updated in 2011. Administration believes that the Ice Allocation Policy contains all the relevant information related to tournaments in the arena and recommended this policy be rescinded.

- 086/22** Councillor Dennis moved that Council moves to accept the Standing Committee of Council recommendation and rescinds the Tournament Scheduling Policy (Arena).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Facility Usage Policy

The Facility Usage Policy (Arena) was created in 2009. The purpose of this policy was to ensure that minor sporting associations had adequate ice times for practices as their associations grew. Administration believes that the Ice Allocation Policy contains all the relevant information related to facility usage in the arena and recommended this policy be rescinded.

- 087/22** Councillor Dennis moved that Council moves to accept the Standing Committee of Council recommendation and rescinds the Facility Usage Policy.

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Request for Decision – Blackfalds Food Bank Building – Interior Upgrades

The Town of Blackfalds and the Blackfalds Food Bank Society have partnered to complete some renovations required for the Food Bank Building. The Food Bank Society does not have sufficient funds at this time to complete all the interior renovations and have determined that they would proceed with the teaching kitchen and washroom/office portions. The cost to complete this work is approximately \$185,000.

- 088/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council provide funding up to \$65,000 in possible bridge funding provisions for the Food Bank Society's interior renovations and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Pavement Study

The overall goal of the Town's Asset Management Plan for roadways is to develop a pavement renewal strategy that will keep the road network at an acceptable condition level for the lowest possible life cycle cost.

- 089/22** Councillor Sands moved that Council allocate \$33,424 to this capital project to fund the 2022 Pavement Management Study to be drawn from Streets Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Fees and Fines Bylaw 1269.22

It was recommended by legal Counsel that Fees and Fines be separated from the Land Use Bylaw into its own separate Bylaw. This includes three schedules: Development Fees, Miscellaneous Fees, Development Permit Application Fees, and Plans, Statutory Documents and Subdivision Fees, Building Permit Fees, Offences and Penalties.

- 090/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council give First Reading to Bylaw 1269.22; and, brings this Bylaw back for subsequent readings in conjunction with the Land Use Bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Land Use Bylaw 1268.22

The draft LUB has been presented to the Standing Committee of Council in March and June of 2021. Since that time there have been further amendments made to the LUB due to continued feedback from shareholders and staffing changes.

- 091/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council gives First Reading to Bylaw 1268.22.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 092/22** Councillor Sands moved that Council sets a Public Hearing date for April 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 093/22** Councillor Coulter moved that Council continue past 10:00 p.m.

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Request for Decision – Policing Committee Resignation

At the March 16th, 2022, Police Committee Meeting an email was presented from Mike Walker resigning from his position on the Committee effective immediately.

- 094/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council move to formally accept the resignation of Mike Walker from the Policing Committee effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – February 28, 2022
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights – March 14, 2022
- FCSS Minutes – February 10, 2022
- Lacombe County Council Highlights – March 10, 2022

- 095/22** Councillor Coulter moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table Discussion

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from February 2022 to March 2022.

- 096/22** Councillor Coulter moved that Council accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 097/22** Councillor Svab moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 098/22** Councillor Coulter moved that Council accept the Standing Committee of Council Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTICES OF MOTION

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO



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