



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO  
HELD IN PERSON ON MAY 13, 2024 IN THE VIRTUAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

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**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

MAYOR	Irvin Morey
DEPUTY MAYOR	John Slomp
COUNCILLORS	Kevin Jones
	Sydney Miller
	Mike Wetzstein

STAFF	Amanda Davis, Chief Administrative Officer
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DELEGATES/PUBLIC	Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin
	Jan Armstrong, BARRA
	Tom McPhail
	Roger Newman
	Rick and Tammy Doherty

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

**2. EXCUSED FROM MEETING**

- None

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**TOB66/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that the agenda is approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**4.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting of April 8, 2024**

**TOB67/24** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that the April 8, 2024 minutes are approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4.1 Adoption of minutes from the special meeting of April 24, 2024**

**TOB68/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the April 24, 2024 minutes are approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. DELEGATIONS**

**5.1 Jan Armstrong, BARRA**

Armstrong entered the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Armstrong provided an update on BARRA operations and the transition of capital assets to the Town. A Q&A session ensued.

Armstrong departed the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 BUILD Bassano – 2024 Development Projects**

An updated of the BUILD Bassano – 2024 Development Projects was provided.

**6.2 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 939/24 – Proposed**

- TOB69/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council gives first reading to Tax Rate Bylaw 939/24 as presented. **CARRIED**
- TOB70/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that council gives second reading to Tax Rate Bylaw 939/24. **CARRIED**
- TOB71/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council has third reading of Tax Rate Bylaw 939/24. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- TOB72/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council gives third and final reading to Tax Rate Bylaw 939/24. **CARRIED**
- TOB73/24** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that motion TOB57/24 is hereby rescinded. **CARRIED**
- TOB74/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that in accordance with P-TOB66-005-23 Commercial Development Incentive Policy, council authorizes a municipal tax credit on Plan 151 1466; Block 1; Lot 2 (1002 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue) as it pertains to development permit TOB-D-16-23. The combined assessment (land and buildings) for the 2023 assessment year is 540,000. The tax credit applied based on the non-residential mill rate for the 2024 tax year totals \$8,683. **CARRIED**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 JUF - Commercial Kitchen Contract Proposal**

**8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**TOB75/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** to accept the Board and Committee reports 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 April 30, 2024.

**TOB76/24** Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that Donovan Kopp, Jenna Presley, Josh Fitzgerald, Rebecca Andrew, Brady Anderson, Will Schaap, and Todd Green be appointed, under Section 7 of the Weed Control Act of Alberta as Weed Inspectors within the Town of Bassano for the 2024 weed control season or until such time that their employment with the County of Newell ceases.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Financial Statements**

A financial statement for the months ending March 31 and April 30, 2024 was presented.

**9.3 Cheque Listings**

A cheque listing for the months ending March 31 and April 30, 2024 was presented.

**9.4 FCSS Report**

An FCSS Director's report for the month ending April 30, 2024 was presented.

**9.5 Recreation & Community Services Liaison Report**

A Recreation and Community Services Liaison report for the month ending April 30, 2024 was presented.

**9.6 CPO Report**

A CPO Report for the period ending April 30, 2024 was presented.

**9.7 RCMP Report**

An RCMP Report for Q4 2023 and 2024/25 Policing Priorities

**TOB77/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that the Town of Bassano requests that local RCMP Policing Priorities for the 2024-2025 period remain unchanged with community engagement through enhanced awareness and education; enhanced road safety through traffic engagement; and crime reduction.

**CARRIED**

**TOB78/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that the CAO report for the period ending April 30, 2024 is approved as presented and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

**CARRIED**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1** The Brooks and District Seniors Outreach Society sought a door prize donation for the Seniors' Week Luncheon to be held on June 3, 2024.

**10.2** The BARRA AGM minutes of April 10, 2024 were reviewed.

**10.3** Public engagement forum information was provided for the proposed solar farm with PACE Canada LP.

**10.4** Joint Shared Services meeting notes of April 9, 2024 were reviewed.

**10.5** BMO Nesbitt Burns provided an updated on portfolio holdings.

**10.6** A proclamation for Seniors Week 2024 was sought.

**TOB79/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the council proclaims June 3-9, 2024 as Seniors' Week in Bassano.

**CARRIED**

**10.7** Oldman River Regional Services Commission (ORRSC) executive minutes of March 14, 2024 were reviewed.

**10.8** The Bassano Rodeo Committee sought permission to host the annual Pro Rodeo and Beer Gardens on June 21-23, 2024.

**TOB80/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that the Town authorizes the Bassano Rodeo Committee to use public lands on June 21-23, 2024 to host a Professional Rodeo and Beer Gardens with the following conditions.

1. That liability insurance is obtained where applicable for the event.
2. That a designated area is established if a beer garden is to operate with proper security.
3. That no outdoor fires are permitted on public lands.
4. That the users are responsible for cleaning up the grounds after use.

**CARRIED**

**10.9** A thank you letter was received from STARS for the Town of Bassano's 2024 contribution.

- 10.10 Notification that the Bassano Memorial Library will host the second annual Dam Disc Golf Tournament on June 8, 2024.
- 10.11 FORTIS Alberta provided updates related to Bill 19.
- 10.12 The Canadian Fallen Heros Foundation identified fallen airmen and women from Bassano and invited the town to participate in their recognition.
- 10.13 A copy of the 2023/24 Police Funding Model Requisition was reviewed.
- 10.14 The Spring 2024 ORRSC Periodical was reviewed.
- 10.15 An invitation to participate in the 2024 Hussar Summer Daze parade was presented.
- 10.16 The Village of Duchess distributed a letter pertaining to Grasslands FCSS and Joint Shared Services' involvement dated April 24, 2024.
- 10.17 Newell Housing Foundation minutes of April 2, 2024 were reviewed.

**TOB81/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** to accept the correspondence and to file the items as information.

**CARRIED**

**11. CLOSED SESSION**

None

**12. ROUND TABLE**

A round table discussion was held.

**TOB82/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that Mayor Morey and Councillor Wetzstein are appointed as Bassano representatives to the IDP/ICF review committee.

**CARRIED**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**TOB83/24** Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of May 13, 2024 at 8:32 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer