



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 – April 9, 2019

Delegation:

- **Vesta Energy** – Presentation on Vesta’s role in the area as a growing business in the Oil and Gas sector. Vesta gave an update on the seismic events and what the company is doing to address any connection to Vesta’s work in the area at the time. They also presented on the current Temporary Diversion Licence process for drawing water from the Red Deer River Basin as well as their application before the Alberta Energy Regulator for a multi-year license. Representatives answered questions from Council and also highlighted their renewed commitment to be more involved at the community level.
- **Blackfalds RCMP** – Sgt. Brent Dueck presented the RCMP’s first quarter report to Council with highlights that include the changes to property and assault crimes in the community noting that overall, the crime statistics are down across the board. Sgt. Dueck also highlighted the great work being done by the Resource Officer with the schools.

Business Items:

- **Municipal Cannabis Transition Program – Funding Review Update-** CAO Thompson updated Council on the process for allocation of \$50,446 from the Municipal Cannabis Transition Program to offset The Town’s costs relative to last year’s passing of legislation to legalize cannabis.

Business:

- **First Preliminary Drawings of the Multi-Plex Expansion and Library** – Community Services Director Barnes and representatives from ACI Architects and RC Strategies presented steps taken to date in the very early stages of this processes including the development of conceptual drawings. The plan for public engagement and consultation was presented and Council discussed the process, inquired about next steps and approved questions for the upcoming Open House on April 17, 2019.
- **Bylaw 1234.19 Land Use Bylaw Amendment** – Council gave first reading to an application to rezone Residential Single Family Large Lot District near downtown to a Residential Multi Dwelling District and set an Public Hearing for May 14, 2019.
- **2019 Operating and Capital Budget – Amendment** – Council accepted the recommendation of Administration to amend the 2019 Operating Budget of \$28,196,952 and Capital Budget of \$14,337,100 for a total budget of \$42,534,052 with an amortization of \$4,833,000.
- **Bylaw 1235.19 – 2019 Property Tax Rate Bylaw** – Council approved First, Second, Third and Final Reading to Bylaw 1235.19 to set Property Tax rate based on the funds needed to balance the budget.
- **Blackfalds Public Library – Bylaw** – Council approved the Bylaws as presented for the Blackfalds Public Library to be effective to April 3, 2018.
- **Safety Code Inspections Services – Contract Renewal** – Council approved the extension of the Safety Code Services agreement with IJD Inspections for a period of two (2) years.
- **Directors Quarterly Report – first quarter 2019** – Council accepted the Directors first quarter report as presented for information.
- **Council Chambers Sound System Upgrades – Live Streaming** – Council approved direction to allocate \$5,000 to move towards purchase of equipment and set up for Live Streaming of Council Meetings.
- **Animal Control Services – Award for Services** – Council awarded a three (3) year agreement with 327241 Alberta Ltd. – Animal Control Services/ Klassic Kennels for the provision of Animal Control Services for the Town of Blackfalds.

Action Correspondence

- **Parade Invitation: Village of Clive for June 22, 2019** - Council accepted for information.

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

- **Building and Development Report – March 2019**
- **Protective Services Monthly Report – March 2019**
- **Talk of the Town Council Submission New Schedule and Process**
- **Municipal Planning Commission Minutes February 26, 2019**
- **RMRMUG Meeting Update March 21, 2019**
- **RDC (RDU) Invitation – Community Awards May 23, 2019**
- **Stars Fleet Tour Invitation April 18, 2019**
- **Tutty Family Letter and Tutty Pond Park Grand Opening June 21, 2019**

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Regular Council Minutes from March 26, 2019 were given approval.

Councilor Taylor introduced a motion to ask the Provincial Government, through the AUMA, to provide a consistent approach in dealing with the Province in approving future Registries Offices.

- **Next Regular Council Meeting**
April 23, 2019
 - **Next Standing Committee of Council Meeting:**
April 15, 2019
- LOCATION:**
Council Chambers
2nd Floor Community Civic Centre

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