



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO  
HELD VIRTUALLY ON MAY 10, 2021.**

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

MAYOR Ron Wickson  
COUNCILLORS Irvin Morey  
Kevin Jones  
Tom Rose  
John Slomp  
Doug Barlow

STAFF Amanda Davis – Chief Administrative Office

OTHER Sandra Stanway – Brooks Bulletin  
Holly Schaffer – Resident

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Wickson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

**2. EXCUSED FROM MEETING**

- None

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

TOB117/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MOREY** that the agenda is approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting of April 12, 2021**

TOB118/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR SLOMP** that council approves the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 12, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.2 Adoption of minutes from the special meeting of May 6, 2021**

TOB119/21 Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that council approves the minutes of the special meeting held on May 6, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Cpl. Sebastian Andrews, Bassano RCMP**

Andrews entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Andrews provided a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter update on RCMP operations and reviewed the April 30, 2021 Mayor's Report. Discussion ensued.

Andrews departed at 6:38 p.m.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 2021 Bassano Outdoor Pool Operations**

Council discussed options to operate the Bassano Outdoor Pool for the 2021 season.

**TOB120/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MOREY** that due to the high level of uncertainty and risk at this time as a result of the changing public health restrictions, and with limited pool staffing council directs that the outdoor pool remains closed for the 2021 season to protect the health and safety of the community, patrons, and staff. Council keeps its commitment to employ students for the summer and all students hired will be transitioned to the public works department to assist with community projects having evaluated the stated parameters of provincial restrictions, staffing, and financial considerations.

**CARRIED**

Schaffer departed at 6:24 p.m.

**6.2 FAB Village Square Update**

An open discussion was held regarding FAB Village Square and the status of the fundraising efforts.

**TOB121/21** Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** to direct administration to develop a plan to redirect Municipal Stimulus Program funds for council consideration to an alternate project as the Town continues to seek funds for the FAB Village Square Pilot Project and further, that a letter is sent to the Newell Housing Foundation to determine their commitment or interest in the pilot project with the intent of actualizing the Bassano Project.

**CARRIED**

**6.3 Water Tower – 317 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue – Open Discussion**

An open discussion was held regarding remediation of the old water tower site 317 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

**TOB122/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** directing administration to obtain a formal proposal from the local investor within 60-days regarding the purchase and business expansion on 317 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue with the intent of the town undertaking the demolition of the water tower and further, that administration prepares Request for Quotation for the demolition and remediation of the water tower site.

**CARRIED**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 2021 BARRA Operations Budget – Proposed**

BARRA's 2021 operations budget was presented and discussed.

**TOB123/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR SLOMP** that council approves BARRA's 2021 operating budget as presented.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 716 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Sewer Reimbursement Request**

A letter was received from Ward Wallace of 716 – 4<sup>th</sup> requesting a sewer check reimbursement.

**TOB124/21** Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** that council declines reimbursement of Invoice 22312 in the amount of \$273.00 issued by Bassano Plumbing and Heating to Ward Wallace at 716 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the trades division did not contact the town to have the public works department investigate municipal infrastructure as they have been requested to do. The matter could have been resolved without incurring trades expenses. Public communications regarding sewer line maintenance shall be included in bi-monthly newsletters.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Brooks Region Economic Development**

Two regional economic actions were reviewed, Business Beautification Program and the Blade Sign Program.

**TOB125/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR SLOMP** that council hereby waives the municipal sign permit fee for the duration of the Blade Sign initiative to encourage local businesses to take advantage of the regional promotion.

**CARRIED**

**8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**8.1 – 8.6** Written board and committee reports were presented and discussed.

**Bassano Memorial Library – Member Appointment**

**TOB126/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council appoints Ash Miller as recommended by the library executive to the Bassano Memorial Library board as a volunteer for a period of three-years starting May 10, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**TOB127/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** to accept the Board and Committee reports as presented and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

**CARRIED**

**9. CAO REPORTS**

**9.1 Operations Report**

A written CAO report was provided for the period ending May 7, 2021.

**Goal 2 – Task 5 – Recreation & Leisure Master Plan**

Discussion held regarding the opportunity to submit an application to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre for energy efficient lighting upgrades at the recreation complex and joint use facility.

**TOB128/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MOREY** directing administration to submit an application to the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre for the Town of Bassano Recreation Facility Lighting and Efficiencies Upgrade Project at the recreation complex and the joint use facility as a strategic tactic within the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan for reducing facility operating costs.

**CARRIED**

Special Meeting

**TOB129/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that a special council meeting is held on June 7 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of approving the 2021 tax rate bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Financial Statements**

Financial statement for the period ending March 31, 2021 was presented.

**9.3 Cheque Listings**

Cheque listing for the month ending March 31, 2021 was presented.

**9.4 FCSS Director Report**

A FCSS Director Report for the period ending April 30, 2021 was presented.

**TOB130/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council hereby declares June 7 – 13, 2021 to be Seniors' Week in Bassano.

**CARRIED**

**TOB131/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that as recommended by the FCSS Advisory Board that Allison Donaldson-Berg is appointed as a volunteer member for a three-year term effective May 10, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**TOB132/21** Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** that as recommended by the FCSS Advisory Board that Christine Petkau is appointed as a volunteer member for a three-year term effective May 10, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**TOB133/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that as recommended by the FCSS Advisory Board that Heather Basarab is appointed as a volunteer member for a three-year term effective May 10, 2021.

**CARRIED**

**9.5 CPO Report**

A CPO report for the month ending April 30, 2021 was presented.

**9.6 RCMP Report**

A monthly RCMP Mayor's report for month ending April 30, 2021 was presented.

**TOB134/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** that the CAO report for the period ending May 7, 2021 is approved as presented and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

**CARRIED**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1** Palliser Economic Partnership budget announcement dated April 2, 2021 was reviewed.

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- 10.2** Oldman River Regional Services Commission executive minutes of March 11, 2021 were reviewed.
- 10.3** Alberta Solicitor General notification of requisition for the Police Funding Model.
- 10.4** Town of Magrath letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of their support for the RCMP rather than the proposed Provincial Police Force.
- TOB135/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** directing administration to submit a letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of the Town's support for the RCMP rather than the proposed Provincial Police Force.
- CARRIED**
- 10.5** Town of Morinville letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of their support for the RCMP rather than the proposed Provincial Police Force.
- 10.6** County of Paintearth letter to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of their support for the RCMP rather than the proposed Provincial Police Force.
- 10.7** Town of High River requesting a letter in support to encourage the Province and the Alberta Energy Regulator to cease all exploration on Category 2 lands within the Easter Slopes of the Rockies.
- 10.8** The Brooks Region sought the support of a proclamation for Economic Development Week between May 9-15, 2021.
- TOB136/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** that council proclaims May 9-15, 2021 as Economic Development Week in Bassano.
- CARRIED**
- 10.9** Shortgrass Library System minutes of March 17, 2021 were reviewed.
- 10.10** Bassano Memorial Library minutes of February 2, 2021 were reviewed.
- 10.11** BARRA Annual General Meeting minutes of April 14, 2021 were reviewed.
- 10.12** The County of Newell provided a notice of proposed development at the Bassano Airport, permit number 2021037 for Lot 3 & 4, Block 2, Plan 041 1757.
- TOB137/21** Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** to accept the correspondence and to file the items as information.

**CARRIED**

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

Stanway departed the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

- TOB138/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR ROSE** to enter a closed session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss land and legal matters in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (FOIP) Section 25 (1)(c)* with all persons excluded except town council and CAO Davis.
- CARRIED**
- TOB139/21** Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** to revert to a regular meeting at 8:25 p.m.
- CARRIED**

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**TOB140/21** Moved by **COUNCILLOR BARLOW** directing administration to proceed to prepare a tender to complete a full abatement of the 413 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue as an outcome of the Former Stiles Building Assessment Project report prepared by MPE Engineering dated May 4, 2021 with a request that the Municipal Stimulus Program funds be redirected for the abatement process.

**CARRIED**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**TOB141/21** Moved by **MAYOR WICKSON** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of May 10, 2021 at 8:26 p.m.

**CARRIED**



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer

Approved