



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF BASSANO
HELD IN PERSON ON DECEMBER 9, 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

STAFF	Amanda Davis, Chief Administrative Officer
	Sydney Smith, Recreation & Community Services Liaison

DELEGATES/PUBLIC	Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin
	Sgt. Joe Schmidt, Bassano RCMP
	Ron Robinson, E.M.E.R.G. Consulting Ltd.
	Graden Craig, Resident

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.

2. EXCUSED FROM MEETING

- None

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

TOB180/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the agenda is approved as amended with 9.5 Recreation & Community Services Liason Report – November 30, 2024 as revised, and the addition of Correspondence item 10.12 County of Newell – Subdivision Notice of Application 2024-0-006.

CARRIED



4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1 Adoption of minutes from the regular meeting of November 12, 2024

TOB181/24 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that the November 12, 2024 minutes are approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

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5.1 Bassano RCMP – Sgt. Schmidt – 6:32 p.m.

Sgt. Schmidt entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Sgt. Schmidt provided a verbal update on RCMP operations for the period of November 30, 2024. A Q&A session ensued.

Sgt. Schmidt departed the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 BUILD Bassano 2024 Development Projects

TOB182/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council approves the BUILD Bassano – Large Lot Residential Development Incentive Policy P-TOB66/005-24 as presented. **CARRIED**

TOB183/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council gives first reading to Land Use Bylaw Amendment 942/24 as presented. **CARRIED**

6.2 Town of Bassano – Strategic Plan Update 2019-2028

TOB184/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that council approves the updated Town of Bassano Strategic Plan 2019-2028 as presented. **CARRIED**

6.3 Fire Services Bylaw 943/24 – Proposed

TOB185/24 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that council gives first reading to Fire Services Bylaw 943/24 as amended. **CARRIED**

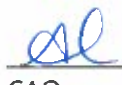
TOB186/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that council gives second reading to Fire Services Bylaw 943/24. **CARRIED**

TOB187/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that council has third reading of Fire Services Bylaw 943/24.

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TOB188/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council gives third and final reading to Fire Services Bylaw 943/24.

CARRIED

6.4 Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan – Proposed

Robinson entered the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

TOB189/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** that the Town of Bassano approves the Newell Regional Emergency Management Plan as presented.

CARRIED

Robinson departed the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

6.5 Christmas in the Campground Policy P-TOB72/005-24 – Proposed

Recreation and Community Services Liaison, Smith entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

TOB190/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR JONES** that council approves the Christmas in the Campground Policy P-TOB72/005-24 as amended.

CARRIED

Recreation and Community Services Liaison, Smith withdrew from the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 (41) Water Department Budget Review

TOB191/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** authorizes signatures on a five-year operating agreement with Newell Regional Services Corporation effective January 1, 2025.

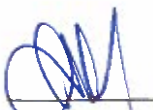
CARRIED


TOB192/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that council approves the Bulk Water Surplus Policy P-TOB41/002-24 as presented.

CARRIED

TOB193/24 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** that council maintains the Public Lands Watering Policy P-TOB41/001-22 and defers discussions regarding watering at the Off Leash Dog Park until the spring of 2025.

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7.2 (43) Solid Waste & Recycling Department Budget Review

The 2025-2027 solid waste and recycling department budget was reviewed.

7.3 Recreation Complex - Capital Funds Request - Flooring

Recreation and Community Services Liaison, Smith entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

TOB194/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** that the Town provides 1/3 capital funds required to complete the new flooring renovation project at the Recreation Complex with the inclusion of the Bowling Alley. Funds are contingent upon the Curling, Golf, and Bowling Clubs working together and raising the balance of the funds. The project budget shall not exceed \$40,000 (with 1/3 coming from the Town) without further approval. The funds will be drawn from the Town's Recreation and Culture Reserve in 2025.

CARRIED

Recreation and Community Services Liaison, Smith withdrew from the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

TOB195/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** to recess the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

TOB196/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** to reconvene the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED

8. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 - 8.6 Written board and committee reports were presented and discussed.

TOB197/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** 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 November 30, 2024.

TOB198/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the January 13, 2025 council meeting is rescheduled with business matters addressed at the February 10, 2025 meeting.

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TOB199/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** directing administration to undertake renovations at 317 – 2nd Avenue (former Parks & Recreation Shop) to relocate the Thrive Fitness Centre. The project is authorized as an hourly contract with Bullin Construction Co., and other local contractors as required.

CARRIED

TOB200/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** to approve the 2024 Operating Budget as the Town's 2025 interim operating budget.

CARRIED

TOB201/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that motion TOB164/24 is rescinded.

CARRIED

TOB202/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** to appoint the following individuals to the Town of Bassano Library Board for the specified terms.

- Sherry Steinbach – term expiry date December 31, 2027, this being her second consecutive term (starting January 1, 2025).
- Sydney Miller, Elected Official Appointment (annual) – term expiry date October 14, 2025.

CARRIED

9.2 Financial Statements

A financial statement for the month ending October 31, 2024 was presented.

9.3 Cheque Listings

A cheque listing for the month ending October 31, 2024 was presented.

9.4 FCSS Report

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


9.5 Recreation & Community Services Liaison Report


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

9.6 CPO Report

CPO reports for the months ending October 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024 were presented.

9.7 RCMP Report


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TOB203/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR WETZSTEIN** that the CAO report for the period ending November 30, 2024 is approved as presented and discussed as attached to and forming parts of these minutes.

CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1-10.8 Items of correspondence were presented and discussed.

TOB204/24 Moved by **DEPUTY MAYOR SLOMP** to appoint the following individual to the Town of Bassano Library Board for the specified term.

- Laura Harkin – term expiry date December 8, 2027, this being her first term (starting December 9, 2024).

CARRIED

TOB205/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** to approve the list of correspondence and to file it as information.

CARRIED

11. CLOSED SESSION

TOB206/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** to enter a closed session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss personnel 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

TOB207/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** to revert to a regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

TOB208/24 Moved by **COUNCILLOR MILLER** that the annual CAO Performance Review is approved as presented and discussed.

CARRIED


12. ROUND TABLE


A round table discussion ensued.


13. ADJOURNMENT

TOB209/24 Moved by **MAYOR MOREY** for adjournment of the regular council meeting of December 9, 2024 at 9:08 p.m.

CARRIED



 Mayor


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 Chief Administrative Officer