

Minutes of the Town of Olds Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Monday, February 26, 2024, 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 and was live streamed out.

**PRESENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

In the Chair, Mayor Judy Dahl

Councillor Wanda Blatz, Councillor James Cummings, Councillor Dan Daley, Councillor Harvey Walsh, Councillor Heather Ryan, and Councillor Darren Wilson

**ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

**PRESENT for the Regular meeting of Council – STAFF:**

Brent Williams, Chief Administrative Officer; Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services, Sgt. Paul Wright, Senior Community Peace Officer, Sheena Linderman, Director of Corporate Services and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dahl called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Dahl requested one piece of correspondence be added under item 7A) Correspondence and Information. (Will be held with the minutes.)

**B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Daley, “to accept the Council agenda for the Monday, February 26, 2024, Regular Council meeting, as amended.”

Motion Carried 24-71

**2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**2A) Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

Mayor Dahl confirmed consensus to adopt the:

- *Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2024*

The minutes were adopted as presented by consensus of Council.

Motion Carried 24-72

**3. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**3A) Delegation: MLA Nathan Cooper**

Mr. Cooper was in attendance and spoke to council on the upcoming new session, budget, and ongoing challenges for the provincial government, and fielded questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “that Mr. Cooper be thanked for attending the February 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting and speaking to Council.”

Motion Carried 24-73

**3B) RCMP Quarterly Report**

S/Sgt. Wright and Sgt. Poon were present in council chambers and gave presentation to council as per the quarterly report contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that Council accepts the Royal Canadian Mounted Police quarterly report as presented."

Motion Carried 24-74

#### **4. BYLAWS**

##### **4A) Bylaw 2024-05 Animal Bylaw**

Director Andrew and Sgt. Paul Wright, Senior Community Peace Officer gave a brief presentation on the Animal Bylaw, including key areas of focus such as Stray and Abandoned Animals, Animal Licenses/Number of Animals per household, Private Animal Control and Animals in prohibited areas.

Moved by Councillor Daley, "that Council give second reading to the Animal Bylaw 2024-05, as presented."

Moved by Councillor Daley, "that council amend bylaw 2024-05 paragraph 60 to a three (3) dog maximum per household with a permit option to allow for over three (3) dogs per household when circumstances permit such as fostering/abandonment/litters and the permit must be approved by Municipal Enforcement."

Motion Carried 24-75

Moved by Councillor Wilson, "that Council moves into closed session in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act at 2:27 p.m. to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Item #1 FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy with CAO Williams, Director Andrew, Sgt. Wright, and Marcie McKinnon to remain in attendance."

Motion Carried 24-76

*The gallery was cleared, and the live stream was paused.*

*Mayor Dahl recessed the meeting at 2:28 p.m.*

*Mayor Dahl reconvened the meeting at 2:34 p.m.*

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that the meeting reconvenes to the regular Council meeting at 2:51 p.m."

Motion Carried 24-77

*The gallery was opened, and the live stream was resumed.*

Mayor Dahl noted that there will be no change to paragraph 53.

Moved by Councillor Cummings, "that paragraph 49 be removed from bylaw 2024-05."

Motion Carried 24-78

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that paragraph 66 be amended from six (6) to three (3) dogs in bylaw 2024-05."

Motion Carried 24-79

Councillor Daley agreed to friendly amendment to his original motion on the floor; council voted on a second reading for bylaw 2024-05 as amended.

Motion Carried 24-80

*Sgt. Paul Wright left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.*

*Director Linderman joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.*

*Director Andrew left the meeting at 3:06 p.m.*

**4B) Bylaw 2024-12 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment**

*5200 58 Street – Rezoning from UR to R4*

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “that Bylaw No. 2024-12 (Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 01-23) be given first reading as presented.”

Motion Carried 24-81

Moved by Councillor Cummings, “that Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:00pm in Council Chambers at 4512 46 Street in Olds, be set as the date, time, and place for a Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 2024-12.”

Motion Carried 24-82

**4C) Bylaw 2024-13 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment**

*Secondary Suites – Amending to allow in duplexes and as detached suites in R2*

Moved by Councillor Wilson, “that Bylaw No. 2024-13 (Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 01-23) be given first reading as presented.”

Motion Carried 24-83

Moved by Councillor Walsh, “that Monday, March 25, 2024, at 1:00pm in Council Chambers at 4512 46 Street in Olds, be set as the date, time, and place for a Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 2024-13.”

Motion Carried 24-84

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5A) Olds Fibre Ltd. Interest Forgiveness Request**

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “that interest in the amount of \$80,496.32 that being the Town’s portion of the interest on the Olds Fibre Ltd. promissory note be forgiven for the April 17, 2024, loan payment.”

Motion Carried 24-85

*Director Linderman left the meeting at 3:16 p.m.*

**5B) Council Appointment to Community Futures Central Alberta Board**

Moved by Councillor Cummings, “that Council appoint Darren Wilson to the Community Futures Central Alberta Board effective February 26, 2024, for a term ending at the Annual Organizational meeting of the Town of Olds held in October of 2025.”

Motion Carried 24-86

**6. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**

**6A) Chief Administrative Officer Report**

CAO Williams spoke on the following:

- Reviewed the Action item list
- AB Municipalities Drought Webinar takes place next week
- Snow clearing; the purple route will start on 4:00 am on Tuesday, February 27, 2024
- Discovery of several water leaks using the new leak technology

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “that the Chief Administrative Officer Report, be accepted for information.”

Motion Carried 24-87

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

### **7A) Correspondence and Information**

Moved by Councillor Daley, "that the Correspondence and Information Report ending February 26, 2024, be received for information, as amended." (*added correspondence will be held with minutes.*)  
Motion Carried 24-88

## **8. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

### **8A) Reports from Council, Boards, Commission and Committees**

Moved by Councillor Wilson, "that the Reports from Council, Boards, Commission and Committees, ending February 26, 2024, be received for information."

Council members provided highlights on council meetings, committee meetings and events they attended or participated in, since their last report in January.

Motion Carried 24-89

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

*Mayor Dahl provided directions to online meeting participants on Council moving in and out of closed session.*

Moved by Councillor Wilson, "that Council moves into closed session in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act at 3:34 p.m. to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under Item #1 FOIP Section 17 – Disclosure harmful to personal privacy and Item #2 FOIP Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, with CAO Williams, Director Adrian Pedro and Mr. James Crozier and Marcie McKinnon to remain in attendance."

Motion Carried 24-90

*The gallery was cleared, and the live stream was paused.*

*Director Adrian Pedro and Mr. James Crozier left the meeting at 3:59 p.m.*

Moved by Councillor Daley, "that the meeting reconvenes to the regular Council meeting at 4:17 p.m."

Motion Carried 24-91

*The gallery was opened, and the live stream was resumed.*

## **10. RISE AND REPORT**

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council accept the CAO's report on the Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission(MVRWSC) matter; and direct the CAO to prepare a letter for mayor signature to MVRWSC requesting further cooperation. "

Motion Carried 24-92

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that Council appoints Debbie Bennett, Donna Harding, and Patrick Martens to the Council Remuneration Review Committee effective February 26, 2024."


Motion Carried 24-93

Moved by Councillor Walsh, "that Council charges the Council Remuneration Review Committee to report back to Council on or/before the May 27, 2024, regular council meeting with recommendations on the policy 106C on Council remuneration and benefits to be established for members of Council effective once the Council is elected in 2025."

Motion Carried 24-94

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Dahl adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

  
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Judy Dahl,  
Mayor  
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Brent Williams,  
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

## Councillor Daley Report

Feb 15, 2024

- Attended Olds Healthcare Attraction and Retention Committee meetings on two separate occasions, Jan 16th and Feb 13th.
- Attended Economic Development Advisor Committee meeting Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended Alberta Muni's Webinar in regards to the Provincial Capital Funding.
- Participated in reviewing and implementing CAO Performance Review questions.

## **ITEM 7(A) Reports from COUNCIL (Period January 23 to February 26, 2024)**

**MAYOR JUDY DAHL**

### **Annual STANDING MEETINGS / conferences**

- **FEB 12 & FEB 26** Regular Council meeting
- **FEB 21** Town of Olds Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats “SWOT” workshop: purpose is to analysis the current state of our municipality and make more informed decisions based on a broader understanding of risks, challenges and potential.
- **FEB 22** Town of Olds Priority Setting Strategic Workshop with Council and Management  
A review of our Vision, Mission and Values along with revisiting the current 2022-2032 Strategic Plan. Council and management held both days in town to reduce costs.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **JAN 25** Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission “Incident Report” with Town
- **FEB 01** 64th Alberta Firefighters Championship Curling Bonspiel Greetings with MLA
- **FEB 06** Olds & District Chamber of Commerce Meet & Greet with businesses
- **FEB 13** Science Fair Holy Trinity School volunteer judge for students first science project fair
- **FEB 16** South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission Strategic Planning session held at Red Deer County with Board members. Shared half-day of presentations with members



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February 23, 2024

Mayor Judy Dahl  
Her Worship  
Town of Olds  
4512 46 Street  
Olds, AB T4H 1R5

Dear Mayor Dahl:

Thank you for submitting your municipality's grant application under the 2024 Fire Services Training Program. I am pleased to inform you that the Town of Olds has been approved for a grant of \$10,065.00 to carry out training as outlined in the conditional grant agreement.

Through the Fire Services Training Program, the Government of Alberta provides \$500,000 amongst eligible fire departments to offset the cost of training their members.

The conditional grant agreement will be sent separately to your Chief Administrative Officer to obtain the appropriate signatures. Once the conditional grant agreement has been signed by Municipal Affairs, the grant funds will be distributed, and a final signed copy of the conditional grant agreement will be emailed to your municipality for your records.

Municipal Affairs will be working with the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association to review the grant evaluation criteria and approval process for potential enhancements in future years. If you have any questions regarding the grant process or the conditional grant agreement, please contact the Grants Coordinator at 1-866-421-6929, or [firecomm@gov.ab.ca](mailto:firecomm@gov.ab.ca).

Thank you for your important work and dedication to the safety of individuals in your community.

Sincerely,

Ric McIver  
Minister

cc: Honourable Nathan Cooper, MLA Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills  
Brent Williams, Chief Administrative Officer  
Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services