



Town of Blackfalds
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Via Remote Virtual Platform
MINUTES

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, February 22, 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 Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Brenda Dennis

ATTENDING

Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services/Acting CAO
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Manager of Enforcement Services
Robert Cote, Fire Chief
Joe Croken, Peace Officer
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant
Marco Jadie, IT Technician
Zach Frantz, Firefighter
Korey Campbell, Firefighter
Tyler Boruck, Firefighter
Eugene Ostropolski, Firefighter
John McCrimmon, Firefighter

REGRETS

Myron Thompson, CAO

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

None

**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

047/22 Councillor Svab moved that Council adopt the February 22, 2022 agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Fire Department and Peace Officer Awards

Members of the Blackfalds Fire Department and Community Peace Officers were presented with their awards for their years of service to the Town.



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BUSINESS

CAO Report

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

048/22 Councillor Stendie moved that the CAO Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Parkland Regional Library Board Appointment

On February 3, 2022, CAO Thompson received notice from Councillor Svab that she would like to resign her position on the Parkland Regional Library Board due to scheduling conflicts with work. Councillor Coulter has expressed interest in being appointed to the PRL Board in her place.

049/22 Deputy Mayor Appel moved Council move to formally accept the resignation of Councillor Svab from the Parkland Regional Library Board effective immediately, with regrets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

050/22 Councillor Sands moved to appoint Councillor Coulter to the Parkland Regional Library Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – 2022 Operating Budget

The 2022 Operating Budget is completed and Administration presented it with a zero per cent (0%) tax increase recommended. The 2022-2024 Financial Plan has a proposed tax increase of two per cent for 2023 and 2024.

051/22 Councillor Sands moved that Council accept the recommendation of Administration to approve the 2022 Town of Blackfalds Operating Budget of \$29,801,048.

CARRIED

Opposed: Mayor Hoover

052/22 Deputy Mayor Appel moved that Council accepts the 2022 – 2024 Financial Plan as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision – Civic Centre Lower Level Renovation

The Blackfalds Public Library relocated to the Eagle Builders Centre in December 2021, opening up space in the lower level of the Civic Centre for the planned transition of other municipal operations, including FCSS. This transition will require renovation of the space and a layout is being presented for feedback from Council.

053/22 Councillor Stendie moved that Council accept Preliminary Layout – Option C for the Civic Centre Lower-Level renovation and moves forward with advancing the project including a Request for Proposal process for the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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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 the chosen locations.

054/22 Mayor Hoover moved that Council refer this item back to Administration for further information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Society for Hospital Expansion in Central Alberta

Support was requested from the Society for Hospital Expansion in Central Alberta for deficiencies, including infrastructure resources and human resources.

055/22 Councillor Stendie moved that a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Health on behalf of Blackfalds Town Council to support the Society for Hospital Expansion in Central Alberta; and a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Advanced Education in regards to increasing enrolment at Red Deer Polytechnic.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- Municipal Planning Commission Minutes – January 11, 2022
- Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee Minutes – December 13, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Meeting Highlights – February 14, 2022
- FCSS Minutes – January 13, 2022
- Volunteer Awards

056/22 Councillor Svab moved to accept the Information Items as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Round Table Discussion

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

057/22 Councillor Dennis moved that Council accept the Roundtable Reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

058/22 Councillor Sands moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2022 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notices of Motion

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF COUNCIL

None



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BREAK

059/22 Councillor Svab moved for a five-minute recess at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:22 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session

- **FOIP S. 17**

060/22 Councillor Svab moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:22 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 17 of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.17: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Marina Appel, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Acting CAO Justin de Bresser

061/22 Councillor Dennis moved to come out of the closed session at 8:32 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Marina Appel, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Laura Svab, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Brenda Dennis, Acting CAO Justin de Bresser

062/22 Councillor Svab moved that Council accept the Consultant's Investigation Report pertaining to the Code of Conduct Investigation on November 15, 2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

063/22 Deputy Mayor Appel moved that the complaint filed under the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 1226.18 be dismissed as recommended through investigation by an independent third party, which deemed it to be without foundation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO