



Town of Blackfalds
Standing Committee of Council Meeting
Civic/Cultural Centre – 5018 Waghorn Street
January 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm

MINUTES

A Standing Committee of Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Monday January 18, 2021 at the Civic/Cultural Center, 5018 Waghorn Street, Blackfalds, Alberta, commencing at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Richard Poole
Deputy Mayor Rebecca Stendie
Councillor Marina Appel
Councillor Jamie Hoover
Councillor Ray Olfert
Councillor Laura Svab
Councillor Will Taylor

ATTENDING

CAO Myron Thompson
Justin de Bresser, Director of Corporate Services
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services
Cory Babey, Information Technology Analyst
Lorrie Logan, Municipal Clerk

REGRETS

None

MEDIA

None

PUBLIC

None

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Stendie called the Standing Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions: Reorder item 3.2 to 3.1

Deletions: Defer item 13.1 to RCM January 26, 2021

Resolution No. 01/21

Councillor Hoover moved that the Standing Committee of Council move to accept the agenda for January 18, 2021 as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

BDO Canada LLP – Alan Litster, Steven Sypkes, Mitchell Kennedy

- BDO Accountants gave an up-to-date presentation on the Annual Year End Audit

Klassic Kennels – Animal Control Services – Year End Review – Jim De Boon

- Mr. De Boon presented the Town with a plaque as “North Americas most Caring Pet Community” which will be posted on the Town of Blackfalds website

PUBLIC HEARING

None



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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

BUSINESS

Request for Decision, Seniors Facility Lease

CAO Thompson presented information on the Cheemo Club's lease agreement requesting a 24 month extension due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Resolution No. 02/21

Mayor Poole moved that the Standing Committee of Council direct Administration to extend the existing Cheemo Club's Lease Agreement for an additional 24-month period.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Safety Codes Services Draft - Request for Proposal

Director Weran presented a draft RFP seeking approval to advertise for qualified Safety Code Service firms that will provide services to the Town of Blackfalds for 3 years with an optional 2 year extension.

Resolution No. 03/21

Councillor Olfert moved that the Standing Committee of Council move to recommend that Administration release the Safety Code Services RFP on Alberta Purchasing Connection, the Town's Website and by invitation to current service providers within the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Decision, Alberta Civil Society Fund – Letter of Support for IMAGINE

CAO Thompson gave a brief overview of the new Civil Society Fund (CSF). If IMAGINE Citizens is successful in receiving funding for their "Alberta Community Health Ambassador Program" the Town of Blackfalds will have an opportunity to formally partner with them or act in a support capacity and to advise the Blackfalds Health Professional Attraction and Retention Committee in deliberating about how they might partner with the organization.

Resolution No. 04/21

Mayor Poole moved that the Standing Committee of Council support the group IMAGINE in their application to the Civil Society Fund (CSF) program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Meeting – Virtual Meeting discussion – Verbal

Discussion took place about hosting monthly Council meetings virtually. There were concerns in not adhering fully to Provincial guideline measures. Also expressed were some challenges experienced using the Microsoft Teams platform. The Zoom platform was recognized as a superior product especially with the live streaming capability.

Resolution No. 05/21

Councillor Hoover moved that the Standing Committee of Council move to obtain a license for Zoom to use as the platform for virtual meetings.

CARRIED
Opposed: Mayor Poole



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Request for Direction, Municipal Index Comparison – January 2020

Mayor Poole presented information on the Government of Alberta Municipal Index Comparison which is an evaluation tool for municipalities.

Resolution No. 06/21

Mayor Poole moved that Council request Administration to provide an analysis of the Municipal Indicators for Blackfalds as well as provide a list of communities that we can use for comparative purposes and present these findings to Council in a comprehensive manner that allows Council time to question and evaluate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Request for Direction, Council Budget Process

Mayor Poole presented information about the Council Budget Processes and how to proceed going forward.

Resolution No. 07/21

Councillor Hoover moved that the Standing Committee of Council request that Administration provide a training session for Council regarding the Pros and Cons of different budgetary approaches. No further action is contemplated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

None

INFORMATION

Report to Council, 2021 Municipal Census Program – Revised Process

A discussion took place about a new process for recording Census results for the Town of Blackfalds as the software program is not available from the City of Airdrie at this time.

Resolution No. 08/21

Councillor Appel moved that the Standing Committee of Council accept the Municipal Census Program – Revised Process as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WCPS Budget & District Priorities Input Invitation

Resolution No. 09/21

Councillor Olfert moved that the Standing Committee of Council accept the WCPS Budget & District Priorities Input Invitation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRL Board Talk – November 12, 2020

Resolution No. 10/21

Councillor Svab moved to accept the PRL Board Talk as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ROUND TABLE

None



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ADOPTION OF MINUTES

None

BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNCIL

None

AJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Stendie adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm.



Deputy Mayor, Rebecca Stendie



Myron Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer