



**Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting
held on Monday 25 March 2024
at Town of Bowden Council Chambers.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart	(Chair)
	Councillor	Paul Webb	
	Councillor	Deb Coombes	
	Councillor	Randy Brown	
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney	
	Councillor	Marie Flowers	
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble	

ADMINISTRATION	CAO	Rudy Friesen
	Recorder	Arno Glover

2. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion 2.a

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopts the agenda as amended.

Note: amended as follows:

Agenda item 8.c Cemetery

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion 3.a.

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers that Council adopts the minutes as presented for the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

5. DELEGATION

There were no delegations.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 6.a Bowden Hotel

CAO Rudy Friesen gave a brief update on progress regarding the Bowden Hotel.

Agenda item 6.b Key Dates

Administration provided Council with forthcoming key dates.

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

There was no agenda item submitted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda item 8.a Economic Development

Land Annexation

CAO Rudy Friesen outlined the next steps in the land annexation development proposal.

In summary these are:

- the developer's agent to prepare a draft negotiation document,
- Red Deer County Council and the Town of Bowden Council to review the content of the negotiation document for review at a meeting of the Intermunicipal Development Committee approval and subsequent incorporation into a revised,
- followed by submission to the Land & Property Rights Tribunal,
- and Ministerial approval.

These tasks are anticipated to take 8 months.

Regional Economic and Workforce Development Strategy

CAO Rudy Friesen outlined a proposal submitted by the Town of Olds for a new initiative titled, "Business Retention Expansion Workforce Development (BREWD)".

Administration will continue to liaise with the Town of Olds on this initiative and report back to Council with more information as the project develops.

Red Deer County / VALO Networks Fibre Optics Project

Council stated that detailed discussions need to commence with regard to this project.

Motion 8.a

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council directs Administration to investigate possibilities / costs of the fibre provision for the Town during the project installation phase.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda item 8.b Alberta Policing – News Release

Administration provided Council with information from press articles reference the Alberta Government Public Safety Statutes Amendment Act 2024 and the creation of the Alberta Police Agency.

There was no motion made.

Agenda item 8.c Cemetery (*new agenda item*)

The Bowden & District Cemetery Association requested via Council as to whether the Town would consider completing the cemetery fence project in 2024.

CAO Rudy Friesen stated that the 2024 Capital Budget was a "work in progress" and that the inclusion of the fence would be included as item within the draft capital budget.

There was no motion made.

9. FINANCIAL

There was no financial agenda item.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

11. REPORTS**Agenda item 11.a CAO's Report**

CAO Rudy Friesen provided Council with an overview of the items included within the CAO's report.

Motion 11.a moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council accepts the submitted CAO report as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda item 11.b Council Committee Reports

Bowden Public Library (meeting of March 6, 2024).

Agenda item 11.c Society & Other Reports

Bowden Grandview School (meeting of March 19, 2024).

Parkland Regional Library System Board (meeting of February 22, 2024).

Expanding Horizons Society (meeting of March 18, 2024).

Motion 11.b

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts the submitted Council Committee report and the Society and Other reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**Motion 12.a**

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 8:14pm to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes signed by:



Mayor
Robb Stuart



CAO
Rudy Friesen