

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – February 23, 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](http://www.blackfalds.com). Archived minutes are available by request.*

### **Business**

#### **CAO Report**

CAO Thompson gave an overview of his report which highlights various organizational operations and activities during the month of January.

#### **Request for Decision – East Area Stormwater Project: Phase 2A & 3 Tender Award**

The Director of Infrastructure and Property Services presented four bids for Phase 2A and Phase 3 of the East Area Stormwater Project. Council moved to approve DB Bobcat as the winning bid for \$2,927,608.05. Funding has been allocated through the approved Capital Budget.

#### **Request for Decision – FCSS Provincial Advocacy**

The Family and Community Support Services Manager requested a letter of advocacy from Council to MLA Ron Orr to request continued FCSS Funding. Council approved the request and Administration will send the letter using the approved template provided to MLA Orr and MLA Sawhney.

#### **Request for Decision – RCMP Annual Policing Plan 2021/2022**

Manager of Emergency Management and Protective Services presented upcoming priorities for the 2021/22 RCMP Annual Performance Plan. Council approved the recommendation to make Police & Community Relations, Safe Roads, and Property Crime the three main priorities.

#### **Request for Decision – 2021 Minister's Award of Municipal Excellence**

CAO Thompson discussed the 2021 Minister's Award of Municipal Excellence award, explaining that it has been recognizing and awarding municipalities in their successes and accomplishments for municipal services since 2002. Administration is recommending that the Eagle Builders Centre Project be a submission for Blackfalds this year. Council approved the recommendation.

#### **Request for Decision – Habitat for Humanity: Blackfalds Project TeamBuild**

CAO Thompson provided Council with a TeamBuild invitation from Habitat for Humanity which would include a day of hands-on building, safety training and recognition for the volunteer efforts.

#### **Request for Decision – International Women's Day**

As International Women's Day approaches, Administration has been brainstorming on how to encourage female participation in politics. With the 2021 election coming up, inspiring more women to become involved in the innerworkings of a municipality would be a benefit for the community. Council approved the creation of a working committee to create and execute these goals, as well as encourage participation by minority groups and approved a second motion to formally recognize International Women's Day on March 8, 2021.



**Request for Decision – Municipal Library Board Resignation**

Council formally accepted the resignation of Karyl Tobin from the Municipal Library Board effective immediately.

**Information**

Council received the items below for information:

- 2021 Volunteer Recognition Awards
- Eagle Builders Multi-Plex Project Update – Director Barnes (verbal)
- Municipal Internship – Alberta Municipal Affairs Award Letter
- Gas Tax Funding Approval – Alberta Municipal Affairs
- FCSS Board Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2021
- Lacombe County Council Highlights for February 11, 2021
- City of Lacombe Council Highlights for February 8, 2021

**Round Table Discussion**

Council members provided reports of meetings, events, and various activities from mid-January to mid-February.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on February 9, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

**Upcoming Council Meetings:**

Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 9, 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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