



**Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting
held on Monday 8 April 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 presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion 3.a.

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council adopts the minutes as presented for the Regular Council Meeting of March 25, 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 provided Council with an update on progress regarding the Bowden Hotel.

Agenda item 6.b Red Deer County Fibre Optic Network

CAO Rudy Friesen provided Council with an update on discussions with Red Deer County. It was stated that there are a number of options with regard to how the project could be funded and managed.

Councillor Paul Webb stated that he was in favour of a no cost (to the Town) option.

Mayor Robb Stuart requested that the CAO maintains communication with RDC on progress made.

Councillor Deb Coombes requested that all options were presented to Council in a written format.

Agenda item 6.c Key Dates

Administration provided Council with forthcoming key dates.

Motion 6.a moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council accepts the submitted items of Business Arising as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

There was no agenda item submitted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda item 8.a Parkland Regional Library System Financial Statement

Administration stated that the Parkland Regional Library System Financial Statements for 2023 were available for review (in printed format on the Councillor's desk within the Town Administration office).

Councillor Deb Coombes stated that the Parkland Regional Library budget for the year had yet to be finalized (approved at Board level).

Motion 8.a

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts the submitted item of New Business as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FINANCIAL

Agenda item 9.a Capital Budget 2024

Administration submitted the first draft of the 2024 Capital Budget for Council's review and deliberation.

Administration received the comments made by Council and will submit a final version of the Capital Budget for Council approval at the next RCM.

Motion 9.a

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council accepts the 2024 Capital Budget as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Drought Committee
(meeting of March 6, 2024).

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Drought Committee
(meeting of March 27, 2024).

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission (meeting of March 20, 2024).

Municipal Leaders Caucus (March 14 / 15, 2024).

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention (March 18 / 20, 2024).

Motion 11.a

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council accepts the submitted reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 8:50pm that Council moves to an "in-camera" session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12.b.

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 9:10pm that Council return to an "open meeting" of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12.c

Moved by Councillor Paul Webb to direct Administration to clarify with legal counsel the information discussed in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

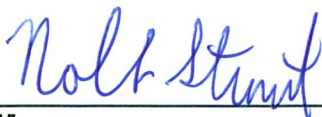
13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**Motion 13.a**

Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 9:15pm to adjourn the meeting.

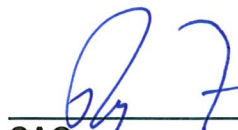
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes signed by:



**Mayor
Robb Stuart**



**CAO
Rudy Friesen**