



MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON OCTOBER 15, 2024

PRESENT

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

STAFF Amanda Davis, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

OTHER Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin
Mike Maguire

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by CAO Davis at 6:31 p.m.

2. ELECTIONS

2.1 Nomination and Election of Mayor

CAO Davis opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor.

COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN nominated Irvin Morey for the position of Mayor.

Since there were no other nominations from the floor, **COUNCILLOR MILLER** called for nominations to cease.

CAO Davis declared Irvin Morey as Mayor for a one-year period commencing October 15, 2024. Irvin Morey accepted.

Mayor Morey resumed the meeting.

2.2 Nomination and Election of Deputy Mayor

Mayor Morey opened the floor for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

MAYOR MOREY nominated John Slomp for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Since there were no other nominations from the floor, **MAYOR MOREY** called for nominations to cease.

Mayor Morey declared John Slomp as Deputy Mayor for a one-year period commencing October 15, 2024. John Slomp accepted.

3. COUNCILLOR COMPENSATION

3.1 Councillor Honorarium, Benefits and Expenses Policy

Policy P-TOB11/001-21 was reviewed.

3.2 Municipal Planning Commission Board Honorarium and Expense Policy

Policy P-TOB66/001-21 was reviewed.

3.3 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Honorarium and Expense Policy

Policy P-TOB66/002-21 was reviewed.

4. PROCEDURES OF VOTING AND APPOINTING COMMITTEES

4.1 Procedural Bylaw #935/23

Procedural Bylaw #935/23 was reviewed.

4.2 Subdivision and Development Authority/Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw #919/21

Subdivision and Development Authority/Municipal Planning Commission Bylaw #919/21 was reviewed.

4.3 Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Authority Bylaw #896/20

Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Authority Bylaw #896/20 was reviewed.

4.4 Boards and Committees

TOB136/24 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that council approve the list of committee and board members as follows:

Committees	2024/25	2024/25 Alt. Liaison
Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - R	John Slomp	n/a
Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP) -R/L	Irv Morey & Mike Wetzstein	John Slomp
Director Emergency Management - R	Stewart Luchies	n/a
Deputy Director of Emergency Management - R	Amanda Davis, Sharon Zacharias, Yvonne Cosh, John Nesbitt	n/a
Regional Emergency Management Agency - R	Irv Morey	John Slomp
Mayor & Reeves Meetings - R	Irv Morey	John Slomp
Municipal Planning Commission - L	Irv Morey, Mike Wetzstein, Kevin Jones, Sydney Miller, Dale Luchuck	n/a
Board Representatives		
Ag Society (2 meetings) - L	Kevin Jones	Mike Wetzstein
Bassano Bowling, Curling & Golf Clubs - L	Mike Wetzstein	John Slomp
Bassano & District Centennial Arena (1 meeting) - L	Mike Wetzstein	John Slomp
Bassano Memorial Library - L	Sydney Miller	n/a
Community Futures - Wild Rose - R	Mike Wetzstein	Sydney Miller
Joint Shared Services - R	Irv Morey	John Slomp
Newell 911 - R	Mike Wetzstein	Kevin Jones
Newell Housing Foundation - R	John Slomp	n/a
Newell Regional Services Corporation - R	Kevin Jones	Irv Morey
Newell Regional Solid Waste Management Authority - R	John Slomp	Sydney Miller
Newell Regional Tourism Association/Brooks Region Tourism - R	Irv Morey	Kevin Jones
Oldman River Regional Services Commission - R	Mike Wetzstein	Kevin Jones
Palliser Economic Partnership - R	Irv Morey	John Slomp
Recreation Complex Management (1 meeting) - R	Mike Wetzstein	John Slomp
Recreation Funding Committee (2 members) - L/R	Irv Morey/Mike Wetzstein	
Shortgrass Library System - R	Sydney Miller	Kevin Jones

*Monitor the decisions on recycling and review for future involvement on the Newell Recycling board where applicable.

CARRIED

5. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONALS

- TOB137/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that council appoints the following Professional Services to:
- a) Assessor – Benchmark Assessment Consultants
 - b) Auditor – JDP Wasserman
 - c) Engineering – pending matters arising
 - d) Legal Counsel – Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer LLP; Field Law and others pending on matters arising
 - e) Planning Commission – Oldman River Regional Services Commission
 - f) Designated Officers - Bylaw Enforcement – County of Newell

CARRIED

- TOB138/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that the Town of Bassano's accounts be conducted with the following financial institutions:

- a) Bank and credit card accounts – Connect Credit Union/Chinook Financial
- b) Investment Accounts – Bank of Montreal (BMO) Nesbitt Burns
- c) Scholarship Chequing Accounts for Shydowski – Connect Credit Union
- d) Shydowski Scholarship Investment Account - Bank of Montreal (BMO) Nesbitt Burns
- e) Interac – Global Payments
- f) Online banking – Connect First Credit Union, Scotia Bank, Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB) Financial, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and Toronto Dominion (TD).

CARRIED

6. SIGNING AUTHORITY

- TOB139/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer together with the Mayor or Deputy Mayor to sign cheques and documents on behalf of the Town of Bassano.

CARRIED

7. MEETING DATES

7.1 Regular Council Meeting Dates

- TOB140/24** Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council agrees to conduct regular meetings of council on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except if the second Monday is a holiday then the meeting will be held on the next regular business day.

CARRIED

7.2 Municipal Planning Commission meeting dates.

TOB141/24 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that Municipal Planning Commission meetings are held when possible in conjunction with regular meetings of council. In instances where this is not possible, the Municipal Planning Commission meetings will be held as required.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

TOB142/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** for adjourned of the organizational council meeting of October 15, 2024 at 7:24 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer