



**Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting  
held on Monday 11 March 2024  
at Town of Bowden Council Chambers.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

<b>PRESENT</b>	Mayor	Robb Stuart	(Chair)
	Councillor	Paul Webb	
	Councillor	Deb Coombes	
	Councillor	Randy Brown	
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney	
	Councillor	Marie Flowers	

<b>ABSENT</b>	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
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<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	CAO	Rudy Friesen
	Recorder	Arno Glover

Mayor Robb Stuart made a request to Council for consent to read out a statement.

Council agreed to the request. The statement made is recorded as follows:

*"I have not seen but I have heard about the many comments that have been put on Facebook after the March 7<sup>th</sup>, Municipal Planning Commission meeting. These comments are completely false. Facebook gives people the ability to say anything they want without any validity or accountability, and I do not worry about any comments that are made by this method".*

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

#### **Motion 2.a**

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

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

#### **Motion 3.a.**

Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council adopts the minutes as presented for the Regular Council Meeting of February 26, 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

There was no further update on the Bowden Hotel.

### Agenda item 6.b Key Dates

Administration provided Council with forthcoming key dates.

## 7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

### Agenda item 7.a Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 01 / 2024

Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 01 / 2024 received first reading of Council during the Regular Council Meeting of 26 February 2024.

During this meeting Council requested that Administration make further changes to the bylaw, and that these be submitted to Council for further review and deliberation.

Administration submitted to Council an amended Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw as a Request for Decision.

The amended bylaw was passed by Council after receiving review and deliberation.

**Motion 7.a** moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council give second reading to Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 01 / 2024.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 7.b** moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council give third and final reading to Rates, Fees, Charges & Penalties Bylaw 01 / 2024 and is adopted accordingly and made effective once duly signed.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### Agenda item 7.b Asset Management Policy 01 / 2024

Administration submitted to Council Asset Management Policy 01/ 2024 as a Request for Decision.

This policy supersedes Asset Management Policy 02 / 2023.

This policy document is updated as a process of continuous review and assessment.

**Motion 7.c** moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts Asset Management Policy 01 / 2024 as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### Agenda item 8.a Municipal Policing Priorities

In correspondence dated February 22, 2024, received from S/Sgt Warren Wright (Olds RCMP Detachment Commander) Council were requested to confirm the policing priorities for 2024 / 2025.

Council reviewed and discussed the options available.

Council requested that there be no special attention or focus on "youth" as a subset of the traffic safety priority.

**Motion 8.a**

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers that Council set the policing priorities for 2024 / 2025 as follows:

- 1 Police Visibility
- 2 Crime Reduction
- 3 Traffic Safety

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9. FINANCIAL**

There was no agenda item for financial.

**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.

**Agenda item 11.b Council Committee Reports**

There were no Council Committee Reports.

**Agenda item 11.c Society & Other Reports**

Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer Municipal Law Seminar (February 23, 2024).

Bowden Grandview School (meeting of February 27, 2024).

Bowden Friendship Club (meeting of February 22, 2024).

Expanding Horizons Society (meeting of January 29, 2024).

**Motion 11.a**

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council accepts all the submitted reports as information.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Mayor Robb Stuart called for a brief recess at 7:41p.m.**

**Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting back to order at 7:48p.m.**

**12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL ("in camera")****Agenda item 12.a Legal Matter (confidential)**

Section 197(4) of the MGA applies: Exception to disclose under Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA2000, Chapter F-25 (as amended over time) on the basis of: Section 27 "is deemed to be privileged information".

**Motion 12.a.**

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb at 7:48pm that Council moves to an "in-camera" session.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 12.b.**

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes at 8:20pm that Council return to an "open meeting" of Council.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was no motion made on agenda item 12.a.

### 13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT


**Motion 13.a**

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 8:21pm to adjourn the meeting.


**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Minutes signed by:**



Mayor  
Robb Stuart



CAO  
Rudy Friesen