



Council Highlights

January 22, 2024

Below is a quick summary of Council discussions and decisions at the January 22, 2024, regular Council meeting.

Delegation - Dirt Jump Track: Mr. Clinton Pederson presented a proposal for the establishment of a public dirt jump facility within the Town of Olds. Council accepted the presentation as information.

Bylaw 2024-01 Committee of the Whole: At the regular Council meeting held on January 8, 2024, a thorough discussion was held regarding the proposed Bylaw 2024-01, which, in essence, seeks to replace the Policy and Priorities meetings and is intended as information-gathering sessions. Council directed changes to Bylaw 2024-01, and it received first reading.

Administration brought back the bylaw with suggested revisions, which were reviewed by Council. A few minor changes were made to the bylaw during the meeting, and second and third readings were passed with the amendments.

Council also passed a motion to hold Committee of the Whole meetings at 1:00 pm on the following dates in the Council Chambers: March 4, 2024, May 6, 2024, July 2, 2024 (Tuesday), September 3, 2024 (Tuesday), October 7, 2024, and December 2, 2024. The dates are subject to change if necessary.

Bylaw 2024-04 Traffic Bylaw: During the regular Council meeting held on January 8, 2024, administration presented a new Traffic Bylaw with the aim of simplifying it for ease of navigation. After reviewing the bylaw, Council recommended some changes and passed the first reading. Today, a revised version of the bylaw was presented for Council's consideration. Council passed the second and third readings of Bylaw 2024-04, bringing the new bylaw into force.

Olds College Dinner of Distinction Sponsorship Request: The Town of Olds received a request from Olds College proposing a sponsorship opportunity for the first edition of the Dinner of Distinction: Connecting Legacies, which is scheduled to be held on March 15, 2024. Council approved a sponsorship of \$3,000 for the event.

Tax Exemption Requests: Non-profit organizations can be exempted from paying property taxes under the Municipal Government Act (MGA) if they meet certain conditions and qualifications outlined in Regulation AR 281/98 of the MGA. If a non-profit organization owns or leases a property and uses it for charitable or benevolent purposes that benefit the general public, it may be eligible for exemption from all property taxes, including requisitions. Administration presented a list of local organizations that applied and may qualify for exemptions in 2024 to Council for their consideration. Council exempted the following organizations for the 2024 taxation year:

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| ○ Padnoma Support Services | ○ Boys and Girls Club |
| ○ Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre | ○ Accredited Supports to the Community |
| ○ Scouts Canada | ○ Olds and District Hospice Society |
| ○ Imagine Gymnastics Club | |

The next Council meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Visit www.olds.ca/councilmeetings for all meeting agendas and minutes.