

Minutes of the Town of Olds Regular Council meeting conducted electronically through ZOOM Meetings on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Town Municipal Office.

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 337 948 8245 and then Password 943170 to listen in to the live meeting.

PRESENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS:

In the Chair, Mayor Michael Muzychka (From Chambers.)
Councillor Debbie Bennett, Councillor Wanda Blatz, Councillor Mary Jane Harper, Councillor Mary Anne Overwater, Councillor Heather Ryan and Councillor Mitch Thomson participated virtually.

ABSENT– ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Participating virtually in the Regular meeting of Council – STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer, Michael Merritt; Doug Wagstaff, Director of Community Services; Sheena Linderman, Director of Finance; Scott Chant, Director of Operations; Chief Justin Andrew, Director of Protective Services; and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Muzychka called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

A.) ADDED ITEM(s)

Councillor Overwater requested two items under FOIP Section 25 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body, in Closed Session.
Councillor Bennett requested one item under new business - Canadian Urban Institute
CAO Merritt requested that Item 6D) be moved to 6A).

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "to accept the Council agenda for the Monday, February 22, 2021 regular Council meeting, as amended."
Motion Carried 21-64

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2A) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2021

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2021, as presented."
Motion Carried 21-65

3. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

3A) Emergency Management Agency – COVID Update

Emergency Managements Agency's Director, Brian Powell gave PowerPoint Presentation to Council on the local state of COVID-19, as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council accept the Emergency Managements presentation on COVID-19 as information."

Council discussion ensued and Director Powell & Director Wagstaff responded to Council queries.

Motion Carried 21-66

3B) Emergency Management Agency – Emergency Response Plan Annual Review

CAO Merritt spoke to the legislative requirements on the municipality regarding Emergency Management and introduced Mrs. Jennifer Lutz.

Mrs. Lutz is the Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Olds, made presentation to Council (the Emergency Management Committee) and spoke to the components of the annual review. Documents presented to Council were the Community Emergency Management Plans on Self-assessment and Risk-assessment. The Town of Olds Emergency Response Plan was provided to Council in a separate cover as it contained confidential information.

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that Council shall approve the Town of Olds Emergency Management plan."

Councillor Bennett thanked all staff who has contributed to the plan.

Council discussion ensued, Mrs. Lutz responded to Council questions and comments.

Motion Carried 21-67

CAO Merritt spoke to the amount of time and training staff has put forward to be a very strong management group.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councillor Overwater provided updated to Council on the Alberta Association of Police Governance, Annual Conference on April 23 & 24, that it is being held virtually and by doing so will allow more participants and reduce the budget costs.

5. BYLAWS

5A) Bylaw 2021-01 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment – Murals

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Bylaw No. 2021-01 to amend the Land Use Bylaw be given first reading.

Motion Carried 21-68

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council sets Monday, March 22, 2021 at 1:00 pm in as the date, time, and place for a Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 2021-01 to be held via virtual meeting."

Motion Carried 21-69

6. NEW BUSINESS

Moved item

6A) Council Policy 120C Public Art

CAO Merritt spoke to the amendments to the Council Policy. Director Wagstaff spoke on the amendments as noted on the document in the agenda package.

Councillor Overwater asked about art placement/displays and who makes the decision on where the art will be placed. Director Wagstaff indicated that at this time there is no policy/procedure in place that clearly speaks to where public art goes, historically it has been an Administrative piece.

Council suggests a bigger discussion should be held on this topic.

Council discussion ensued on Public Art and the committee.
CAO Merritt agreed that the policy should and will come back after the public hearing for further Council discussion.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Council Policy 120C Public Art, be tabled to an April regular council agenda."

Motion Carried 21-70

6B) Olds College Sponsorship Request

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "That the Town of Olds sponsor a Bronze Package for the Olds College - A Celebration of Alberta AG event, taking place virtually on Friday, April 9, 2021."

Motion Carried 21-71

6C) Proclamation - International Women's Day March 8

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Monday March 8, 2021 be recognized as International Women's Day in Olds."

Motion Carried 21-72

6D) Proclamation – Economic Development Week May 9-15

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council proclaim May 9 – 15, 2021 as Economic Development Week in the Town of Olds."

Motion Carried 21-73

ADDED ITEM

6E) Canadian Urban Institute

Councillor Bennett provided Council with information on Canadian Urban Institute. This is a national platform with the main driver being business recovery from COVID, Councillor Bennett spoke to opportunities to collaborate together.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

7A) Reports from Council, Boards and Committees

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that the reports from Council, Authorities, Boards, Committees and Commissions ending February 22, 2021 be received for information."

Councillor Blatz read from her prepared report on attending regular Council meetings and Policy and Priorities committee meeting, Broadband Investment Committee meeting, the Alberta Urban Municipal Association Presidential Summit(s), Brownlee Webinar on Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission meeting.

Councillor Overwater spoke from her written report on attending Indigenous training through Central Alberta Economic Partnership (CAEP), the CAEP meeting, the Alberta Urban Municipal Association Presidential Summit(s), Brownlee Webinar on Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, regular Council meetings, Broadband Investment Committee meeting the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting and the Olds Policing Advisory Committee meeting and the Mountain View Regional Waste Management Commission meeting.

Councillor Bennett noted she also attended many of the already mentioned meetings.

Councillor Ryan indicated she had provided her written report to Council earlier that day, she also attended the Olds Municipal Library Board meeting and the AGM will be held March 17.

Councillor Thomson reported on attending the Alberta Urban Municipal Association Presidential Summit(s), Brownlee Webinar on Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, the Municipal Planning Commission meeting, regular Council meetings, and Policy and Priorities committee meeting, and the CAO/Council Conversation.

Councillor Harper spoke on attending the Alberta Urban Municipal Association Presidential Summit(s), Brownlee Webinar on Emerging Trends in Municipal Law, the Mountain View regional Water Services Commission, Public Art Advisory Committee meeting, Olds Chamber of Commerce Directors meeting and the AGM is March 10.

Mayor Muzychka indicated he too attended many of the previously mentioned meetings and summits, presentations, webinars and sessions, also noted he attended the Mayors of South Central Alberta meeting.

Motion Carried 21-74

8. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

9A) Correspondence and Information

CAO Merritt spoke on correspondence received as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that the Correspondence and Information Report ending February 22, 2021, be received for information."

Motion Carried 21-75

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Administration prepare a letter for the Signature of the Mayor to the Premier and applicable Ministers regarding the lack of public consultation and engagement with municipalities and environmental concerns with coal mining."

Motion Carried 21-76

Council requested that citizens be advised of when the service level discussion will take place in regards to the concerns brought forward to Council.

ADDED ITEM - Closed Session

FOIP Section 25 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body(x2)

Mayor Muzychka explained the process to the meeting participants for when Council moves in and out of the Closed Session.

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 Sections 25 at 2:57 p.m. with CAO Merritt in attendance."

Motion Carried 21-77

Directors Linderman, Chant, Wagstaff and Andrew and Town staff and the general public were moved to the waiting room of the meeting platform at 2:57 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that the meeting reconvene to the regular Council meeting at 3:25 p.m."

Motion Carried 21-78

Mayor Muzychka recessed the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

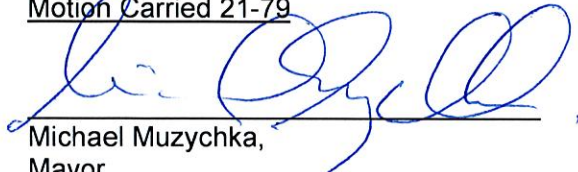
Mayor Muzychka reconvened the meeting at 335 p.m.

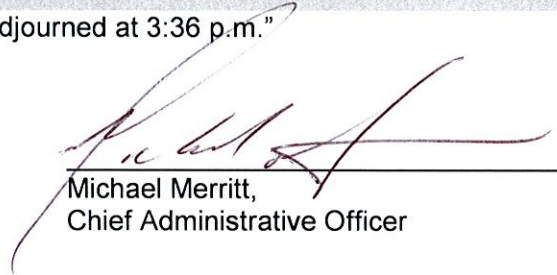
Administration moved the public into the waiting room at 3:35 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that this meeting be adjourned at 3:36 p.m."

Motion Carried 21-79



Michael Muzychka,
Mayor

Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the eighth day of March, 2021.