

Minutes of the Town of Olds Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Municipal Office at 4512 – 46 Street in Olds, with the public body present at meeting location.

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PRESENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Mayor Michael Muzychka (from Chambers)

Participating virtually – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councillor Wanda Blatz, Councillor Mary Jane Harper, Councillor Mary Anne Overwater, Councillor Heather Ryan, and Councillor Mitch Thomson

ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Councillor Debbie Bennett

STAFF participating virtually for the Regular meeting of Council

Michael Merritt, Chief Administrative Officer; Doug Wagstaff, Acting Director of Operations; Sheena Linderman, Director of Finance; Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services, Michelle LaRoche, Acting Director of Community Services, Shaun Fox, Human Resources Advisor, Monica Leatherdale, Communications Coordinator and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muzychka called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

A.) ADDED ITEM(s)

CAO Merritt requested a closed session under FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, be added to the end of the meeting.

Councillor Blatz requested a public discussion on COVID restrictions and what it has done to the citizens be added to agenda. Mayor confirmed agenda placement after the closed session.

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Thomson, “to accept the Regular Council meeting agenda for the Monday, September 27, 2021, as amended.”

Motion Carried 21-384

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2A) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 13

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “that the regular Council meeting minutes from September 13, 2021, be adopted, as presented.”

Motion Carried 21-385

Special Closed Council Meeting Minutes – September 23

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “that the Special Closed Council Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2021, be adopted, as presented.”

Motion Carried 21-386

3. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

3A) Delegation / Proclamation

Administration introduced the delegation of Janice and Tyler Bushfield who participated virtually

to speak to the proclamation request before Council. Janice spoke to their activities over the past year and on what cerebral palsy is. Tyler spoke on how it affects him and his everyday life.

It was noted in the introduction that Janice is the National Director for Cerebral Palsy. A National survey was completed last year. Janice will forward a copy of the survey to Council.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that council accepts the presentation for information and that October 6, 2021 be recognized as World Cerebral Palsy Day in the Town of Olds."
Motion Carried 21-387

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

5. BYLAWS

5A) Bylaw 2019-25 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board

Acting Community Services Director Michelle LaRoche explained the request before Council to repeal Bylaw 2019-25 Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Advisory Board in order to reduce red tape in the funding approvals and avoid duplication of presentation for groups being funded by this board.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council repeal the Town of Olds Bylaw 2019-25 and all amendments thereto, a bylaw that established a Town of Olds Family and Community Support Services Advisory Board."

Council discussion ensued on:

*Council didn't feel the board background history was correct on the timeline of the committee
Consultation with citizens group would be eliminated*

What replaces this, what is the new process for support and approval?

Council members don't see it as duplication

Councillor Harper requested to know:

What happens to local groups that won't make the regional cut?

How many of the 100+ applications were for Olds programs only?

How many of the 100+ applications had a regional focus?

How many of the 100+ applications met the criteria as funding by FCSS?

Acting Community Services Manager, Heather Dixon spoke to the regional board review process to avoid duplication and how recommendations go forward to Council. She provided stats from last year as follows: forty-six (46) applications came into FCSS, MV County FCSS Regional facilitator then disseminates out to appropriate jurisdiction. Olds had total of thirteen applications, twelve were moved forward for approval and one didn't fit the mandate. Of those thirteen, two were regional.

Motion Defeated 21-388

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A) Proclamation – Orange Shirt Day - September 30

Heritage Advisor, Michelle Jorgensen spoke to the proclamation request before Council today.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council proclaim Thursday, September 30, 2021, as Orange Shirt Day in the Town of Olds."

Council asked about activities in the area. It was noted that many schools are planning a lot of activities for this week, many of the in-person events are being postponed due to COVID. The Mountain View Museum will be opened on September 30. The Olds College Indigenous website has lots of information on it regarding events they have planned throughout the week.

Motion Carried 21-389

6B) Appointment of Auditor

Director Linderman spoke on the annual Municipal Government Act requirements to appoint auditor.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "that Council appoint Avail LLP as the Auditor for the Town of Olds for the 2021 Fiscal Year."

Council discussion ensued on the tender process for Auditors.

Motion Carried 21-390

6C) 2022 Flower Budget

CAO Merritt spoke to the request before Council today. This is the only item Administration brings forward for approval prior to the budget being approved. This is to order the flowers the Town wants and to ensure deliver is on time.

Director Wagstaff spoke on request before council as contained in agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council authorizes Administration to purchase material for the 2022 community beautification program for flowers, hanging baskets and planters in the amount of \$31,000 and commit this funding in the 2022 Operating Budget."

Council discussion ensued:

Perennials versus annuals

Increase in basket quantity and cost of baskets

Lowering number of baskets

Tree Replacement program

Increasing budget

Local partnerships and funding contributions for extra baskets

Administration to confirm local partnerships and funding contributions for extra baskets downtown and maintenance of the baskets.

Parks Supervisor, Gillian Campbell spoke to the operational plan to replace annuals to perennials. Gillian indicated that the spring planting bulbs won't be done flowering before they have to pull them out to plant the annuals.

Councillor Overwater amended her motion by amending \$31,000 to \$26,000 plus delivery

Motion Carried 21-391

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that council direct administration to engage local community groups to initiate a conversation on partnerships for flowers and maintenance and potential funding of the same."

Administration noted that more flowers and more maintenance will increase service levels of staff.

Motion Carried 21-392

Council thanked Gillian and her team for all their hard work, the Town looks great!

6D) Photo Contest Winners

Heritage Advisor, Michelle Jorgensen spoke to the I Love Olds Photo Contest and presented the winning photos and photographers.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “that the following photographs be declared the winners of the 2021 “I LOVE Olds” photo contest:

“Centennial” by Cheryl Persson



“Wetlands Beauty” by Leona Megli



“Summer Breeze” by Alicia Webb



Motion Carried 21-393

6E) Proclamation – Fire Prevention Week

Director Andrew spoke to the proclamation request as contained in the agenda package and highlighted the events being planned for the week.

Moved by Councillor Harper, “that the week of October 3rd to October 9th be proclaimed as “Fire Prevention Week” in the Town of Olds.”

Motion Carried 21-394

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7A) Reports from Council, Boards and Committees

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that the reports from Council, Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions ending September 23, 2021 be received for information.”

Councillor Overwater spoke on attending Council Policies & Priorities Committee meeting, Special and Regular Council meetings, met with residents, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, Olds Policy Advisory Committee meeting, worked the Community Showcase, attended the Rotary Athletic Park of Olds – grand opening, attended the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission meeting, Municipal Planning Commission meeting and the Joint All Council Inter-municipal Cooperation Committee annual meeting.

Councillor Harper attended many of the same meetings as Councillor Overwater mentioned, Olds Chamber of Commerce meeting; noted that the chamber is hosting a Candidate forum - details are being finalized, Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission meeting, attended the High School Awards night as Deputy Mayor, also attended the regular and Joint All Council Inter-municipal Cooperation Committee annual meeting.

Councillor Thomson spoke on attending the Municipal Planning Commission meeting and many of the same meetings as Councillor Overwater, attended a portion of the Joint All Council Inter-municipal Cooperation Committee, attended the Rotary Athletic Park of Olds – grand opening, and the community showcase.

Councillor Ryan spoke on attending many of the same meetings already mentioned Council Policies & Priorities Committee meeting, Special and Regular Council meetings, Municipal Planning Commission meeting, and the Joint All Council Inter-municipal Cooperation Committee annual meeting, also attended the Rotary Athletic Park of Olds – grand opening, attended the Community Showcase, a Library Board meeting, Mountain View Seniors Housing Golf Tourney fund raiser.

Councillor Blatz spoke on attending regular, special and Council Policies & Priorities Committee meetings, attended the Rotary Athletic Park of Olds – grand opening, Oldstoberfest meeting, the Joint All Council Inter-municipal Cooperation Committee annual meeting, South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission, and the Family and Community Support Services meeting.

Mayor Muzychka attended many of the aforementioned meetings, also attended the Rotary Athletic Park of Olds – grand opening, the community showcase; hosted the AUMA Infrastructure and Committee meeting held here in Olds, participated in the Mountain View Seniors Housing Golf Tourney; and attended the Mayors of south central Alberta meeting.

Motion Carried 21-395

8. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

9A) Correspondence and Information

CAO Merritt spoke on the items contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that the Correspondence and Information Report ending September 27, 2021 be received for information.”

Council discussion ensued:

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that Council direct Administration to write a letter to the federal and provincial governments on our own behalf regarding the RCMP retroactive pay.”

Motion Carried 21-396

Council then voted on the motion on floor.

Motion Carried 21-397

Added Item – Closed Session

FOIP Section 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “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 21 - Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations at 2:45 p.m.

Mayor Muzychka spoke on the process of how Council will move in and out of closed session.

Councillor Overwater noted the following persons are to remain in the closed session: CAO Merritt, Director Wagstaff, Director Linderman, Director Andrew, Acting Director LaRoche and Legislative Clerk, Marcie McKinnon to remain in attendance.”

Motion Carried 21-398

Staff and public were moved to the waiting room.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “that the meeting reconvene to the regular Council meeting.”

Motion Carried 21-399

Mayor Muzychka recessed the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Mayor Muzychka reconvened the meeting 4:00 p.m.

Staff and public were moved back into the meeting.

Rise and Report

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “that council direct the Mayor and Administration to write a strongly worded letter to the honorable Minister Jason Copping cc’ing Minister McIver, Minister Nixon, Premier Kenney, MLA Nathan Cooper, Dr. Henshaw, AUMA and RMA; stating the Town of Olds displeasure with the current Restricted Exemption Program that has been downloaded to our municipality.

Motion Carried 21-400

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that this meeting be adjourned at 4:02 p.m.”

Motion Carried 21-401



Michael Muzychka,
Mayor



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 12th day of October, 2021.