

Minutes of the Town of Olds Council Policies and Priorities Committee meeting being conducted electronically through ZOOM Meetings on Monday, October 4, 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 **889 8490 0172** and then Password **842823** to listen in to the live meeting.

**Participating Virtually –ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

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

**ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Councillor Mitch Thomson

**STAFF Participating Virtually**

Acting Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Finance, Sheena Linderman; Director of Protective Services, Justin Andrew; Acting Director of Community Services, Michelle LaRoche; Communications Coordinator, Monica Leatherdale and Legislative Clerk, Marcie McKinnon

**1. Call To Order**

Chair Deputy Mayor Harper called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**1A) Added Items**

Councillor Ryan requested Operations/Capital Projects Update be added as items 3A)  
Mayor Muzychka requested AB Health Services Update as item 7A)  
Councillor Overwater requested a Closed Session under FOIP 27 Privileged Information

**1B) Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “to accept the Policies and Priorities Committee agenda for the October 4, 1:00 p.m. meeting, as amended.”

Motion Carried PP21-107

**2. Adoption of Previous Minutes**

2A) Policies and Priorities Committee Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “to accept the September 7, 2021, Council Policies and Priorities Committee Minutes, as presented.”

Motion Carried PP21-108

**3. Reports / Statistics**

**3A) Operations / Capital Project Verbal Update**

Director Linderman gave a verbal update to Council on Operations and Capital Projects as follows:

The website [olds.ca/construction](http://olds.ca/construction) will be updated by Monday.

**Wayfinding:**

- All 2021 implementation of signage is in place.
- 7 signs constructed this year: 6 vehicle, 1 civic identifier (Operations Centre).

- Corrections made to existing signs to fix the "ER' to "RE" for Centre have been done, see below photo of Aquatics Centre.

#### **Highway 27 & 70 Ave:**

- Base lift and level course of paving has occurred.
- Concrete curbs for the medians have been poured, pouring the median cap is next.
- Top lift of asphalt will occur either by October 8, or shortly after Thanksgiving.
- Electrical Trenching has been completed, and the signal bases are going to be finished digging early next week, and poured by October 8.
- Landscaping is ongoing now with the majority of the widening work completed.
- Project is on budget.
- Project is slightly behind schedule due to weather delays. We are experiencing one material delay with the overhead cantilever arm for the signals. We are expecting these materials to be in by end of October.

#### **68 Street / Roundabout:**

- Detour road is still in effect
- All deep utility construction is completed, i.e. water, sewer, storm under 68 Street.
- 68 Street and 48 Avenue are having road gravel applied.
- Topsoil placement and landscaping is occurring along 68 Street and 48 Avenue.
- Curb and Gutter and truck aprons are being poured on the roundabout. All that remains for concrete work is the medians in the circle, and the curb and gutter that extends through the detour road which will occur when the detour road is removed.
- Concrete medians to be poured first week of October, with anticipation for paving shortly after Thanksgiving long weekend.
- Project is on budget, but slightly behind schedule due to some weather delays throughout the project. We have made up some of the delayed time with an extra crew coming to site, but we will be past the October 14 completion date. I am expecting this to be completed by the end of October.

#### **Rotary Athletic Park Signage**

- backstop signage permanent sheets are a special order (not typical size) and on order
- frame for main sign by washroom is in storage at the Operations Centre to be installed this fall
- updated content on Town sponsorship for the sign has been formatted ready for printing
- Rotary Club content has not finalized by the club to be designed or formatted
- three outfield signs are still to be installed (Town of Olds, Field Sponsor, and Rotary), will be completed when backstop signs are done.

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, "that Council accept the verbal Operation / Capital Project updates as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-109

#### **4. Presentations and Delegations**

##### **4A) I Love Olds - Photo Contest Winners**

Heritage Advisor, Mrs. Michelle Jorgensen made a presentation to Council on the photo contest winners as contained in the agenda package.

The photo contest winners were present and spoke to Council on the photos they presented.

Council thanked all participants who submitted photos.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council accept the photo and winners as presented and to thank all who submitted photos in the 'I love Olds' photo contest."

Motion Carried PP21-110

#### **5. Business Arising from the Minutes / Unfinished Business**

Council requested that Administration send out a Doodle Poll to arrange a meeting to meet to complete the Council Budget that needs to be submitted in November.

#### **6. Bylaws**

None

#### **7. New Business**

##### **7A) Added Item – Alberta Health Services Update**

Mayor Muzychka, Councillor Blatz and Councillor Harper had a teleconference with AHS on Friday. The Mayor spoke to the amount of feedback received from citizens in regards to the Restricted Exemption Program (REP) and the letter that was prepared and sent to AHS. From that letter the Town obtained an AHS contact and held a teleconference with that representative.

Council discussion ensued on:

*Lack of clarity from government of Alberta – downloading interpretation of restrictions to municipalities*

*Multi-group use of facilities*

*Opting in or out of the REP – what is required?*

*The message from the provincial government is still unclear, Council members requested more clarity from the members that spoke to the AHS representatives before any decisions are made.*

*Council requested clarity in writing from AHS on the REP restrictions.*

*Engaging local user groups? What are their intentions? What can they manage?*

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council direct Administration to communicate with AHS via written and verbal, as to the current AHS orders and that it should be consistent across the province, CC'ing other communities sent VIA AUMA to do fan out in support."

Motion Carried PP21-111

##### **Added Item – CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Harper read the instruction for public participation when council moves in and out of closed session.

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that Council move to closed session in accordance with Section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under FOIP Section 27 at 1:43 p.m. with Acting CAO Sheena Linderman remaining in the meeting."

Motion Carried PP21-112

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that the meeting reconvene to the Council P&P Committee meeting."

Motion Carried PP21-113

Chair Harper reconvened the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

There were no public or staff participants were in the waiting room to be moved back to the meeting.

**8. Adjournment**

Moved by Mayor Muzychka, "that this meeting be adjourned."  
Motion Carried PP21-114

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Mary Jane Harper  
Deputy Mayor



for

Michael Merritt,  
Chief Administrative Officer

DOUG WAGSTAFF, ACTING CAO

These minutes were approved on 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2021.