

## Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – April 13, 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**

#### **Director's Quarterly Report**

The Directors of Infrastructure, Corporate Services and Community Services gave an overview of their 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 Quarterly Report, which highlights various organizational operations and activities within their departments.

#### **Request for Decision, Property Rate Bylaw**

First reading was given to the 2021 Property Tax Bylaw 1257.21, which would increase the tax rate by 1.5%. The first reading puts the Bylaw on the table; however, Council can still make changes, including directing Administration to lower or eliminate the current proposed tax rate increase.

#### **Request for Decision, Womacks Road and Gregg Street Realignment**

During the 2021 budget deliberations, funding was allocated for re-facing the downtown area around the new Twin Arena facility plaza. This includes the underground work on the parking lot, the centre plaza feature, the realignment of Gregg Street and connection to Womacks Road as well as Highway 2A improvements. Council awarded the project to Border Paving Ltd. for \$3,724,975.20, excluding GST. Council also approved additional project expenditures in the amount of \$6.24 million; however, delayed approving the centre plaza feature portion of the project.

#### **Request for Decision, Safety Code Services Contract Award**

Planning and Development Manager Topolnitsky noted that a draft request for proposal was released for qualified Safety Code Service firms to provide services tailored to meet the Town of Blackfalds current and future safety requirements. Council moved that Administration enter into a Safety Code Services Contract with IJD Inspections for a three-year period.

#### **Request for Decision, School's Special Nomination**

In March, the FCSS Board made a motion to acknowledge all the staff members, teachers, administrators, and others employed throughout all of the schools in Blackfalds. Council moved to recognize the Blackfalds Iron Ridge Schools and St. Gregory the Great Catholic School for their extraordinary efforts and capacity to support the children and youth of Blackfalds throughout the past year.

### **Action Correspondence**

#### **FCM Conference Attendance**

Since the 2021 FCM Conference will be virtual, all of Council is able to attend if they choose.



**National Police Federation Meeting Request**

The National Police Federation requested a meeting with the Town of Blackfalds on the subject of a provincially-ran policing service. Council invited them to attend a future Council Meeting as a delegation.

**Information**

Council received the items below for information:

- Report to Council, Building and Development Permit Report – March 2021
- Report to Council, Enforcement Services Monthly Report – March 2021
- Letter from Premier Kenney on Alberta Registry Services
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2021
- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021
- Recreation, Culture, and Parks Board Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021

**Adoption of Minutes**

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on March 23 as well as the Special Council Meeting on March 30.

**Confidential**

A closed session of Council was held commencing at 8:44 p.m., in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss a matter exempt from disclosure under Section 17 under Alberta’s Freedom of Information and protection of Privacy Act.

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

**Upcoming Council Meetings:**

Standing Committee Meeting – Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

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

***Council meetings are occurring virtually and via live stream currently.***  
***Please see our YouTube channel for complete meeting.***

*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.*