

Minutes of the Town of Olds Regular and Closed Council meeting conducted electronically through ZOOM Meetings on Monday, March 8, 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; Monica Leatherdale, Communications Coordinator and Marcie McKinnon, Legislative Clerk.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A.) ADDED ITEM(s)

Councillor Harper requested two items added under New Business; 6E) Olds College Virtual Gala and 6F) Olds Dog Park

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "to accept the Council agenda for the Monday, March 8, 2021 regular Council meeting, as amended."

Motion Carried 21-80

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2A) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2021

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes - February 22, 2021, as amended." (add 'Overwater' behind Councillor - under 6A) comments point number two; and add "Overwater" to reconvening motion at end of meeting along with time of 3:25 p.m.)

Motion Carried 21-81

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.

Director Wagstaff provided an update on the limited services have started back up at the Aquatic Centre which are by appointment only, same process at the Sportsplex.

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

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

All Town of Olds Staff has been thanked for all their hard work and dedication during this time.

Motion Carried 21-82

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. BYLAWS

5A) Bylaw 2021-02 Land Use Bylaw 01-23 Amendment – Chicken Coops

Moved by Councillor Harper, “that Bylaw No. 2021-02 to amend the Land Use Bylaw be given first reading.”

Motion Carried 21-83

Council queried where it would be best place if the Town wanted to put a limit of chicken coops within the Town in the land use bylaw or the community standards bylaw? CAO Merritt and Mrs. Wright from PCPS concurred it would be best in the Community Standards Bylaw.

Council asked if a development permit was necessary for a chicken coop, Director Chant indicated; yes for the structure.

Motion Carried 21-84

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “that Council sets Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1:00 pm in Council Chambers or by virtual meeting as the date, time and place for a Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 2021-02.”

Motion Carried 21-85

5B) Bylaw 2021-04 Community Standards Bylaw 2018-05 Amendment

Director Wagstaff spoke on two housekeeping items. On page 4 of the bylaw, the amendments to wording on Page 23 and Page 28 – the dates were changed to February 28 to be in line with the Rates Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that Bylaw 2021-04 Community Standards Amendment Bylaw be given first reading.”

Council discussion ensued on:

Restricting Number of Hens

Requiring Education Component

-perhaps a partnership with local educational institute/agricultural partners

Restricting the Number of Licences for Chicken Coops within the Town

CAO/Wagstaff, bring back with ~~amends~~ amendments as they have heard from council
Cost of Licence... that would come to Council in September through a Rates Bylaw.
Height restriction must be synced

Motion Carried 21-86

Moved by Councillor Thomson, “that Council direct Administration to bring back 2021-04 Community Standards Amendment Bylaw for consideration on April 12, 2021 to the Regular Council Meeting.

Motion Carried 21-87

5C) Bylaw 2021-05 Ad-Hoc Committee – Council Bylaw Policy Review

CAO Merritt and Mrs. Lloyd spoke to the bylaw being presented to council for their consideration today. Mrs. Lloyd requested that point 5(2) be struck from the bylaw.

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that Bylaw 2021-05 Code of Conduct Review Ad Hoc Committee, be given first reading, as amended."

Council discussion ensued on:

Mayor's role on council committee as an ex officio member, is addressed under the Municipal Government Act.

Motion Carried 21-88

Councillor Ryan, "that Bylaw 2021-05 Code of Conduct Review Ad Hoc Committee, be given second reading, as amended."

Motion Carried 21-89

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council give unanimous consent to Bylaw 2021-05 Code of Conduct Review Ad Hoc Committee, and that it be given third reading, as amended."

Motion Carried 21-90

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Bylaw 2021-05 Code of Conduct Review Ad Hoc Committee, be given third and final reading, as amended."

Motion Carried 21-91

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A) Council Appointment to Ad-Hoc Committee

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Councillor Harper, Councillor Overwater and Councillor Thomson be appointed to the Code of Conduct Review Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion Carried 21-92

6B) Asset Management Strategy 2021

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that Council approve the 2021 Asset Management Strategy."

Council discussion ensued on:

Asset management report

Inventory collection of hidden assets for report

Summer student to start and assist with asset management program

Council would like to see an information sheet with a high level summary of Town assets.

Motion Carried 21-93

6C) Fraud Prevention Month Proclamation

Director of Protective Services, Justin Andrew spoke on the proclamation before Council for their consideration.

Moved by Overwater, "that March 2021, be proclaimed as Fraud Prevention Month in the Town of Olds."

Council requested Director Andrew work with Communications to put out a 'did you know' a week, on fraud prevention.

Motion Carried 21-94

6D) Kiwanis Music Festival – Sponsorship Request

Director Wagstaff spoke on the request before Council today.

Moved by Councillor Harper, “that a donation of \$1,000 for the Olds & District Kiwanis Music Festival, March 15–25, 2021, be approved.”

Motion Carried 21-95

Added items

6E) Olds College Virtual Gala

Councillor Harper queried on the invitation that was received via email regarding the Olds College Virtual Gala, which council members would be attending, she noted it was a no cost event, however attendees did need to register.

CAO Merritt will have the CAO/Council Executive Support, Mrs. French reach out to Council to confirm who wishes to be registered to attend the event.

6F) Olds Dog Park

Councillor Harper requested an updated on the Olds dog park.

Director Chant noted that the Town doesn't have staff that maintain the park, other than twice a year they harrow the field. Director Wagstaff noted that last year the summer students did assist during the harrowing. However, last year a user's group did a blitz and cleanup the park.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

8. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

9A) Correspondence and Information

CAO Merritt spoke to items as contained under the correspondence and information section in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “that the Correspondence and Information Report ending March 8, 2021, be received for information.”

Discussion ensued on the Provinces initiative to replace the RCMP.

Director Andrew noted that the report that was provided to Minister Madu, would be forwarded to Council.

Motion Carried 21-96

Moved by Councillor Harper, “that the Mayor prepare a letter to Minister Madu and Premier Kenney indicating that the Town of Olds Council does not support a provincial policy force.”

Motion Carried 21-97

CLOSED SESSION

FOIP Section 25 – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

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

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "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 3:11 p.m. with CAO Merritt, Director Linderman, Director Andrew Director Chant, Director Wagstaff and Deputy Chief Kjorsvik in attendance."
Motion Carried 21-98

Town Staff Monica Leatherdale and Marcie McKinnon along with the general public were moved to the waiting room of the meeting platform at 3:11 p.m.

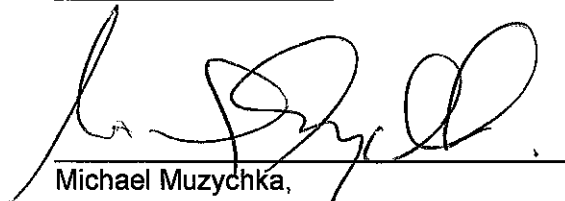
Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that the meeting reconvene to the regular Council meeting at 3:46 p.m."
Motion Carried 21-99

Mayor Muzychka recessed the meeting at 3:46 p.m.
Mayor Muzychka reconvened the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

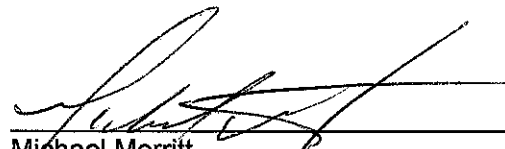
Administration moved the public from the waiting room back to the meeting at 3:57 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that this meeting be adjourned at 3:57 p.m."
Motion Carried 21-100



Michael Muzychka,
Mayor



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the twenty-second day of March, 2021.