



**Town of Bowden – Regular Council Meeting
held on Monday January 23, 2023
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	Deb Coombes	
Councillor	Marie Flowers	
Councillor	Wayne Milaney	
Councillor	Sandy Gamble	
Councillor	Randy Brown	

ABSENT

Councillor	Paul Webb
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STAFF

CAO	Rudy Friesen
CFO	Jacqui Molyneux
Recorder	Arno Glover

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

Motion 2.a

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion 3.a.

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopts the January 9, 2023, Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 3.b.

Moved by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council adopts the January 18, 2023, Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agenda item 6.a Bowden Hotel

CAO Rudy Friesen informed Council that both he and Mayor Robb Stuart would be meeting with the Minister of Infrastructure on January 24, 2023, in Edmonton.

There was no motion made regarding agenda item 6.a.

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

No agenda item.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Agenda item 8.a RMA Spring Conference

Motion by Councillor Marie Flowers that Mayor Robb Stuart and CAO Rudy Friesen attend the RMA 2023 Spring Conference.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda item 8.b Volunteer Application Form

Administration submitted to Council an application for the Public Library Board.

Motion 8.b by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council accepts the application for membership of the Public Library Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FINANCIAL

Agenda item 9.a 2023 Operating Budget

Administration submitted to Council draft version 2 of the 2023 Operating Budget.

Council reviewed the changes to the initial draft budget which included a proposed 2% increase in property tax rates and a 4% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase in wages for Town employees (with the exception of the CAO).

During the course of the budget deliberations, the following motions were made.

Motion 9.a by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopts the 2023 Operating Budget as presented (including a 4% COLA increase) but with an amendment that property tax rates are revised (decreased) to a 1% increase.

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion 9.b by Councillor Deb Coombes that Council adopts the 2023 Operating Budget as presented (including a 4% COLA increase) but with an amendment that property tax rates are revised (decreased) to a 1.5% increase.

MOTION DEFEATED

Motion 9.c by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council adopts the 2023 Operating Budget as presented (including a 4% COLA increase) but with the amendment that the residential and non-residential property tax rates are revised to a 1% increase and that the budget surplus amount is transferred to financial reserves.

MOTION CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Agenda item 10.a Letter received from Red Deer County Protective Services (December Enforcement Contract).

There was no motion made regarding agenda item 10.a.

11. REPORTS

Agenda item 11.a CAO's Report

CAO Rudy Friesen submitted his report to Council.

Agenda item 11.b Council Committee Reports

No reports submitted.

Agenda item 11.c Society & Other Reports

Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission (notes from Zoom meeting of Jan 18, 2023)

Motion 11.a. Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council receives, all the submitted reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL ("in camera")

Agenda Item 12.a (Financial)

No discussions took place within a closed session of Council.

13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion 13.a Moved by Councillor Marie Flowers at 8:16pm to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes signed by:



Mayor
Robb Stuart



CAO
Rudy Friesen