

Minutes of the Town of Olds Council Policies and Priorities Committee meeting being conducted electronically through ZOOM Meetings on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. through the Council Chambers, at the Town of Olds Municipal Office, 4512 – 46 Street, Olds, Alberta.

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS Participating Virtually:**

In the Chair, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Debbie Bennett (from Council Chambers)  
Mayor Michael Muzychka Councillor Mary Anne Overwater, 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 Debbie Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**A.) ADDED ITEM(s)**

None

**B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "to accept the Policies and Priorities Committee agenda for the May 3, 2021, meeting as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-46

**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 April 6, 2021, as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-47

**3. REPORTS / STATISTICS**

**3A) Olds Fire Department Quarterly Report**

Director Andrew provide the Olds Fire Department first quarter statistics to Council as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued. Director Andrew responded to Council queries.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "to thank Director Andrew and that Council accept the Olds Fire Department third quarter statistics as presented for information."

Motion Carried PP21-48

**3B) Olds RCMP Detachment Quarterly Report**

Acting Office in Charge (OIC) Sgt. Jody Achtymichuk spoke on the first quarter RCMP statistics as contained in the agenda package. Resources Officer; Cst. Morley Statchuk addressed Council and provided update on his position during COVID. Council requested that Administration arrange a time to have the Resource Officer's school presentation, presented to Council.

Council discussion ensued. Sgt. Achtymichuk and Cst. Statchuk responded to Council queries.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "that Council accept the RCMP first quarter statistics report as presented for information."

Motion Carried PP21-49

**3C) Olds Municipal Enforcement Quarterly Report**

Senior Community Peace Officer, Eric Christensen participated virtually and presented the first Quarter Report to Council as contained in the agenda package and responded to Council questions.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "to accept the first Quarter Municipal Enforcement Report as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-50

**3D) Economic Development Secretariat Quarterly Report**

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

Mr. Wright introduced and welcomed the Town's new Strategy and Technology Officer, Ms. Cheryl Schultz. Ms. Schultz briefly addressed Council.

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, "to accept for information the Economic Development Secretariat Report as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-51

**3E) Operations / Capital Project – Monthly Verbal Update**

Director Chant introduced the Town's contacts at MPE Engineering. 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 almost finalized and the Town should receive the keys this week to the completed Operations Centre.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "to accept the Operations / Capital Project Verbal Update for information."

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

Motion Carried PP21-52

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

*Deputy Mayor Bennett reconvened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.*

**4. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS**

**4A) Winter Report**

Director Chant spoke on the Winter Road Maintenance for the 2020-2021 season through the PowerPoint presentation, as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued. Director Chant responded to Council queries.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Council accept the Winter Road Information Report for information."  
Motion Carried PP21-53

**4B) Heritage, Arts, and Culture Annual Report**

Heritage Advisor for the Town of Olds, Mrs. Michelle Jorgensen provided the annual Heritage, Arts and Culture update to Council as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued. Mrs. Jorgensen and Director Wagstaff responded to Council queries.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "that Council accept the Heritage, Art and Culture Annual Report as presented, for information."

Motion Carried PP21-54

**5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**6. BYLAWS**

**6A) Public Art Advisory Committee Bylaw 2021-11**

CAO Merritt spoke briefly on the Council committee; Director Wagstaff introduced the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) bylaw.

Council discussion ensued. CAO Merritt and Director Wagstaff responded to Council queries.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Council accept the bylaw as presented for information and direct administration to bring the bylaw back to a future council meeting."

Motion Carried PP21-55

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion Carried PP21-56

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.



Debbie Bennett  
Deputy Mayor



Michael Merritt,  
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on seventh day of June, 2021.

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