



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 19, 2025, 7:00 pm
Council Chambers & Zoom Access**

In Person: CAO Fuller (6:51pm), Councillor McIntosh (6:51pm), Mayor McDonald (6:51pm), Deputy Mayor Orom (6:51pm),

Council by Zoom: Councillor Gust (6:55 pm), Liz Armitage (6:55 pm)

Absent with notice: Secretary Morrison, Councillor Northey

Recording Secretary: CAO Fuller

Public: Julie Wiebe, Rick Blanchard, Cory Barritt, Rosmarie Barritt, Carrie Collins-Thomas

Public Zoom: none

Press by zoom: none

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor McDonald (7:00 pm)

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

CAO Fuller requested to add Personnel, Respect in the Workplace, FOIP Section 17, to the Closed Meeting of Council section of the agenda.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Orom to approve the March 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council Agenda with the addition of Personnel, Respect in the Workplace, FOIP section 17 to the Closed meeting of Council section of the agenda.

MOTION #047-2025

CARRIED

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Bylaw #830 – 2025 – Redistricting

3.2 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Bylaw #832 – 2025 – Industrial to Highway Commercial

Regular Meeting of Council resumed at 7:29pm.

4. DELEGATIONS - none

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of March 5, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to approve minutes of the March 5, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

MOTION #048-2025

CARRIED

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Canadian Fiber Optics & Northern Lights – Request for Information

6.2 Municipal Affairs – Local Government Fiscal Framework

6.3 Town of Bashaw Monthly Statement – February 28, 2025

6.4 February Cheque Run

6.5 Bashaw Agriculture Society – Sponsorship for Buffalo lake Stampede

6.6 Fortis Alberta – Alberta Municipalities EV Charging Program Funding

Council requested to move Canadian Fiber Optics & Northern lights – request for information to New & Unfinished business item 7.4.

7. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Bylaw #830 – 2025 – Redistricting – Second & Third Reading

MOVED by Councillor Gust to approve the second reading of Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Bylaw #830 – 2025.

MOTION #049-2025

DEFEATED

Liz Armitage left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

7.2 Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Bylaw #832 – 2025 – Industrial to Highway Commercial – Second & Third reading.

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Orom to approve second reading of Bylaw 832 – 2025 amending Land Use Bylaw 780-2018 to change the land use of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 822 2530 from (M) Industrial to (C 2) Highway Commercial.

MOTION #050-2025

CARRIED

MOVED by Mayor McDonald to approve third and final reading of Bylaw 832-2025 amending Land use Bylaw 780-2018 to change the land use of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 822 2530 from (M) Industrial to (C2) Highway Commercial.
MOTION #051-2025 CARRIED

Julie Wiebe, Rick Blanchard, Cory Barritt, Rosmarie Barritt, Carrie Collins-Thomas left the meeting at 8:15pm.

7.3 Notice of Motion – Buy Canadian Policy – Councillor McIntosh

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh that:

WHEREAS the purpose of the municipality pursuant to section 3(a) of the *Municipal Government Act* is to provide good government;

AND WHEREAS as of March 4th, 2025, the United States government, under the direction of President Donald Trump, has imposed damaging tariffs on Canada;

AND WHEREAS those tariffs will have an impact on our local, regional, and national economies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct administration to review the purchasing of the corporate body to identify the country of origin of goods used by The Town of Bashaw, publishing a list of all items originating in the United States prominently on the Town website;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct administration to prioritize Canadian products and services when purchasing; allowing for global alternatives where Canadian options are not practicable; products originating in the United States should be chosen as an option of ‘last resort’;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct administration to create engagement opportunities for local community members to report alternative Canadian products where Council/administration is unaware they exist;

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct its agencies, boards, and commissions, through their respective processes, to prioritize Canadian products and services when purchasing; allowing for global alternatives where Canadian options are not practicable; products originating in the United States should be chosen as an option of ‘last resort’.

Councillor McIntosh requested a recorded vote.

In Favor: Councillor McIntosh, Deputy Mayor Orom Opposed: Councillor Gust, Mayor McDonald
MOTION #052-2025 DEFEATED

7.4 Canadian Fiber Optics & Northern Lights – Request for Information

MOVED by Deputy Mayor Orom to direct administration to complete and submit the Request for information to Canadian Fiber Optics & Northern Lights.

MOTION #053-2025 CARRIED

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

9. CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS – none

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to move into Closed Meeting of Council at 8:30 pm to discuss 10.1 Personnel – Respect in the Workplace – FOIP Section 17.

MOTION #054-2025 CARRIED

10. CLOSED MEETING OF COUNCIL

10.1 Personnel – Respect in the Workplace – FOIP Section 17

MOVED by Councillor McIntosh to come out of Closed meeting of council at 9:30 pm.

MOTION #055-2025 CARRIED

11. NOTICES OF MOTION - none

12. NEXT MEETING – Regular Meeting of Council – April 2 & 16, 2025, 6:00pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT – Councillor Gust adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

MAYOR, Robert McDonald

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Theresa Fuller