



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, February 5, 2024, 6:00 pm
Council Chambers & Zoom Access**

In Person: Mayor McDonald (5:45 pm) CAO Fuller (5:45 pm), Councillor McIntosh (5:45 pm), Councillor Northey (5:45 pm), Councillor Gust (5:52 pm), Public Works Foreman Taylor (6:15 pm)

Absent with notice: Deputy Mayor Orom

Recording Secretary: Secretary Morrison (5:45 pm)

Public: Mary Jane Heck (5:53 pm), Charlene Brosinsky (6:18 pm)

Public Zoom: L. Turcotte (6:00 pm), Sherry Letendre (6:05 pm), Alvin (6:00 pm)

Press by zoom: Kevin Sabo (6:00 pm), Stu Salkeld (6:00 pm)

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McDonald at 6:00 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Northey to approve the February 5, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda.

MOTION #022-2024 CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

4. DELEGATIONS - None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council with an amendment to Motion #016-2024 of 'Reeve of Red Deer County' to 'Mayor of Red Deer County'.

MOTION #023-2024 CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Letter to Council from Haley Perry

6.2 Staff Projects and Council Requests Listing 2024

6.3 Community Policing Report – Sergeant Trent Cleveland

6.4 Bill C-310 – Response from Damien Kurek

6.5 Alberta Health Services – Medical First Response Financial Support

Councillor McIntosh requested 6.2 Staff Projects and Council Requests Listing 2024 to be discussed as 7.7 within New and Unfinished Business.

7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Letter to Council – Conflict of Interest Inquiry.

MOVED by Councillor Gust to direct CAO Fuller to send the information that was included in the February 5, 2024, Agenda Package to the resident with the Conflict of interest inquiry.

MOTION #024-2024 CARRIED

7.2 Bashaw Municipal Library – Trustee Motion request.

MOVED by Councillor Northey to appoint Terry Brown-Gust to the Bashaw Library Board effective February 5, 2024, for the first term of the three years.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.

IN FAVOR: Mayor McDonald OPPOSED: Councillor McIntosh

Councillor Gust

Councillor Northey

MOTION #025-2024 CARRIED

7.3 Notice of Motion – Council Remuneration

Discussion progressed.

WHEREAS the purpose of the municipality pursuant to section 3(a) of the *Municipal Government Act* is to provide good government;
AND WHEREAS Municipal Elected Officials are in a unique position to set their own pay with taxpayer dollars;
AND WHEREAS it is desirable to make decisions informed by research, removing perceptions of bias, and, where possible, at “arms’ length”;
AND WHEREAS 2025 is a municipal election year with the ‘campaign period’, as defined in the *Local Authorities Election Act* section 147.1(1)(b)(i), beginning on January 1st of that year;
AND WHEREAS prospective candidates should know their remuneration before declaring their candidacy for elected office;
MOVED BY Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft a Frame of Reference for a Council Remuneration Review Committee (advisory), including the following elements:

- (a) Number of members – three (3);
- (b) A restriction on members of Council or anyone declared under pecuniary interest statutes from serving on this committee;
- (c) A timeline for implementation that allows Council to make an informed decision prior to the January 1st campaign period;
- (d) Inclusion of external markets to be surveyed based on size, locality, industry, or other such relevant measures;
- (e) Descriptions of duties, powers, meeting schedules, review, or other such measures the CAO deems necessary.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.

IN FAVOR: Councillor McIntosh

OPPOSED: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey

MOTION #026-2024

DEFEATED

7.4 Notice of Motion – Council Transparency

WHEREAS the purpose of the municipality pursuant to section 3(a) of the *Municipal Government Act* is to provide good government;
AND WHEREAS open and transparent governments engender the public trust;
AND WHEREAS local government is the order of government closest to the everyday lives of residents, impacting services such as roadways, waste removal, water, and other programming that enhances the quality of life of residents;
AND WHEREAS the current term of Council has seen a higher interest in its dealings than comparator municipalities, as determined by the number of attendees at meetings (both online and in person) and media coverage;
AND WHEREAS the current term of Council has seen multiple members of Council attend meetings remotely;

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft amendments to the necessary Bylaws and Policies, no later than July 30th of 2024, to enact the following:

- a) Recording and public distribution of Council and Committee meetings.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.

IN FAVOR: Councillor McIntosh

OPPOSED: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey

MOTION #027-2024

DEFEATED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft amendments to the necessary Bylaws and Policies, no later than July 30th of 2024, to enact the following:

- b) The release of an unofficial summary of highlights from each Council and Committee meeting.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.

IN FAVOR: Councillor McIntosh

OPPOSED: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey

MOTION #028-2024

DEFEATED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft amendments to the necessary Bylaws and Policies, no later than July 30th of 2024, to enact the following:

- c) Automatically making every vote of Council a “recorded vote” and denoting motions that are “CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY” as such within meeting minutes to save space.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.
IN FAVOR: Councillor McIntosh
OPPOSED: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey

MOTION #029-2024 DEFEATED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft amendments to the necessary Bylaws and Policies, no later than July 30th of 2024, to enact the following:

- d) A defined process for soliciting the names of residents to be appointed to Municipal agencies, boards, and commissions.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.
IN FAVOR: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey
Councillor McIntosh
OPPOSED: none.

MOTION #030-2024 CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft amendments to the necessary Bylaws and Policies, no later than July 30th of 2024, to enact the following:

- e) Regular engagement with the public in the form of “Citizen Satisfaction Surveys” or similar.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.
IN FAVOR: Councillor Northey
OPPOSED: Councillor McIntosh
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Gust

MOTION #031-2024 DEFEATED

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to draft amendments to the necessary Bylaws and Policies, no later than July 30th of 2024, to enact the following:

- f) Any other such items that the CAO believes will foster the public trust through increased transparency.

Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.
IN FAVOR: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey
Councillor McIntosh
OPPOSED: none.

MOTION #032-2024 CARRIED

MOVED BY Councillor McIntosh to direct administration to research and report costs and implementation challenges, no later than July 30th of 2024, on modernizing Council livestreams, livestream equipment, and other such technological components that enhance Council transparency, recognizing the key role such technology plays in the participation of Municipal Elected Officials, the public, and press in the democratic process.
Councillor McIntosh called for a counted vote.
IN FAVOR: None.
OPPOSED: Councillor Gust
Mayor McDonald
Councillor Northey
Councillor McIntosh

MOTION #033-2024 DEFEATED

7.5 Alberta Mid-Sized Towns Mayor’s Caucus

MOVED by Councillor Gust to approve Mayor McDonald to attend the Alberta Mid-Sized Towns Mayor’s Caucus for a 1-year term. Value to be reviewed following 1 year term.
MOTION #034-2024 CARRIED

7.6 Water Leak Report

Foreman Taylor provided a summary of the water leak situation and repairs that are being completed on a main break and on a sewer line. Council discussed communications throughout the period that the town had been dealing with the situation.

7.7 Staff Projects

Discussion progressed.

- 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – none
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS – none
- 10. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL – none
- 11. NEXT MEETING: February 21, 2024, 6:00 pm.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT – Councillor Gust adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER