

Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at Town of Bowden Council Chambers.

# MINUTES

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**PRESENT** 

Mayor

Robb Stuart

(Chair)

(attended 7:57pm)

Councillor

Deb Coombes

Councillor Councillor Sandy Gamble Randy Brown

Councillor

Councillor

Marie Flowers

Councillor

Wayne Milaney

Paul Webb

**STAFF** 

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. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL ("in camera")

#### 3.a Property Matters

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 3.a.** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb at 7:05pm that Council moves to an "in-camera" session.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion 3.b.** Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes at 8:21pm that Council return to an "open meeting" of Council.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Motion 3.c.

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council instruct Administration to progress the development proposal (annexation of lands) in conjunction with Red Deer County and to arrange a subsequent meeting of the Intermunicipal Development Committee.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Motion 3.d.

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council denies the application for property tax relief on those properties with the legal description 1905H:2.4 to 2.10 inclusive.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion 4.a.

Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council adopts the May 8, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

#### 6. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

#### 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

# Agenda item 7.a Bowden Hotel

An update on the Bowden Hotel was provided by the CAO.

#### Agenda item 7.b Advertising Billboard Content

In response to motion 12.c of the RCM of May 8, 2023, Administration provided Council with a response to the matter raised concerning the advertising content on a digital advertising billboard situated within the Town.

There was no motion made regarding agenda items 7.a and 7.b.

#### 8. BYLAWS & POLICIES

## Agenda item 8.a Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023

Part 10, Division 2 Property Tax, Section 353(1) of the MGA applies which states that, "each council must pass a property tax bylaw annually".

In the Regular Council Meeting of 23 January 2023, Council carried a motion to increase the residential and non-residential property tax rate by a 1% increase.

Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023 was therefore submitted to Council as a Request for Decision.

**Motion 8.a** by Councillor Marie Flowers that Council give first reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023 as amended.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion 8.b** by Councillor Paul Webb that Council give second reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion 8.c** by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council unanimously give consideration to a third reading of Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Motion 8.d** by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council give third and final reading to Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Taxation Rate Bylaw 05 / 2023 received third reading of Council and was passed accordingly.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda item 9.a Sale of Property by Public Auction (Terms & Conditions).

Section 445 of the MGA requires that a municipality publishes the conditions of sale with respect to the sale of properties by public auction.

Administration submitted a draft document to Council for review and for approval by Council resolution.

**Motion 9.a** by Councillor Paul Webb that the terms and conditions for the sale of property by public auction, as presented, are approved by Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda item 9.b Public Library Board Appointments (Terms of Office)

Administration received a request from the Government of Alberta with reference to Bowden Public Library requesting confirmation by council motion of the appointment of all members to the Public Library Board including the provision of specific term of office end dates.

Administration therefore provided Council with the following table as a request for decision.

Board Member	Name	Position	Expiry Date
1	Marie Flowers	Councillor	October 23, 2023
2	Deb Coombes	Councillor	October 23, 2023
3	Leanna Pillon	Secretary	October 31, 2023
4	Shawna MacDonald	Chairperson	October 31, 2024
5	Justina Klassen-Fehr	Member	October 31, 2024
6	Marietta Tuckwell	Member	October 31, 2025
7	Caroline Furman	Member	October 31, 2025

**Motion 9.b** by Councillor Marie Flowers that the Town of Bowden Public Library Board appointments and their respective term of office end dates are approved by Council as presented.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda item 9.c Summer 2023 Municipal Leaders Caucus (Draft Agenda)

Administration submitted to Council the draft agenda for review and discussion.

**Motion 9.c** by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts the agenda as presented as information and that Administration make arrangements for those Councillors who wish to attend.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 10. FINANCIAL

No item submitted.

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE

No item submitted.

#### 12. REPORTS

Agenda item 12.a CAO's Report

# Agenda item 12.b Council Committee Reports

No item submitted.

# Agenda item 12.c Society & Other Reports

Parkland Foundation Report (May 2023)

Central Alberta Regional Waste Management Commission Report (2022 Groundwater Monitoring Report & Financial Report)

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission Report (10 May 2023)

Motion 12.a by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council accepts the reports as information.

#### MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion 13.a Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 9:08pm to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Meeting Adjourned** 

Minutes signed by:

Mayor

**Robb Stuart** 

CAO

Rudy Friesen