



Council Highlights

February 26, 2024

Below is a quick summary of Council discussions and decisions at the February 26, 2024, regular Council meeting.

- **Delegation – MLA Nathan Cooper:** MLA Nathan Cooper shared the recent developments from the provincial level and invited Council to ask questions. Council inquired about the accessibility of provincial grant funding, including funding options beyond the regular grant programs for municipalities, political parties in municipal government, and affordability initiatives.

Council thanked MLA Cooper for attending the Council meeting.

- **Delegation – RCMP Quarterly Report:** Staff Sergeant Wright and Sergeant Poon of the Olds RCMP Detachment presented the quarterly Community Policing Report covering October 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, which includes data on staffing, finances, and crime statistics.

Council accepted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police quarterly report as presented.

- **Bylaw 2024-05 Animal Bylaw:** During the regular Council meeting held on February 12, 2024, Council gave first reading to the proposed Animal Bylaw 2024-05, which aims to promote the well-being of animals, ensuring public safety and fostering responsible pet ownership. At today's meeting, administration presented Animal Bylaw 2024-05 for consideration of second reading and direction on changes to the proposed bylaw.

Council passed motions for the following amendments to Bylaw 2024-05:

1. Section 49 was removed, which stated that all animals except urban hens must wear a purchased license when off the owner's property.
2. Section 60 was modified to allow households to foster more than three dogs or a litter of dogs, with approval from the Town.
3. Section 66 was changed to decrease the number of off-leash dogs allowed in an off-leash area from six dogs to three dogs per owner at one time.

Bylaw 2024-05 received second reading and will be brought back with the amendments to a future Council meeting for third reading.

- **Bylaw 2024-13 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment:** Council gave first reading to Bylaw 2024-13 (Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 01-23) to expand the allowance for secondary suites in duplexes and detached suites in the General Residential (R2) land use district.

Council also set a public hearing for Bylaw 2024-13 for Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers.

- **Olds Fibre Ltd. Interest Forgiveness Request:** Council forgave the \$80,204.49 interest owed on the Olds Fibre Ltd. (OFL) promissory note for the April and October 2024 loan payments. The goal is to support OFL's finances after the TV conversion and core network upgrades.
- **Council Remuneration Review Committee Appointments:** Council appointed Debbie Bennett, Donna Harding, and Patrick Martens to the Council Remuneration Review Committee effective February 26, 2024.

Furthermore, Council instructed the Council Remuneration Review Committee to present a report on Policy 106C Remuneration and Benefits on or before May 27, 2024. The report is to contain recommendations regarding the compensation and benefits for Council members that will be in effect for the newly elected Council in 2025.

The full recording of the council meeting can be viewed by visiting: www.olds.ca/StreamingCouncilMeeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Visit www.olds.ca/councilmeetings for all meeting agendas and minutes.