

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Town of Blackfalds Council. Council encourages residents, businesses and stakeholders to keep in touch with Council news. Official minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at www.blackfalds.com. Archived minutes are available by request.

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – February 26, 2019

Delegation:

BOLT Governance Committee members Weran and Juch presented an update on the Regional Transit Operational Partnership and highlighted proposed changes based on user feedback and best practices.

Business Arising:

- **Central Alberta Tourism Alliance (CATA)** – Administration provided Council a review to determine the value of this membership to the participating municipalities. Council further directed Administration to explore the direct benefit to the Town and to also provide insight on the ability to influence discussion on the Bighorn development in the absence of a CATA membership.
- **AB Municipal Affairs Annual Municipal Excellence Award Submission** – Council approved the recommendation to support a nomination submission for the Broadway Avenue Re-alignment and Development Project.

Business

- **CAO Report** – CAO Thompson provided a progress report on work being conducted by Administration on numerous projects and initiatives. This CAO report also included activities from the past month, including a few highlights such as the Public Hearing for Municipal Controlled Corporation, Winterfest, the Town's role with the Lacombe County Mutual Aid Organization and recent developments being proposed in the Community.
- **BOLT Regional Transit update** – The BOLT Governance Committee has been meeting to explore ways to find efficiencies, address ridership and discuss financial implications of this regional service. Council moved to accept the report as information and expressed their desire to see the committee continue working together and include public engagement to best understand the most effective ways to move forward with this service.
- **Alberta Registry Office Analysis** - Following the Public Hearing on February 12, Council directed Administration to provide more detail on the proposed business plan to operate a Municipally Controlled Corporation (MCC) for the purpose of incubating an Alberta Registry Office in Blackfalds. With more details from competitors, the government and industry, Council voted to defer a decision on creating the MCC while Administration explores developing a satellite office option.
- **2019 Audit Plan** – Each year, auditors for the Town develop a strategy to complete an audit of the prior year's financial information. Council moved to approve and auditors from RSM Alberta LLP will conduct their work on site.

Action Correspondence:

- **WCPS Your Voice Matters Invitation** – Survey was accepted as information with participation on an individual basis.
- **Battle River Biodiversity Forum** – Invite to Workshop was accepted as information.
- **2019 16th Annual Christian Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** – Available Members of Council will attend.

Information Items: Several items were presented as information, including:

- FCSS Meeting Minutes January 10, 2019
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 12, 2019
- BOLT Governance Committee Meeting Minutes December 10, 2018
- BOLT Governance Committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2019
- Red Deer River Municipal Users Group Meeting Update January 17, 2019
- Lacombe County Council Highlights February 14, 2019
- Parkland Regional Library 2019 Statistical Review
- Alberta Culture and Tourism VSIF Funding
- Alberta Rural Health Quarterly 2019 Vol 2 Issue 3

Round Table Discussion Verbal Second Monthly Meetings

- Council presented round table reports highlighting monthly meetings, events and activities.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Council approved the Regular Council Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes from February 12, 2019.

- **Next Regular Council Meeting**
March 12, 2019
 - **Next Standing Committee of Council Meeting**
March 18, 2019
- LOCATION:** Council Chambers
2nd Floor, 5018 Waghorn St.

The Public is invited to attend all Regular Council and Standing Committee Meetings and Public Hearings