



Town of Blackfalds  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Remote/Virtual Platform  
**MINUTES**

A Regular Council meeting for the Town of Blackfalds was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, via a virtual remote platform, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ATTENDING**

Myron Thompson, CAO  
Sean Barnes, Director of Community Services  
Preston Weran, Director of Infrastructure and Property Services  
Justin De Bresser, Director of Corporate Services  
Sue Bornn, Manager of FCSS  
Terry Topolnitsky, Manager of Infrastructure and Property Services  
Kalina Van Winssen, Executive Assistant

**REGRETS**

None

**MEDIA**

None

**PUBLIC**

None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**99/21** Councillor Olfert moved that Council adopt the April 13, 2021 agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DELEGATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Notice of Motion – Council Code of Conduct Bylaw**

Councillor Stendie noted that the current Council Code of Conduct Bylaw does not align with the processes laid out for staff in the municipality of Blackfalds. Councillor Stendie requested that staff and Council have similar requirements and detailed expectations, as well as similar complaint processes available to them, via a review of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw.



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- 100/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Administration bring Bylaw 1226.18, being the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw to the next Council Meeting, Tuesday April 27, 2021, for discussion and possible revision.

**CARRIED**

*Opposed: Councillor Taylor and Mayor Poole*

**BUSINESS**

**Director's Quarterly Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021**

The Directors of Infrastructure and Property Services, Corporate Services and Community Services presented their 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report to Council.

- 101/21 Councillor Taylor moved that the 2021 Director's 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Property Tax Rate Bylaw**

Director De Bresser reviewed the assessments on the residential and non-residential tax base, as well as noted the distribution of the tax dollars between municipal tax, senior's requisition, and Alberta education. 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 of 1.5%.

- 102/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council give First Reading to the 2021 Property Tax Bylaw 1257.21 for the Town of Blackfalds.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 103/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved that Administration bring back tax rate increase scenarios of 0.6% and 0%, as well as defer tax and utility payments for residents and business relief. Furthermore, Administration is to provide a capital and operating budget report on the first three months of 2021.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Womacks Road and Gregg Street Realignment**

In 2021, \$5.88 million dollars in funding was allocated for re-facing the downtown area around the new Twin Arena facility plaza. This work includes the underground work, the realignment of Gregg Street and connection to Womacks Road as well as Highway 2A improvements.

- 104/21 Councillor Taylor moved to award the Womacks Road & Gregg Street Realignment / Plaza Parking Lot work to Border Paving Ltd. for \$3,724,975.20, excluding GST.

**CARRIED**

*Deputy Mayor Svab Opposed*

- 105/21 Councillor Taylor moved to approve additional project expenditures required and as identified to an upset and total project budget amount of \$6.24 million dollars.

**CARRIED**

*Deputy Mayor Svab Opposed*



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**Request for Decision – Engineering Services Proposal**

Director Weran noted that an RFP for engineering services was advertised on the website and APC and closed on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Nine proposals were received.

- 106/21 Councillor Olfert moved to award the Municipal Engineering Services Agreement to Stantec Consulting Red Deer for a period of three-years with the option to extend the agreement for an additional two-years.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – Safety Code Services Contract Award**

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.

- 107/21 Councillor Stendie moved that Administration enter into a Safety Code Services Contract with IJD Inspections for a three-year period with a two-year option clause.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Request for Decision – School's Special Nomination**

At the March FCSS meeting, the Board was presented with a special nomination for all local schools. This special nomination was presented as unique as it is seeking to acknowledge all of the staff members, teachers, administrators and others employed throughout all of the schools in Blackfalds.

- 108/21 Councillor Hoover 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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Councillor Stendie recused herself from this vote*

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

**FCM Conference Attendance**

Mayor Poole advised that due to the 2021 FCM Conference being virtual, there are less budget implications and more Councillors will be able to attend if they choose to do so.

- 109/21 Councillor Stendie moved to allow any interested members of Council to attend the 2021 virtual FCM Conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**National Police Federation Meeting Request**

The National Police Federation requested a meeting with the Town of Blackfalds on the subject of a provincially run policing service.

- 110/21 Councillor Olfert moved that Council invite the National Police Federation to a future Council Meeting as a delegation.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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



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- Municipal Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021
- Recreation, Culture, and Parks Board Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2021

111/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved to accept the Information Items as information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

112/21 Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2021 as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

113/21 Councillor Appel moved that Council accept the Special Council Meeting Minutes from March 30, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BREAK**

114/21 Councillor Olfert moved for a five-minute recess at 8:44 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:49 p.m.

**CONFIDENTIAL – Closed Session**

- FOIP S.17

115/21 Councillor Hoover moved that Council move to a closed session commencing at 8:49 p.m. in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Section 17 of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Closed Session Attendance - FOIP S.17:** Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Myron Thompson

116/21 Deputy Mayor Svab moved to come out of the closed session at 8:59 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RETURNED TO ORDER**

Mayor Poole called the Regular Council Meeting back to order at 8:59 p.m.

**Regular Meeting Attendance:** Mayor Richard Poole, Deputy Mayor Laura Svab, Councillor Ray Olfert, Councillor Jamie Hoover, Councillor Marina Appel, Councillor Rebecca Stendie, Councillor Will Taylor, CAO Myron Thompson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poole adjourned the meeting 8:59 p.m.

Richard Poole, Mayor

Myron Thompson, CAO