

Minutes of the Town of Olds Regular and Closed Council meeting conducted electronically through ZOOM Meetings on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, at the Town Municipal Office.

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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:

Michael Merritt, Chief Administrative Officer; Doug Wagstaff, Director of Community Services; Sheena Linderman, Director of Finance; 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 1:01 p.m.

A.) ADDED ITEM(s)

CAO Merritt requested Emergency Management Agency Appointments be added as item 3A.1) under the Emergency Management Agency COVID Update.

CAO Merritt noted that Mr. Chant, Director of Operations is on leave and that Director Wagstaff is acting Director of Operations and Michelle LaRoche is acting as Director of Community Service.

B.) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Blatz, “to accept the Council agenda for the Monday, May 10, 2021 regular council meeting, as amended.”

Motion Carried 21-176

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2A) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2021

Moved by Councillor Ryan, “to accept the Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2021, as amended.” (Director Wagstaff requested an amendment to the address noted in motion 21-174. It should read as *5001 54 Street*.)

Motion Carried 21-177

3. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

3A) Emergency Management Agency – COVID Verbal Update

(A Business Impact Survey results *handout* was provided to Council electronically and will be held with the meeting minutes.)

CAO Merritt introduced Acting Director of Emergency Management, Mrs. Jennifer Lutz.

Mrs. Lutz spoke to Town COVID case numbers spiking which took us to the highest percentile within the central zone however, as of today, the zone case numbers are coming down. Mrs.

Lutz spoke to the *Business Impact Survey* results and indicated the survey will be uploaded to the Town's website.

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

Motion Carried 21-178

Added Item

3A.1) Emergency Management Agency Appointments

CAO Merritt spoke to the Added Item for Emergency Management Appointments presented today.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "that Council temporarily appoint Jennifer Lutz to the position of Acting Director of Emergency Management (DEM) for the Town of Olds, effective May 10, 2021."

Motion Carried 21-179

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Council temporarily appoint Cody Maetche to the position of Acting Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM) for the Town of Olds, effective May 10, 2021."

Motion Carried 21-180

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council temporarily appoint Jamie Vasseur to the position of Acting Deputy Director of Emergency Management (DDEM) for the Town of Olds, effective May 10, 2021."

Motion Carried 21-181

3B) National Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Committee

Proclamation: National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2021

Town Administrative Staff introduced the National Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Committee Members, Elder John Sinclair, Chairman and Committee Member Bev Toews who were participating online.

Elder John Sinclair acknowledged Treaty 7 territory—the ancestral and traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy: Kainai, Piikani and Siksika as well as the Tsuu T'ina First Nation and Stoney Nakoda First Nation. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We are grateful for the traditional Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us today and those who have gone before us. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

Elder Sinclair spoke of the old ways and treaties made in the past and thanked the Town for the all the support over the past few years; Elder Sinclair spoke to COVID challenges they have faced in planning National Indigenous Peoples Day and how they intend to bring a virtual opportunity for people to experience on June 21.

Mrs. Toews spoke to program resources and development opportunities.

Elder Sinclair kindly asked for Council to consider the proclamation request and if the Mayor would prepare a video greeting for National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Council thank the National Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Committee for their presentation and the ongoing work of the volunteers of the National Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Committee be acknowledged with thanks.

Motion Carried 21-182

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that June 21, 2021, be recognized as National Indigenous Peoples Day in the Town of Olds."

Motion Carried 21-183

3C) Fair Trade Committee

Proclamation: Fair Trade Month

Town Administrative Staff introduced the Fair Trade Committee. Committee Member Bev Toews participated online and spoke to Council on the proclamation request as contained in the agenda package. Covering upcoming events with the high school and at local businesses and restaurants in the community during Fair Trade Month.

Moved by Councillor Thomson, "that May 2021 be proclaimed as "Fair Trade Month" in the Town of Olds and to thank Mrs. Toews for her years of service and dedication to this committee."

Motion Carried 21-184

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

5. BYLAWS

5A) Bylaw 2021-08 Road Closure – Reschedule Public Hearing

CAO Merritt spoke to Town requesting public hearing reschedule, due to not meeting the public advertising requirements as legislated.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Council reschedule the date, time and place for a Public Hearing on Bylaw 2021-08 and set it for Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., to be held virtually through the Council Chambers as the date, time and place for a Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 2021-08."

Motion Carried 21-185

5B) Bylaw 2021-11 Public Art Advisory Committee (Establishment)

Moved by Councillor Blatz, "that Public Art Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2021-11 is given first reading."

Motion Carried 21-186

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that Public Art Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2021-11 is given second reading."

Motion Carried 21-187

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that Council give unanimous consent for presentation of the third reading of Public Art Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2021-11."

Motion Carried 21-188

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that Public Art Advisory Committee Bylaw No. 2021-11 is given third and final reading."

Motion Carried 21-189

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A) CAO Annual Evaluation

Mayor Muzychka spoke on the Chief Administrative Officer's annual performance evaluation that is required by legislation he indicated that Council has completed that obligation.

Moved by Councillor Bennett, "that *the following resolution on the subject of the Chief Administrative Officer 2020-2021 Performance Evaluation be approved:*

Be it resolved that Council conducted the annual Performance Evaluation of Mr. Michael Merritt Town of Olds Chief Administrative Officer on May 6, 2021, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act; Section 205.1 and Section 207."

Motion Carried 21-190

CAO Merritt thanked Council and support staff for their support over the last four years.

6B) Proclamation: Public Works Week May 16-22, 2021

CAO Merritt spoke about our Town Public Works Staff and the pride and dedication the staff show throughout the community. Further he spoke to the Equipment Roadeo that our staff has been successful at for the last few years.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that May 16 to 22, 2021, be proclaimed as "Public Works Week" in the Town of Olds."

Motion Carried 21-191

6C) Proclamation: Seniors' Week June 7-13, 2021

Town Administrative Staff spoke to Seniors' Week being held across Canada and some of the initiatives being held around Town at local businesses and the requested proclamation as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that June 7-13, 2021, be proclaimed as 'Seniors' Week' in the Town of Olds."

Motion Carried 21-192

6D) Proclamation: Recreation and Parks Month June

Town Administrative Staff spoke to a Recreation and Parks Month initiative that will be offered around the community in COVID friendly format. Ms. Nici Carmichael presented information on the outdoor promotion being initiated by the Town set to start on June 1.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, "that June 2021 be proclaimed as Recreation and Parks Month in the Town of Olds."

Motion Carried 21-193

6E) Capital Project Update

Director Linderman spoke on the Capital Project update as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Ryan, "that Council accepts the capital project update for information."

Motion Carried 21-194

6F) Wastewater Consumption Winter Averaging

Director Linderman spoke to the proposed Wastewater Consumption Winter Averaging as contained in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Harper, "that the winter averaging method be used to calculate wastewater

consumption for the three (3) months that being July to September with a minimum charge of two (2) cubic meters.”

Motion Carried 21-195

6G) Naming of New Town Facility

CAO Merritt spoke to Council naming new Town facilities and the request being brought forward for their consideration today.

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that Council approve the naming of the new facility located at 3701 – 70th Avenue as Town of Olds Operations Centre.”

Motion Carried 21-196

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

8. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

9A) Correspondence and Information

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

Moved by Councillor Overwater, “that the Correspondence and Information Report ending May 10, 2021 be received for information.”

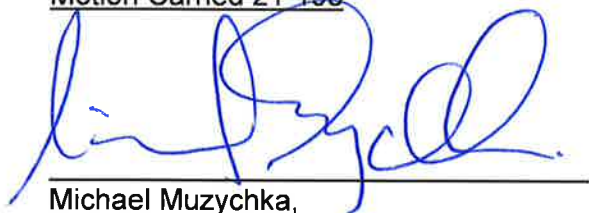
Council agreed to add further discussion on policing service at a future Council meeting.

Motion Carried 21-197

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Thomson, “that this meeting be adjourned at 2:29 p.m.”

Motion Carried 21-198



Michael Muzychka,
Mayor



Michael Merritt,
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the twenty-fifth day of May, 2021.

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