

Minutes of the Town of Olds Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting held on at 1 p.m. Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Olds Town Office.

PRESENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Deputy Mayor Mary Jane Harper

Mayor Michael Muzychka; Councillor Wade Bearchell; Councillor Debbie Bennett; Councillor Heather Ryan; and Councillor Wanda Blatz.

ABSENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councillor Mary Anne Overwater

PRESENT – STAFF:

Michael Merritt, Chief Administrative Officer; Doug Wagstaff, Director of Community Services; Scott Chant, Director of Operations; Sheena Linderman, Director of Finance; Monica Leatherdale, Communications Coordinator; and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. Call To Order

Chair, Deputy Harper called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

1A) Added Items

None

1B) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Mayor Michael Muzychka, "to accept the Council agenda for the March 4, 2019 Policies and Priorities Committee as presented."

Motion Carried PP19-8

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

2A) Policies and Priorities Committee Minutes – February 4, 2019

Moved by Councillor Bearchell, "to accept the Policies and Priorities Committee meeting minutes from February 4, 2019 as presented."

Motion Carried PP19-9

3. Presentations and Delegations

3A) Habitat for Humanity, Southern Alberta

Louise Gagne, Director of Regional Development along with Carrie Stanton, both with Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta were in attendance and gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the Habitat for Humanity program.

Habitat for Humanity brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. The Habitat does not give away free homes – the families who partner with them pay an interest free mortgage geared to their income and volunteer 500 hours with Habitat. As Habitat homeowners pay off their mortgages, the funds are investing into a revolving fund, which is used by their local Habitat to build more homes for low-income families in the community.

Since 2003 they have had 11 builds in central Alberta; with Olds having 6 of those 11 builds. This program is an affordable home mortgage, with no down payment interest free loan. With monthly payment no more than 25% of a families income. There are some basic criteria to meet to be eligible for this opportunity. Habitat is seeking applicants for the current resale home for sale at 4912 – 54th Avenue in Olds and have left some of these applications with the Town for anyone wishing to come and get one to apply.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that Council thank the delegation for attending and to accept the presentation from Habitat for Humanity, Southern Alberta for information at this time."
Motion Carried PP19-10

CAO Merritt indicated that the Director Wagstaff and Larry Wright will work with Habitat for Humanity to provide some demographical information and advertng avenues for applicants.

3B) 2019 Canada Winter Games Report

Director Wagstaff introduced Jennifer Lutz, Community Facilitator for the Town of Olds. Mrs. Lutz then presented a PowerPoint to Council on the 2019 Canada Winter MNP Olds Torch Relay Stop in the Town of Olds. The Town hosted a *Celebrate Sports Day* and had 16 of the 19 winter sports at the winter games represented throughout the Town, starting at 6 in the am and running until almost midnight. It was very well received within the community and none of this would have been possible without the great work of Town staff, many volunteers and the wonderful sponsors.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council accept the presentation and delegation for 2019 Canada Winter Games Report for information at this time."
Motion Carried PP19-11



Thank you Olds! The Town of Olds would like to thank the sponsors and volunteers who made the MNP Canada Winter Games Torch Relay and Celebrate Sports Day a huge success!
 Without help and support of the community and sponsors this event would not have been possible!

- MNP
- Canada Winter Games Committee & Host Society
- Torch Bearers, Jocelyn Peterman, Jon Ahlgrim, MP Earl Dresshen, Robert McBeath, Dr Tom Thompson, Danielle Lappage, Mark Mengersen, Mayor Michael Muzychka, Jay Rosehill
- Westview Coop – Food sponsor
- Techmation Controls – BBQ & cooks
- Tim Hortons
- Kendell Perry and Olds Minor Hockey Concession volunteers
- Olds Minor Hockey – Missy McDermid & Kendall Perry, Jeff Latimer, Duane Lowe and Tim Matthews
- OMHA volunteers, the Pee wee team who played against the Grizzly's, Atom A team relay racers and mascot volunteers
- Olds Grizzly's Players, Coaches and staff
- Norrie Power Skating
- Calgary Speed Skating Club
- Kobi Chant and Savanna Martel
- Olds Curling Club – Brian Winter, Jeff Miller, Colin Mueller, Heather Budd, Merv Tolliver, Darlene Leasak, Elaine Taylor, Brandee Lentz, Rowena Hoeve
- Olds Special Olympic Curling Team
- Olds College Broncos Athletics Teams
- Olds Figure Skating Club - Coaches Sam and Kobi, PAs Maddie, Meagan, Izzy and Tatiana and flag carriers and skating performers
- Olds Gymnastics Club
- Dragon Flight Archery
- Arashi-Do Olds Martial Arts Club
- Olds Rapid Swim Club
- Red Deer Silhouettes Synchronized Swimming Team
- Olds Maids and Red Deer U19 Ringette Teams
- ACAC Hockey teams - Olds Broncos Red Deer Queens
- Curlers Corner
- Canadian Tire Jump Start program
- Peavey Mart
- Digger Sports
- Olds Community Chorus
- Elder John Sinclair
- Pidherney's
- Vellner Leisure Products
- ATB Financial
- Mountain View Financial
- Mountain View Dodge
- Our Flames Family Restaurant
- O-Net
- Olds Municipal Library
- Olds Accredited Supports to the Community
- Community Learning Campus
- Aquam Aquatic Specialist Inc.
- Olds Boys and Girls Club
- Jungle Junction, Before and After School Care
- Local schools their help promoting the day
- Olds Albertan
- CKLJ and Rock 104.5 CAB-K Broadcasting
- Olds Institute
- Olds Chamber of Commerce
- Olds College
- Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP)
- Uptowne Olds
- Photographer Carla Victor
- Olds RCMP Detachment
- City of Red Deer Mayor Tara Veer
- Mountain View Reeve Bruce Beattie
- Red Deer County Reeve Jim Woods



3C) Parks Report

Director Scott Chant gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council, providing information as to the 2018 year for the Town of Olds Parks and Greenspaces. The presentation touched on tree care and maintenance completed, flower designs in the flower beds around town, he also provided updates on projects that were completed. The presentation also included list of Town amenities such as 70 hanging baskets 18 flower beds, 40 wooden barrel, 60 self-watering planters and 30 concrete planters throughout town. Director Chant spoke to things on the go which include redesigning Hawthorn Crescent Park, new equipment in Frank Wong Park, trees in the Uptowne will be replaced, the Cornerstone Art Commons will be landscaped now that the project is complete and tree replacement at the cemetery.

Mayor thanked Director Chant for the presentation as well as all the hard work done by Town Staff to have our Town look so good. Many of the elected officials expressed comments they are hearing about how nice our community is.

Moved by Mayor Michael Muzychka, "that Council accept the presentation and delegation for Parks Report for information at this time."

Motion Carried PP19-12

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Blatz asked when the additional funding asks from community groups come forward. CAO Merritt indicated that those asks will be brought to Council in the Service Level Review.

5. Bylaws

None

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

7A) Municipal Government Act – Checklist Report

CAO Merritt reviewed the checklist that was presented in the council agenda. Items left from 2018 are Off-site Levies, which he indicated was well under way. He then spoke to the few remaining outstanding items on our checklist; the IDP Framework – many of our agreements are already in place and we are track to meet the 2020 deadline; JUPA this work will be done by Parkland Community Planning Services; the Petitioning process – CAO recommends leaving at 10%; Public Notification Methods – CAO recommends we action; Parental Leave – not moving forward unless directed by Council; Conservation Reserve – will be covered in the MDP and will change once the MDP approved; Splitting the Non-Residential Property Classes – CAO recommends to leave as is; and Brownfields – CAO recommends to move on it, whether CRL or current levels should be done in next 1- 2 years. CAO confirmed all items will come back to Council.

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that Council accept the presentation and delegation for Municipal Government Act – Checklist Report for information at this time."

Motion Carried PP19-13

7B) Policies 217C and 218C

CAO Merritt spoke to 217C Reserves Policy and 218C Purchasing Policy as contained in the agenda package. Director Linderman spoke on the "tax stabilization" reserve. Director Linderman indicated that most of the red color font on policy 218C is the administration process that Finance follows. CAO Merritt indicated the more reserves we have, the less debentures we will need in the future.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council accept the presentation on 217C Reserves Policy as information at this time and direct Administration to bring the policy back to a future council meeting."

Motion Carried PP19-14

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that Council accept the presentation on 218C Purchasing Policy as information at this time and direct Administration to bring the policy back to a future council meeting."

Motion Carried PP19-15

8. Monthly Reports/Statistics

8A) Municipal Enforcement Monthly Statistics

Moved by Councillor Bearchell, "that Council accept the presentation and delegation for Municipal Enforcement Monthly Statistics Report for information at this time."

Motion Carried PP19-16

Council requested that a bar graph be used instead of a pie graph.

9. Question and Answer Period

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bearchell, "that this meeting adjourn."

Motion Carried PP19-17

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.



Councillor Mary Jane Harper,
Chair



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes approved this 1st day of April, 2019.

