



Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by Town of Blackfalds Council. Residents, businesses and stakeholders are encouraged to keep in touch with Council news. Council meetings are live streamed on the Town's [YouTube channel](#). Official minutes are posted on the Town of Blackfalds website at www.blackfalds.com. Archived minutes are available by request.

DECEMBER 10, 2019 - Regular Meeting of Council Highlights

Public Hearing:

- A Public Hearing was held on Bylaw 1239/19, being the Town of Blackfalds and Lacombe County IDP for the purpose to establish a new Inter-Municipal Development Plan pursuant to the modernized MGA for the adopted Area Structure Plans within Lacombe County surrounding the Town of Blackfalds, and to include the Joint Economic Area. One late written objection was read into the minutes concerning the areas of Blackstone Estates and Greystone Ranch. The author outlined their concerns that this IDP Bylaw fails to recognize the Hwy 2A corridor ASP of those two areas and future annexation. The Planning Department provided further comment that both Administrations have integrated assumptions into the draft document and that Lacombe County is holding a Public Hearing, Thursday December 12, 2019 at 0900hrs on this IDP.

Delegation:

- **Parent Link Program Update:** Lacombe & District FCSS Executive Officer Susan MacDonald presented details of the service and upcoming changes to the Parent Link Program for the 5 municipalities they currently serve, acknowledging that full service programming will continue in Blackfalds to March 2020, with appreciation for the additional funding support approved by Council on November 26, 2019.
- **Centre Plaza Concept Development:** Brad Vander Heyden and Gordon Lau from Stantec presented conceptual drawings of the Plaza Design Concept and Site Planning for the Town of Blackfalds Multi-Plex Expansion Project, highlighting a site overview, proposed parking, a plaza concept and stormwater management plans for the area.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- **Bylaw 1239/19 – Blackfalds/Lacombe County IDP:** Following the Public Hearing on Bylaw 1239/19, Administration presented Bylaw 1239/19 for consideration of Second Reading. Alberta municipalities are required to complete an Inter-municipal Development Plan with neighboring communities. The development of this Bylaw has been ongoing since 2018. A joint IDP committee was formed and have met 3 times to develop a revised IDP, updating the Introduction, Objectives, Provincial Legislation, Population Projections, Stormwater Management, Infrastructure and Maps, with the additions of Plan Principles and Fire Management. Administration added that if Council gives Second Reading to the Bylaw, it will come back for Third and Final Reading in January, pending approval of Second Reading by Lacombe County later this week. Council unanimously approved Second Reading of Bylaw 1239/19.
- **Farm Safety Centre** (verbal): CAO Thompson provided a follow up after discussions with Lacombe County, who conduct farm safety for youth through their own initiatives. The original invitation was to ask municipalities to support with an annual contribution. Council accepted this as information.

Business:

- **2020 Operational Budget Approval:** Council unanimously approved to approve the 2020 Operating Budget of \$28,900,649.00, representing a modest 1% property tax increase, meaning an average monthly increase to residential properties of approximately \$1.94 per month, not including the provincial portion of the Alberta School Foundation Fund, determined by the Alberta Government in the Spring of 2020.
- **FCSS Grant Funding Requests:** Council unanimously approved 2 requests for Iron Ridge Elementary Campus in the amount of \$3,546.51 for 'We Thinkers' and for St. Gregory the Great School for \$703.49 for 'Connect Parenting'.
- **Planning & Development Consulting Services (PCPS):** Council unanimously approved the recommendation of Administration to not accept membership with PCPS at this time. Administration acknowledged that the Town will require consultants in the future and that the services provided by PCPS will be kept as one of a number of consultant groups that the Town will consider when required.
- **Public Art Installations:** Council was presented with information specific to two projects and unanimously approved the installation of public art features at the Wadey Centre and After the Grind in 2020.



- **Standing Committee of Council Meeting Cancellation December 16, 2019:** Council unanimously moved to cancel the meeting.

Action Correspondence:

- **Alberta Municipal Affairs – Changes to ICF and IDP Requirements:** Alberta Municipal Affairs sent communication to Alberta Mayor's and Reeves addressing concerns expressed by municipalities relative to changes in the framework and plans through Bill 25, the Red Tape Reduction Implementation Act. Council accepted the letter as information, with one opposed.

Information:

- Building and Development Report – November 2019
- Protective Services Monthly Report – November 2019
- Water System – Lead Management Requirements
- Municipal Library Board Meeting Minutes – 2019
- RDRMUG Highlights November 21 2019
- Lacombe County Council Highlights November 28 2019
- Central Alberta Builder Article – Multi-Plex Project

Adoption of Minutes:

- Council approved minutes for November 18 Standing Committee and November 26 Regular Council.

Business for the Good of Council:

- Christmas Cards received to date were shared amongst Council.
- Council addressed some public feedback regarding emails sent to info@blackfalds.com and directed Administration to deal with these in a timely manner. Administration will follow up with staff to ensure improved response times and action on these emails.

Confidential:

- Council held a closed session meeting in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Sections 21, 16, 28 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP).

Next Regular Council Meeting: January 14, 2020

Next Standing Committee of Council Meeting: January 20, 2020

Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers
Level 2, Civic Cultural Centre
5018 Waghorn Street

The public is invited to attend all Regular Council, Standing Committee Meetings and Public Hearings. Any in-camera portion of a Council meeting is closed to the public to discuss matters as permitted under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.