

Highlights of the Regular Council Meeting – April 27, 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 Arising from the Minutes

Council Code of Conduct Bylaw Review

Council will utilize a Workshop to review and update Council Code of Conduct Bylaw 1226.18.

Request for Decision, Property Rate Bylaw

Council passed Property Tax Rate Bylaw 1257.21, which increased the property tax rate by 0.6%.

Business

Request for Decision, 2020 Audited Statements

Annual financial statements are prepared every year following an audit process undertaken by chartered professional accountants (BDO). The 2020 Consolidated Financial Statements were accepted as presented.

Request for Decision, Draft Firearms and Weapons Bylaw

First reading was given to the draft Firearms and Weapons Bylaw, which is outdated in its inclusive of fireworks regulations and regulates weapons not listed within the Criminal Code of Canada, such as slingshots. Council requested an updated survey be sent out for input on this Bylaw.

Request for Decision, Youth Week Proclamation and International Economic Development Week

Youth Week was proclaimed from May 9th to 15th. It is a week of celebration intended to build a strong connection between youth and their communities. On May 14, there will be a community Drive-in movie (The War with Grandpa).

International Economic Development Week was proclaimed from May 1st to 7th.

Request for Decision, Tandem Truck Tender Award

The Town of Blackfalds utilizes Fleet & Equipment Replacement Policy 113.14 to guide the replacement of the Town's mobile equipment. A tandem truck is included in the policy with a lifecycle replacement after 20 years. The current tandem truck was originally purchased new in 2000 (21 years old). Council awarded the tandem truck bid to New West Truck for \$243,923.00.

Request for Decision – Land Annexation – NE 24-39-27-W4

The owner of the land parcel described as the NE 24-39-27-W4 reached out through formal correspondence to request that the Town of Blackfalds consider the annexation of his land by the Town of Blackfalds. This land will be integrated into the Town's long-term growth area. Council authorized the initiation of the annexation process.



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Request for Decision – Business and Resident Support COVID-19

Administration requested direction on temporary relief for businesses and residents who have been impacted by COVID. This includes deferring utility billing penalties, tax penalties, and a process for business license fee relief. The Town will also support patio extensions, providing tables and chairs for patios, and allowing local businesses to utilize Town greenspace for activities.

Roundtable Discussion

Mayor and Council shared meetings and events attended from March to April, 2021.

Information

Council received the items below for information:

- Eagle Builders Centre Project Update (verbal)
- BOLT KPI Report
- FCSS Board Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2021
- Red Deer River Municipal Users Group Newsletter for April 2021

Adoption of Minutes

Council reviewed and adopted the Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting on April 13 as well as the Standing Committee Meeting on April 19.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Taylor requested that Administration develop a data or information policy that will be utilized to qualify data using relevant criteria and that this policy be brought before Council for review and consideration.

Business for the Good of Council

CAO Thompson noted that on April 28th, the flags would be at half-mast for WCB's Day of Mourning.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting – Monday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Standing Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 17, 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.