

PRIOR TO ADOPTION

Minutes of the Town of Olds Council Policies and Priorities Committee meeting conducted in person was held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Town of Olds Municipal Office, 4512 – 46 Street, Olds, Alberta.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Wanda Blatz
Mayor Judy Dahl, Councillor James Cummings, Councillor Dan Daley, Councillor Heather Ryan,
Councillor Harvey Walsh and Councillor Darren Wilson

ABSENT- ELECTED OFFICIALS:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

Doug Wagstaff, Acting Chief Administrative Officer/ Director of Operations; Sheena Linderman, Director of Finance; Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services; Scott Grieco, Director of Operations; r and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. Call To Order

Chair Deputy Mayor Blatz called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

1A) Added Items

None requested

1B) Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Mayor Dahl, "to accept the Policies and Priorities Committee agenda for the November 1, 10:00 a.m. meeting, as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-115

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes

2A) Policies and Priorities Committee Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "to accept the October 4, 2021, Council Policies and Priorities Committee Minutes, as presented."

Motion Carried PP21-116

3. Reports / Statistics

3A) Olds RCMP Detachment Quarterly Report

S/Sgt. Wright was in attendance and completed his quarterly reporting to Council with information as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued on:

Positive Ticketing – Youth Operation is called Freeze (Slurpee), Seniors Operation is called Heat (coffee)

Community Priorities – Habitual Offender Management, Road Safety, Community Engagement and Visibility

Crime Statistics

Human Resources

Moved by Councillor Wilson, "that Council accept the RCMP 2nd Quarter Report as presented for information."

Motion Carried PP21-117

3C) Olds Fire Department Quarterly Report

Olds Fire Chief, Director Andrew was in Chambers and presented the quarterly report to Council as contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued on:

Ambulance Service in the area – Red Alert issue within the province

Medical Responses

Firefighter Training

Medical Transports

Fire Master Plan

Turnout Time

Moved by Councillor Wilson, "that Council accept the Olds Fire Department Quarterly Report for information."

Motion Carried PP21-118

3D) Olds Municipal Enforcement Quarterly Report

Senior CPO Eric Christensen spoke the quarterly statistic report contained in the agenda package.

Council discussion ensued on:

Animal Control,

School Bus Crossing/lights

Council noted errors in the statistics and requested they be corrected and redistributed.

Moved by Mayor Dahl, "that Council accept the Olds Municipal Enforcement Quarterly Report for information."

Motion Carried PP21-119

3E) Operations / Capital Project – Monthly Verbal Update

Acting Operations Director, Doug Wagstaff introduced the new Director of Operations, Scott Grieco who started with the Town just this morning. Director Wagstaff provided verbal update to Council on Operations and Capital Projects as follows:

68 Street / Roundabout:

- Roundabout opened Wednesday October 27, with opening the detour road is removed.
- Concrete on the roundabout is complete.
- Asphalt Paving is completed in the roundabout
- Traffic will be limited to only North and South directions in the roundabout until the street lights are installed.
- Roundabout will remain a construction zone until street lights are installed.
- This project is aimed to be complete by the second week of November. However if weather does not cooperate, final landscaping may likely be carried over into next spring is some landscaping.

- With a change in weather, there may also be the possibility that the west connection piece from the roundabout to 2A may not be completed entirely. It is our aim to have the connection graveled, but the concrete and paving to the west right of way may not occur until spring.
- Project is on budget.

Highway 27 & 70 Ave:

- Concrete median completed October 13.
- All concrete bases for signal lights are poured. Waiting on the concrete to cure before standing the steel.
- All asphalt paving is completed.
- Line Painting completed
- Signals and other signal light material arrival is expected over the next week.
- Completion of install and powering on of the signals is scheduled for the third week of November.
- Project on budget, but slightly behind schedule. This is attributed to weather delays.

Council discussion ensued on:

Street lights

Operations Centre – completion

Moved by Councillor Walsh, “that Council accept the Operations / Capital Project – Monthly Verbal Update for information.”

Motion Carried PP21-120

3G) Economic Development Officer – Report

Ms. Sandra Blyth the new Economic Development Officer for the Town of Olds, presented her PowerPoint *Building the Next Generation Economy* as contained in the agenda package, to Council.

Council discussion ensued, Ms. Blyth responded to Council queries.

Councillor Daley left the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Councillor Daley rejoined the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Walsh, “to accept the Economic Development presentations for information.”

Motion Carried PP21-121

Deputy Mayor Blatz recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Blatz reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

4. Presentations and Delegations

4A) Olds Fashioned Christmas

Ms. Heather Dixon, Town of Olds Facilitator to the Olds Fashioned Christmas committee was before Council to provide an update on the event.

Discussion ensued on:

New committee logo

Event calendar

Challenges and successes of 2019 and 2020

Fireworks

Storage of OFC supplies and displays

Volunteers

Parade Route

Moved by Councillor Daley, “that Council thank the Olds Fashioned Christmas Committee for all their hard work and dedication over the years, and that Council accept the information as presented.”

Motion Carried PP21-122

5. Business Arising from the Minutes / Unfinished Business

Councillor Ryan queried on the Wayfinding and if it will include shopping areas ie: Uptowne/Cornerstone?

Director Wagstaff indicated that it would.

6. Bylaws

6A) Rates Bylaw Review 2021-19

Director Linderman spoke to the rates review bylaw being presented to Council today for their consideration. It was indicated that in 2022 the Rates bylaw and the Off Site Levies bylaw will both have a comprehensive review completed on them and brought back to Council.

Discussion ensued on:

Measurements in pennies versus nickels

Water and Wastewater rates

Does capacity of use of pipeline affect our cost? (Director Wagstaff will investigate and advise)

Cost recovery utilities

Inflation rate

Off Site Levies

Council requested a breakdown for the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission, for years 2019, 2020 and budget year 2021 of the allocation of water revenues between: actual water commission fees paid; Town of Olds operating costs recovery for water; portion of revenues allocated to payment of debt principal and interest; portion of revenue allocated to fund capital projects; portion of revenue allocated to fund reserves and the cubic meters billed by Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission vs cubic metres collected from residents and users in Town of Olds.

Moved by Councillor Cummings, “that Council accept the Rates Bylaw 2021-19 as presented and direct admin to bring back to a future council meeting.”

Motion Carried PP21-123

7. New Business

7A) Budget Survey

Director Linderman spoke to the budget survey information as contained in the agenda package including the budget survey process and the information collected.

Discussion ensued on:

Town population – 2016 federal census was 7270, the 2020 census has not been released at this time

Participation: 2019 (300 participants); 2020 (200 participants); 2021 (155 participants)

Engagement Policy

Sample size

Director Wagstaff will provide in an email to Council with survey sample sizes that Administration used.

Moved by Councillor Wilson, “that Council accept the Budget Survey Update for information.”

Motion Carried PP21-124

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Walsh, “that this meeting be adjourned.”

Motion Carried PP21-125

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Wanda Blatz
Deputy Mayor

Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on 6th day of December, 2021.

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