

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on January 23, 2024, at 5018 Waghorn Street in Council Chambers, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ATTENDING

Kim Isaak, Chief Administrative Officer
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services
Rick Kreklewich, Director of Community Services
Ken Morrison, Director of Emergency Management and Protective Services
Jolene Tejkl, Planning & Development Manager
Marco Jadie, IT Tech
Danielle Nealon, Executive & Legislative Coordinator

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Shane Hanson, Blackfalds Food Bank Society

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover welcomed everyone to the Regular Council Meeting of January 23, 2024 and called the 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 AGENDAS

Addition of Regular Agenda Business item 6.7 Letter of Support for Care for Newcomers Society Funding Proposal and Confidential item 8.3 Water Act Approvals – FOIP 21(1) Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations and 8.3 was moved to 8.4.

Exemption of Consent Agenda item f) Neuron Mobility - Blackfalds 2023 Season and added under Business as item 6.8 on the Regular Agenda.

015/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council adopt the Regular Agenda for January 23, 2024, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

016/24 Councillor Appel moved That Council adopt the Consent Agenda for January 23, 2024, as amended, containing:

- **Declaration of No Interest** (*conflict of duty and interest, pecuniary or other*)
- **Adoption of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 9, 2024
 - Minutes from the Standing Committee of Council on January 15, 2024

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- **Council Reports**
 - Mayor Hoover
 - Deputy Mayor Dennis
 - Councillor Sands
 - Councillor Coulter
 - Councillor Appel
 - Councillor Svab
- **Administrative Reports**
 - Report for Council, CAO Report – January 2024
- **Boards, Committee and Commission Minutes and/or Reports**
 - Municipal Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2023 *(corrected)*
 - Blackfalds & District Family & Community Support Services Board Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2023
- **Information**
 - City of City of Lacombe Council Highlights - January 8, 2024
 - Lacombe County Council Highlights - January 11, 2024
 - Special Events Permit, SuperKids Triathlon - July 6, 2024
 - Blackfalds Public Library Programming Report - December 2023
- **Correspondence**

None

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

Beyond Food Community Hub / Blackfalds Food Bank Society

Shane Hanson from the Blackfalds Food Bank Society provided a brief overview of the Beyond Food Community Hub’s activities over 2023 and brought forward three options for loan repayment for the Blackfalds Food Bank Society’s renovations.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BUSINESS

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1297.24 - Schedule “B” 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates

Director Weran brought forward Bylaw 1297.24 - Schedule “B” 2024 Water and Wastewater Rates for Council’s consideration of Second and Third and Final Reading.

- 017/24** Councillor Appel moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1297.24 – Schedule “B” 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate, a bylaw to amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw 1250.20.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 018/24** Councillor Svab moved That Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1297.24 – Schedule “B” 2024 Water and Wastewater Rate, a bylaw to amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw 1250.20.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Bylaw 1298.24 – Schedule “A” 2024 Solid Waste Rates

Director Weran brought forward Bylaw 1298.24 - Schedule “A” 2024 Solid Waste Rates for Council’s consideration of Second and Third and Final Reading.

- 019/24** Councillor Sands moved That Council give Second Reading to Bylaw 1298.24 - Schedule “A” 2024 Solid Waste Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule “A” of Bylaw 1167/13.

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020/24 Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1298.24 - Schedule "A" 2024 Solid Waste Rates, a bylaw to amend Schedule "A" of Bylaw 1167/13.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-174.24 - Procurement

Director de Bresser presented the Procurement Council Policy for Council to review and consider for adoption.

021/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-174.24 - Procurement, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-177.24 - Organizational Structure

CAO Isaak brought forward for Council's consideration the Organizational Structure Council Policy.

022/24 Councillor Appel moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP-177.24 - Organizational Structure, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Council Policy CP-178.24 - Human Resources Framework

CAO Isaak brought forth the Human Resources Framework Council Policy for Council's review and adoption.

023/24 Councillor Stendie moved That Council adopt Council Policy CP 178.24 – Human Resources Framework, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

024/24 Councillor Svab moved That Council rescind resolution numbers: 294.16, 125.17, 126.17 and 29/18.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, 2024 – 2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan

CAO Isaak presented the 2024 – 2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan for Council's review, endorsement, and adoption.

025/24 Councillor Coulter moved That Council adopt the 2024-2026 Mid-Term Strategic Plan, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Letter of Support for Care for Newcomers Society Funding Proposal

CAO Isaak brought forward a request from Care for Newcomers requesting a letter of support for their funding proposal.

026/24 Councillor Sands moved That Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for the Care for Newcomers Society funding proposal to the Immigration, Refugees, Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Settlement Program and Resettlement Assistance Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Neuron Mobility - Blackfalds 2023 Season Review

Consent Agenda item f) Neuron Mobility - Blackfalds 2023 Season Review was exempted from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

027/24 Councillor Appel moved That Council direct Administration to request more information from Neuron Mobility and bring it back to a future meeting.

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RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a five-minute recess at 7:40 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 7:47 p.m.

CONFIDENTIAL

- **Redistricting Policy - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**
- **CAO Evaluation - FOIP 19(1) Confidential Evaluations**
- **Water Act Approvals - FOIP 21 (1) Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations**
- **Code of Conduct - FOIP 24(1) Advice From Officials**

028/24

Councillor Sands moved That Council move to a closed session commencing at 7:47 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 24, 19 and 21 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Closed Session Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab, CAO Kim Isaak, Director Preston Weran and Manager Jolene Tejkl.

RECESS

Mayor Hoover called for a recess at 8:52 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the closed session back to order at 8:53 p.m.

Closed Session Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab and CAO Kim Isaak.

029/24

Councillor Svab moved That Council move to come out of the closed session at 9:38 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER

Mayor Hoover called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 9:38 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting Attendance: Mayor Jamie Hoover, Deputy Mayor Brenda Dennis, Councillor Jim Sands, Councillor Edna Coulter, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Laura Svab and CAO Kim Isaak.

030/24

Deputy Mayor Dennis moved That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Minister of Environment and Protected Areas requesting that an expedited decision be made on the appeals related to the Town of Blackfalds Water Act approvals granted for the Northwest Storm Trunk Project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hoover adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 9:39 p.m.

-Original Signed-

Jamie Hoover, Mayor

-Original Signed-

Kim Isaak, CAO