



**TOWN OF BLACKFALDS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 (7:00 p.m.)**

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A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Civic/Cultural Center, 5018 Waghorn Street, Blackfalds, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Melodie Stol
Deputy Mayor Wayne Tutty
Councillor Richard Poole
Councillor Cherelyn Stefaniszyn
Councillor Will Taylor
Councillor Carol Simpson
Councillor Trish Willis

ATTENDING

CAO Corinne Newman
Executive Assistant Kimberley Wallen
Director of Community Services Sean Barnes
Director of Operations & Engineering Ray Kerber

PUBLIC ATTENDING

Lacombe Globe Media

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Stol called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Stol called for one minute of silence in recognition of Remembrance Day.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda for the November 10, 2009 Regular Council meeting was presented with the addition of Business item "Alberta Transportation", Information items "Distinguished Service Award" and "Grade Crossing Improvements News Bulletin".

RES. 422/09

Councillor Stefaniszyn moved to approve the agenda for the November 10, 2009 Regular Council Meeting with the addition of Business item "Alberta Transportation", Information items "Distinguished Service Award" and "Grade Crossing Improvements News Bulletin".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

Alberta Health Services

Council reviewed correspondence that was received from Alberta Health Services. Discussion took place on lack of presence in the community from Alberta Health Services. Most recently there have been concerns regarding the lack of communication with the H1N1 clinics, vaccinations, etc.

Council would like to send correspondence to Alberta Health Services regarding these concerns. To include in the letter are request to upgrade presence in the community, how are they distributing information to residents, more of a presence from the Health Board, as well to note that it is not the Town's responsibility to advertise crucial information such as H1N1.

Councillor Taylor stated concerns for Blackfalds and central Alberta regarding the strategy of under utilizing or shutting down of facilities is not in the best interest of Albertans. Long waits for specialists is not in the interest of good health. The model that is used in Pincher Creek is an efficient use of resources and delivers a high level of services. Using this or similar model would also create opportunities for health care professionals and would stop the brain drain. The prospect of reducing health costs and increasing service through efficient use of these facilities should be explored.

Mayor Stol stated concerns with transferring over to private care as Alberta Health Services does not fund this. Mayor Stol did note that transfer from ambulance services has gone well, residents are getting the proper ambulance care. The Town of Blackfalds was still under the same provider so the transition for ambulance services to Alberta Health Services has been seamless for the residents.

RES. 423/09

Councillor Taylor moved to forward correspondence to Alberta Health Services stating Council's concerns with the issues discussed.

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Alberta Transportation

Council reviewed a letter from Alberta Transportation stating they would agree to turn the left turn signals back on at the Highway 597 and 2A intersection during 2 one and a half hour increments.

Alberta Transportation is also proposing a roundabout. They wish to pursue the construction of a single lane roundabout with the intent to add an additional lane at the time that Highway 2A is twinned.

Deputy Mayor Tutty would like to see the times for the signal activation increased to 2 hours, being 7:00am to 9:00am. and 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Mayor Stol would like to see Alberta Transportation conduct an engagement process with local and industry owners to ensure that a roundabout is the best solution.

RES. 424/09

Councillor Poole moved to send Alberta Transportation a letter requesting that the light activation be from 7:00am to 9:00am and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, and further, that they begin a consultation process to determine if roundabout is most effect and safe development for the Town's traffic issues, and to ensure this have no negative impact to the operation of businesses in this traffic area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INFORMATION

- October Bylaw Report
- AV Peddegrew Award
- FCSS September Minutes
- AUMA Distinguished Service Award

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

- Alberta Transportation – Long Term Transportation in Red Deer Area
- AESO – Powering Albertans
- WHL Thank you

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion made.

MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2009.

RES.425/09

Councillor Stefaniszyn moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting of October 27, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Organizational Meeting Minutes October 27, 2009

RES.426/09

Councillor Willis moved to approve the minutes as amended for the Organizational Meeting of October 27, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearing Minutes October 13, 2009

RES.427/09

Councillor Poole moved to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing held October 13, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearing Minutes October 27, 2009

RES.428/09

Councillor Stefaniszyn moved to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing held October 27, 2009.

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Standing Committee Meeting Minutes October 19, 2009

RES.429/09

Councillor Simpson moved to approve the minutes for the Standing Committee Meeting held October 19, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIDENTIAL

There were no confidential items presented.

ADJOURN

RES.430/09

Councillor Stefaniszyn moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR MELODIE STOL

CAO CORINNE NEWMAN