

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – February 9, 2021

Council Highlights briefly identify decisions made by the 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.

Business

Request for Decision Letter to the Premier – Alberta Registry Service Concern

Council discussed, verbally, that for the past nine years, and in earnest for the past two years, they have been advocating for a registry's office within the Town of Blackfalds. Communication between the Town and Service Alberta has been disappointing. A letter has been drafted to Premier Jason Kenny to convey the frustration surrounding the many discussions and Council approved for the open letter to be sent to the media and the Premier.

Request for Decision – Proclamation – Black History Month

Mayor Richard Poole proclaimed February as Black History Month in Blackfalds.

Request for Decision – Leung Road/Duncan Avenue Project – Award of Contract

The Director of Infrastructure and Property Services presented seven bids that were received for the design and build of the new 360-metre-long connector road (Duncan Ave), planned to go through All Star Park from Vista Trail to Leung Road and for the upgrade of a section of Leung Road. This work is in preparation for the construction of the new Wolf Creek High School scheduled for construction later this year.

Council awarded DB Bobcat Services Inc. as the winning bid in the amount of \$1,727,728.07, as well as approved additional project expenditures required with the total amount of the project being \$2,000,000.00.

Request for Decision – Enterprise Asset Management Software – RFP and Update

Infrastructure Services Manager presented the draft request for proposal for an upcoming enterprise asset management software for review. These activities will be funded partially by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities after they awarded the Town of Blackfalds a \$38,435.00 grant.

The draft RFP was approved by Council and will be posted immediately with a deadline of March 18, 2021.

Telus Letter of Support

Telus is currently applying for funding through the Universal Broadband Fund to undertake upgrades to their existing tower in Blackfalds to increase internet performance as there are upwards of 60 residents who have had issues with their internet connection in their specific areas. They are requesting a letter of support from Council to accompany their application.

Council approved to provide Telus with a letter of support as requested.

Action Correspondence

Municipal District of Bonnyville – Western Canadian Municipal Advocate

Council was sent a letter from the Municipal District of Bonnyville in relation to the lack of Western Canadian representation at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities FCM. This letter was accepted as information however no further action will be taken. The letter was accepted as information.



Parkland Airshed Management Zone – Membership Request

Council has received a request for membership from the Parkland Airshed Management zone annually, Council will await the completion of the Environmental Stewardship Strategy to determine future environmental initiatives, including support through membership with the Parkland Airshed Management Zone. The item was accepted as information.

Information

Council received the items below for information:

- Report to Council Building and Development Permit Report – Jan 2021
- Report to Council Enforcement Services Monthly Report – Jan 2021
- Report to Council Wolf Creek School Division Ward Structure
- Report to Council Alberta Municipal Internship Program – Planning Intern
- Report to Council Gregg Street & Womacks Road Upgrades – Project Update
- Report to Council Eagle Builders Centre - Existing Arena Ice Operations Closure
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2020
- Recreation, Culture and Parks Board Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2021
- Lacombe County Council Highlights for January 28, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights for January 25, 2021

Adoption of Minutes

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on January 26, 2021 and the minute amendments from the Regular Council Meeting on January 12 and Standing Committee of Council Meeting on January 18, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Standing Committee Meeting – Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm

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

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The Confidential (In Camera) portion of a Council meeting is closed to the public to discuss matters permitted under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, Chapter F-25.