

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 13, 2018

DELEGATION

- Ken Morrison was introduced as the new Emergency Management and Protective Services Manager.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Council moved to approve and direct Administration to proceed with Canada 150 Mosaic project including the construction of a 12 ft x 8 ft mosaic mural with 600 4" x 4" panels painted for a cost of \$15,000 with funding to come out of the Operation Reserves.
- Council suggested Administration decide what school and which 300 students will be participating in the painting of tiles. 100 tiles will be painted by the general public and 200 tiles will be painted by the artists. 600 tiles will be painted in total to complete the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural
- Council suggested Administration work with the public to decide an agreed upon location for the mural along with the design of the mural.

BUSINESS

Animal Control Services – Proposed Contract Extension

- Council moved to authorize and direct Administration to undertake a one-year contract extension, from April 1 2018 to March 31 2019 with 327241 Alberta Ltd. – Klassic Kennels to provide animal control services for the Town of Blackfalds.
- Council approved of this decision as Klassic Kennels has provided excellent animal control services for the growing community and the growing amount of pet owners.

Director of Emergency Management Appointment

- Council moved to appoint Emergency Management and Protective Services Manager Ken Morrison as Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Blackfalds, effective immediately.

Council Community Engagement Opportunities - 2018

- Council was provided with a listing which was created to provide information on a number of upcoming events and initiatives where Council will have the opportunity to attend and network with the public.
- Upcoming events can be found online at <https://www.blackfalds.com/living->

[here/events-calendar](#). This include Winterfest, Chamber Meet & Greet, Home Show, Family Easter Event, Volunteer Recognition, Volunteer Firefighter Awareness Week and Community Cleanup.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

- The Town is encouraged to fill out a submission form for the 17th annual Minister's Awards for Municipal Excellence which, according to the letter provided to Council, recognizes excellence in local government practices.
- AUMA provided a templated letter with the request that Council fill it out and send to the local MLA regarding police funding. It is hoped that the letters from municipalities will move forward a fair approach to police funding provided by Municipalities.
- Council requested Administration to provide more information, including a proposed plan of action regarding cannabis legalization after receiving a request from Too Far, Too Fast initiative which hopes to deter or postpone the legalization of marijuana across the country. Due to the lack of information, Council was unable to make a decision on whether or not to support this initiative at this time.
- Council was informed that a meeting with Wolf Creek Public Schools was postponed due to a pre-existing Council meeting on March 13, 2018. Administration will work with Wolf Creek Public School to re-schedule the meeting as the partnership with them is important to the Town.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The Town is ready to host Winterfest 2018 which takes place on February 19, 2018. Community Services Department Director Sean Barnes informed council that 18 Penguin Dippers have signed up, a new record.
- Blackfalds Senior Housing is in the works and Mike Leathwood, Chief Executive Officer for the Bethany Group and Melodie Stol, Stakeholder Relations Advisor met to discuss needs and possibilities. The next step in the process is to take Administration on a schedule tour of Bashaw and Camrose's senior facilities on February 21, 2018.