

MINUTES

A Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 – 20 Avenue, Bowden,
on **Monday, February 23, 2026, 7:00 pm**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laurie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

PRESENT	Mayor	Laurie Miller
	Councillor	Randy Brown
	Councillor	Ryan Howlett
	Councillor	Cam Morrison
	Councillor	Amanda Peffers
	Councillor	Carol Pion
	Councillor	Marietta Tuckwell
	A/CAO	Greg Skotheim
	Delegate	Sandra Gamble and Angela Wilson, Bowden Historical Society
	Delegate	Riley Kloss, AMAA – Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc.

1.a Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territories of the Treaty 7 First Nations; including the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani First Nations), the Tsuut'ina Nation, and the Iyârhe Nakoda Nations; as well as the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3.

We honour the Indigenous Peoples who have cared for this land, and we are grateful to live, learn, and build community on this land.

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

Motion 2

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopt the agenda as amended; adding 9.b – Donation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.a Regular Council Meeting (February 9, 2026)

Motion 3.a

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlette that Council adopts the minutes, as presented, for the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.a Bowden Historical Society – Sandra Gamble

Council received an overview of the vision for the museum to become a multi-purpose cultural, educational, and community hub that preserves local heritage, supports sustainable tourism, enhances quality of life and strengthens community identity. Council has appointed a representative and alternate to the board. Administration will update the by-law as required.

Motion 5.a

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accept the presentation as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 5.a.i

Motion by Councillor Cam Morrison that Council appoint Ryan Howlett, Primary and Amanda Peffers, Alternative as representatives to the Bowden Historical Society and instruction Administration to update the by-law and develop terms of reference.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.b Wild Rose Assessment Services Inc. – Riley Kloss, AMAA

Council reviewed the presentation regarding assessment services and contract renewal information provided by Wild Rose Assessment Services.

Motion 5.b

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown at 8:11 pm that Council moves to an “in-camera” session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 5.b.i Motion by Councillor Carol Pion at 8:24 pm that Council return to an “open meeting” of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No motions were made with respect to the in-camera discussion.

Motion 5.b.ii

Motion by Moved by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council accept the presentation as information and direct Administration to enter into the 5 year contract as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.a Council Resolutions Follow-Up Action

Motion 6.a

Motion by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council accepts the amended Council Resolutions Follow Up Action Report as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.b Key Dates

Motion 6.b

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts agenda item 6.b as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

7a None

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Volunteer Application

Motion 8.a

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that the application by Anaya Lea be accepted as information and to direct Administration to contact the applicant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FINANCIAL

9.a. Capital Budget preview

Council had a brief discussion regarding the Capital Budget draft that was presented.

Motion 9.a

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion that Council instructs Administration to present the 2026 Capital Budget as an agenda item at the Regular Council Meeting on March 9, 2026 for the purpose of discussion and review.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.b. Memorial donation.

Council discussed a memorial donation in honor of former councillor Deb Coombes.

Motion 9.a

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council instructs Administration forward a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Olds Hospital – Acute Care fund in memory of Deb Coombes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.a Government of Alberta - New Plan for Parks

10.b Rural Municipalities of Alberta - Monthly Resolution Update – January 2026

10.c Parkland Airshed Management Zone (PAMZ) - letter: invitation to become a member of their organization

10.d CAEP Spark - email: Team Central Alberta – focus for 2026 and 2027.

10.e CAEP - email: registration for courses: i. Establishing the Foundation (overview of economic development), March 24 (9 to 3); G.H. Dawe Community Centre, 6175 – 67 St., Red Deer, Alberta ii. Fundamentals of Rural Economic Development (refine strategies), March 30 (9 to 3); Nexsource Centre, 4823 – 49 Ave., Sylvan Lake, Alberta

10.f Canadian History Ehx – Craig Baird - email: with attached proposal for feature video on Bowden's history

10.g National Police Federation - email: announcing the government's commitment to RCMP contract policing beyond 2032 - Media Statement: Government commitment to RCMP contract

Motion 10

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accepts agenda items 10a. to 10.d & 10.f & 10.g as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 10.e

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council have Administration reply to CAEP that up to two members will attend the Establishing the Foundation on March 24 and the Fundamentals of Rural Economic Development on March 30.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS

11.a CAO's Report

The CAO reported on the Open House, Arena operations, Capital budget and the upcoming meeting with ATCO Gas and Pipelines.

Motion 11. A

Motion by Councillor Cam Morrison that Council accepts the CAO's report as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.b Council Committee Reports

None Submitted.

11.c Society & Other Reports.

- i. Expanding Horizons
 - Minutes – 2026-01-07
 - Mayor's Report – 2026-02-10
- ii. Alberta Counsel
 - The News, Issue 241 February 2026
- iii. Bowden Friendship Club
 - Minutes – 2025-11-20

Motion 11.c

Motion by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council accepts the submitted reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

12.a Local Public Body Confidences – Arena Activities

This is a closed meeting of Council as permitted by section 197 of the MGA.

An 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) therefore applies on the basis of: Section 28 "local public body confidences".

Motion 12.a

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion at 9:39 pm that Council moves to an "in-camera" session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12.b

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett at 9:52 pm that Council return to an "open meeting" of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No motions were made with respect to the in-camera discussions.

13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion 12

Motion by Councillor Cam Morrison at 9:54 pm to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes signed by:



Mayor
Laurie Miller



A/CAO
Greg Skotheim

