

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO HELD IN COUNCIL
CHAMBERS ON
February 8, 2016**

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS:

Doug Barlow
Ric Beddows
Rick Doherty
Kevin Jones
Lynn MacWilliam

ABSENT:

Tom Rose (with notification)
Jackie Peterson (with notification)

STAFF:

Sabine Nasse, Chief Administrative Officer

OTHERS IN

ATTENDANCE:

Sandra Stanway - Media

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Beddows called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. AGENDA

Moved by **COUNCILLOR DOHERTY** that the agenda be adopted as amended.

MOTION

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

**3.1 Adoption of Minutes from the Regular Council meeting
January 11, 2016**

Moved by **COUNCILLOR DOHERTY** that Council approve the minutes of

the regular Council meeting held on January 11, 2016 as presented.

MOTION

CARRIED

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4. DELEGATIONS – None

4.1 RCMP Detachment – Year-end report – postponed to Feb. 22, 2016

4.2 Bassano Memorial Library – Year End Presentation/2016 Budget

Monique Treiber presented Council with the 2016 Budget, highlights of completed projects in 2015 and upcoming projects for 2016. Deputy Mayor Beddows thanks the Mrs. Treiber for her presentation and departed at 7:10 p.m.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Drinking Water Safety Plan

Copy of the Drinking Water Safety Plan was provided to Council – information only.

5.2 Elected Official Professional Development Training

Postponed to February 22, 2016 Council meeting.

5.3 Walkability Plan 2016

Plan was reviewed. Information on cost for each projected was requested by Councillor Barlow. To be presented at the February 22, 2016 Council meeting.

5.4 Palliser Airshed Society – 2016 Membership

Council chose not to obtain a membership.

5.5 Focus Forward – Next Step

Information only.

5.6 Eastern Alberta Trade Corridor (ETAC) Forum

Councillor Jones and Councillor MacWilliam expressed an interest to Council on attending the ETAC Forum. Discussion followed.

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Recorded vote requested by COUNCILLOR MACWILLIAM.

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MacWILLIAM** that Council approve the attendance of Councillor Jones and Councillor MacWilliam at the East Alberta Trade Corridor Forum on March 10 & 11, 2016 in Medicine Hat.

For: Councillor Jones and Councillor MacWilliam
Against: Councillor Barlow, Councillor Beddows and Councillor Doherty

MOTION

DEFEATED

5.7 Infrastructure Priority List

An Infrastructure Priority List was requested and submitted to the Minister of Infrastructure/Transportation by Administration.

5.8 Newell Regional Infrastructure Master Plan – ACP Application – City of Brooks

Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that Council authorizes the Town of Bassano to participate in the Regional Infrastructure Master Plan with the City of Brooks, (managing partner), Village of Rosemary, and Village of Duchess to be submitted by the City of Brooks under the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program.

MOTION

CARRIED

5.9 Regional Wastewater Assessment – ACP Application – City of Brooks

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council authorizes the Town of Bassano to participate in the Newell Regional Wastewater Assessment with the City of Brooks (managing partner), Village of Rosemary, Village of Duchess and County of Newell to be submitted by the City of Brooks under the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program.

MOTION

CARRIED

5.10 Broadband – ACP Application – Palliser Economic Development

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MacWILLIAM** that Council supports the grant application submitted by the Village of Empress (managing partner) and the Town of Bassano (partnering municipality) to the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program to undertake the exploration of GigaBit Broadband opportunities, needs, benefits and strategic approaches relevant to municipalities of Southern East Alberta.

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5.11 Aligning Admin Technologies – ACP Application – City of Brooks

Moved by **COUNCILLOR MacWILLIAM** that Council supports the grant application submitted by the Village of Duchess (managing partner) and the Town of Bassano (partnering municipality) and the Village of Rosemary to the Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) program to undertake a project of “Aligning Admin Technologies” with the Village of Duchess, Village of Rosemary and Town of Bassano.

MOTION

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5.12 New – Purchase of Land and Rezoning Requirement

Councillor Barlow excused himself from the regular meeting due to

conflict of interest at 8:12 pm.

A letter of offer to purchase was received for the property at 306 7th Avenue including a rezoning request. The applicant will be contacted

Councillor Barlow returned to the meeting at 8:18 pm.

6. BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Barlow – no report

Councillor Jones – verbal/written report was provided

- 1 Bassano Memorial Library
- 2 Shortgrass Library Systems
- 3 Newell Regional Services Corporation
- 4 Palliser Economic Partnership - Broadband
- 5 Linear Tax Symposium hosted by AUMA in Calgary

Councillor MacWilliam - verbal/written report was provided

- 6 Community Futures WildRose
- 7 Palliser Economic Partnership

Councillor Doherty – no report

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that the Board & Committee Reports be accepted as information.

MOTION

CARRIED

7. C.A.O.'s REPORT

Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that the C.A.O's report be accepted as information.

MOTION

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8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 Cheque listing – 2015 and 2016 payables – January 25, 2016

8.2 Cheque listing – 2015 and 2016 payables – February 8, 2016

Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that the cheque listing for January 25, 2016 and February 8, 2016 be accepted as information.

MOTION

CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Newell Foundation – 2016 Requisition
- 9.2 Fortis Alberta – 2016 Approved Rates and Investments

A recess was called by Councillor Beddows at 8:41 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

10. IN CAMERA

Moved by **COUNCILLOR DOHERTY** that Council moved into Camera at 8:55 p.m. to discuss:

- 10.1 Land Issues

MOTION

CARRIED

Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that Council move out of camera at 9:40 p.m.

MOTION

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Beddows adjourned the regular Council meeting of February 8, 2016 at 9:40 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer