

Council Highlights

February 12, 2024

Below is a quick summary of Council discussions and decisions at the February 12, 2024, regular Council meeting.

• Bylaw 2024-05 Animal Bylaw: Administration conducted a comprehensive review of the Community Standards Bylaw and recommended the removal of the section that deals with the responsibilities of animal ownership. Instead, the content was inserted into a separate Animal Bylaw. The proposed bylaw is aimed at promoting the well-being of animals, ensuring public safety, fostering responsible pet ownership, and promoting community harmony. Council gave the first reading to Bylaw 2024-05 Animal Bylaw.

Bylaw 2024-05 Animal Bylaw will be revisited at a future Council meeting for second and third readings.

• Family and Community Support Services Grant Recommendations: Council approved the following Family Community Support Services (FCSS) grants for 2024 as recommended by administration:

ORGANIZATION	RECOMMENDED
BGC of Olds and Area	
The Zone Youth Centre Programming	\$22,000.00
Babysitting / Home Alone Course	\$1,000.00
Summer Programming	\$1,500.00
After School Programming	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	TOTAL: \$27,000.00
Chinooks Edge – YES Program	\$15,000.00
Hope for 4 MV Kids	\$500.00
Mountain View Emergency Shelter Society – Resiliency Programs	\$6,500.00
Mountain View Moccasin House	\$4,000.00
Mountain View Regional Libraries – Books for Babies	\$464.00
Olds & District Hospice Society	\$1,000.00
Special Family Voices	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$55,964.00

• Town of Olds Annual Report: Administration presented the Town of Olds 2023 Annual Report. The report has been organized according to Council's Strategic Plan and corresponding goals to provide readers with a better understanding of how Council's governance and vision for the municipality are aligned with the day-to-day operational priorities of Town staff.

Council accepted the Town of Olds 2023 Annual Report as presented.

 Notice of Motion: During the regular Council meeting held on January 22, 2024, a notice of motion by Councillor Wilson was introduced to consider adopting a salary program for Council's remuneration. The notice of motion was scheduled to be discussed at the February 12, 2024, regular Council meeting. Council accepted the notice of motion and instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a report on potential options within 60 days.

• Rotary Athletic Park of Olds - Dirt Jump Track: At the regular Council meeting on January 22, 2024, Mr. Clinton Pederson presented the concept of creating a dirt jump track in the Town of Olds. Administration has subsequently proposed that staff work with Mr. Pederson and other sports enthusiasts to further explore the feasibility of a dirt pump track in Olds through community engagement, high-level costing, and venue exploration.

Council directed the Chief Administrative Officer to engage with volunteers interested in exploring the potential of a dirt jump track in Olds and to update Council on the progress by June 30, 2024.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Visit www.olds.ca/councilmeetings for all meeting agendas and minutes.