

Minutes of the Town of Olds Council Policies and Priorities Committee meeting being conducted electronically through ZOOM Meetings on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. through the Council Chambers, at the Town of Olds Municipal Office, 4512 – 46 Street, Olds, Alberta.

As of March 27, 2020 the *Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation* was enacted to assist local municipal governments meet *Municipal Government Act* legislative requirements for holding Council meetings. The PUBLIC had the opportunity to HEAR the meeting by calling this number 1 587 328 1099 (within Canada) and when prompted enter the Meeting ID 337 948 8245 and then Password 943170 to listen in to the live meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS Participating Virtually:

In the Chair, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mary Anne Overwater
Mayor Michael Muzychka Councillor Debbie Bennett, Councillor Wanda Blatz, Councillor Heather Ryan, Councillor Mary Jane Harper and Councillor Mitch Thomson.

ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Participating virtually for the Regular meeting of Council – STAFF:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Deputy Mayor Mary Anne Overwater called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

A.) ADDED ITEM(s)

CAO Merritt requested one item added under 3B) 2021 Provincial Budget Update.
Councillor Harper requested Sports park added under 7C) New Business.

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “to accept the Policies and Priorities regular Council agenda for the March 1, 2021 Policies and Priorities Committee, as amended.”

Motion Carried PP21-22

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2A) Policies and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, “to accept the Council Policies and Priorities Committee Minutes for February 1, 2020, as presented.”

Motion Carried PP21-23

3. REPORTS / STATISTICS

3A) Operations / Capital Project - Update

Director Chant introduced the Town’s contacts at MPE Engineering. Mr. Greg Sentis, and Mr. Andrew Simpson, Project Managers for the Town of Olds Operations Centre who provided a brief update to Council on the progress of the facility and indicated the Project is still on track/schedule for end of March completion.

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, “to accept the Operations / Capital Project Verbal Update for information.”

Council discussion ensued. Director Chant, Mr. Sentis and Mr. Simpson responded to Council queries.

Motion Carried PP21-24

ADDED ITEM

3B) 2021 Provincial Budget Update

CAO Merritt and Director Linderman provided update to Council on the recently tabled provincial 2021 budget on Thursday. CAO Merritt spoke to further review that will be done on the capital budgets.

Director Linderman indicated:

- There are no significant impacts to the Town of Olds operating budget.
- MSI Operating, FCSS Funding and the Police Operating grants have all stayed status quo.
- Grants in lieu of taxes have also remained in place.
- The ACP Grant (Alberta Community Partnership) was increased by \$10 Million dollars.
- The education property tax has been frozen again.

Capital funding

An increase was announced to the 2021 MSI capital funding followed by a sharp decrease in years 2022 and 2023. Overall this will equate to a decline of 25% over the three years. 2021 was also supposed to be the final year of MSI as we know it. It was to be replaced by the Local Government Fiscal Framework. Announced in this budget the new LGFF program being deferred until 2024 along with this deferral the baseline funding for the LGFF program has been reduced by 16%.

- There were increases announced to other capital grants such as the Municipal Water and Wastewater partnership and the Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program, we will continue to look at opportunities for these programs, but as you know we have already recently been approved for 3 million dollars through the STIP program.
- Federal gas tax funding has remained status quo.
- What appears to be a large increase to the investing Canada infrastructure program is only an increase to fund existing applications. No new applications are being accepted for this program.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "to accept the 2021 Provincial Budget Update as presented."

Council discussion ensued.

Motion Carried PP21-25

4. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

4B) 4A) Economic Development Secretariat Report

Mr. Larry Wright, Strategy & Technology Officer for the Town of Olds provided the Economic Development Secretariat Report as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "to accept the Secretariat Report for this quarter as information."

Motion Carried PP21-26

4A) 4B) Parks Annual Report

Mrs. Gillian Campbell, Parks Supervisor for the Town of Olds provided the Parks Annual report to Council as contained in the agenda package.

Council thanked Mrs. Campbell for her presentation and her Team's hard work. Council discussion ensued, Director Chant and Mrs. Campbell responded to Council questions. Council requested information on 'wild flower plugs' for consideration at service level discussions.

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "to accept the Parks Annual Report update as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-27

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. BYLAWS

Deputy Mayor Overwater recessed the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Overwater reconvened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

6A) Bylaw 2021-02 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment – Chickens

Mrs. Natasha Wright with Parkland Community Planning Services participated online and presented the proposed amendments on chicken coops to the Land Use Bylaw 01-23 as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued.

Mrs. Wright and Director Wagstaff responded to Council queries on the proposed amendments.

Amendments for consideration:

Height change from 2 m to 2.4 m, making consistent with LUB.

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, "to accept Bylaw 2021-02 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment – Chickens as presented and direct administration to bring back to a future council meeting."

Motion Carried PP21-28

6B) Bylaw 2021-04 Community Standards Bylaw Amendment

Director Wagstaff spoke on the proposed amendments to the existing Community Standards bylaw, as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued on proposed amendments.

Director Wagstaff and Director Chant responded to Council questions.

Deputy Mayor Overwater left the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Councillor Bennett took over as Deputy Mayor, Chairing the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Administration will prepare and include amendments for council's consideration on Licence application on 'training' for hens.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "to accept the Bylaw 2021-04 Community Standards Bylaw Amendment for information and direct administration to bring back to March 8, 2021, regular council meeting."

Motion Carried PP21-29

6C) Bylaw 2021-05 Ad-Hoc Committee – Council Bylaw Policy Review

Mrs. Kelly Lloyd, Coordinator of Strategic Affairs spoke to the proposed bylaw for an Ad-hoc Committee to review Council Code of Conduct Bylaw and Council Policies review.

Council discussion ensued on the proposed bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "to accept the Bylaw 2021-05 Ad-Hoc Committee – Council Bylaw Policy Review as information and direct administration to bring back to the March 8, 2021, regular council meeting for further consideration."

Motion Carried PP21-30

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A) Asset Management Strategy

Mrs. Kelly Lloyd, Coordinator of Strategic Affairs spoke to the second version of the asset management strategy plan, being presented to Council today, as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued on the asset management strategy plan.
CAO Merritt and Mrs. Lloyd fielded questions from Council on the plan.

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, "to accept the Asset Management Strategy as information and bring back to a future council meeting."

Motion Carried PP21-31

Council discussion ensued on ice surfaces at the Sportsplex and the curling rink.
Director Wagstaff spoke to current bookings and will be following the year round dates and the Sportsplex ice will be removed in March.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "to accept for information the Sportsplex verbal updated as presented by Director Wagstaff and CAO Merritt."

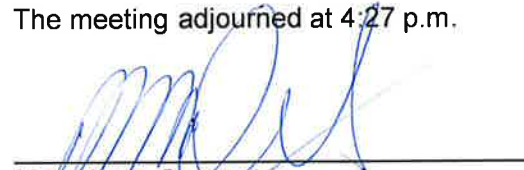
Motion Carried 21-32

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that this meeting be adjourned."

Motion Carried PP21-32

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.



Mary Anne Overwater
Deputy Mayor



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on sixth day of March, 2021.