

MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laurie Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 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	S/Sgt. Jamie Day, RCMP

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 Îyârhe 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 with the removal of item 12.a – MVRWSC Activities.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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

Motion 3.a

Motion by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council adopts the minutes, as presented, for the Regular Council Meeting of March 9, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

5. DELEGATIONS

5.a RCMP – S/Sgt. Jamie Day

The report covered the October to December 2025 statistics for our region. Noted that overall the stats are fairly low however, due to highway proximity, traffic collision numbers are reflected in our report.

RCMP request that council identify their key priorities for CPP (Communities Priorities Plan) following the next council meeting. Key pillars are typically:

- Mental Health (Regional Policing and Crisis Team – RPACT; now includes network of psychiatric professionals to assist)
- Crime Prevention (theft, etc.)
- Traffic Safety
- Community Engagement (event attendance, info sharing).

Council discussions also covered:

- Consideration for Citizens on Patrol (COP) participation/partnership.
- Obtaining information about the Mountain View County Rural Crime Watch Program.
- Expressing appreciation for RCMP response to concerns at the school.

Motion 5.a

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council accept the presentation as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.a Council Resolutions Follow-Up Action

Motion 6.a

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 6.a.i

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that the Mayor edit the Bowden Grandview School Scholarship Awards Criteria as discussed and email to council for approval to resubmit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.b Key Dates

Motion 6.b

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accepts agenda item 6.b as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BYLAWS & POLICIES

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. Agreement and renewal process were reviewed. The CAO is to complete the application process with Mayor and CFO signing.

Motion 7.a.ii

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Administration prepare the agreement for a 10-year term commencing at the rate of 22% with no linear property tax.

Councillor Randy Brown requested a recorded vote on this Motion as per Section 185 of the Municipal Government Act.

Vote result:

For: Mayor Miller, Councillors Brown, Howlett, Peffers and Pion

Against: Councillors Morrison and Tuckwell

MOTION CARRIED BY 5-2 MAJORITY

Motion 7.a.iii

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion that Council give first reading to Natural Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement Bylaw 01/2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.a Library Board Volunteers – Terms

As per the library legislative requirements council is asked to pass a motion appointing volunteers and terms.

Motion 8.a

Motion by Councillor Cam Morrison that Council appoint the individual to the Bowden Library Board for the specified terms as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.b Economic Committee Volunteer

Motion 8.a

Motion by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that the application by Anaya Lea be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FINANCIAL

None Submitted

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.a Central Alberta Economic Partnership
- The CAEP SPARK March 2026

10.b City of Red Deer
- FCSS Funding Session

Motion 10

Motion by Councillor Amanda Peffers that Council accepts agenda items 10.a to 10.b as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. REPORTS

11.a CAO's Report

CAO reported on snow removal, water break on 19th Avenue, ATCO franchise renewal, solar energy projects, real property reports, and the firehall project. Council discussed solar panel projects with a view to having the new CAO initiate a cost/benefit analysis.

As per the current contract, the CAO presented his resignation and discussed transition plans with Council.

Motion 11.a

Motion by Councillor Marietta Tuckwell that Council accepts the CAO's report as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 11.a.i

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown that Council accepts the CAO's resignation as of April 1, 2026..

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 11.a

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett that Council appoint CFO, Jacqui Molyneux as interim CAO.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.b Council Committee Reports.

11.c Society & Other Reports.

Motion 11.b / 11.c

Motion by Councillor Radny Brown that Council accepts the submitted reports as information.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 9:27pm and reconvened at 9:32pm.

12. CLOSED SESSION OF COUNCIL

Motion 12

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion at 9:32pm that Council moves to an "in-camera" session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.a Local Public Body Confidences – MVRWSC Activities (*removed from agenda*)

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”.

12.b Local Public Body Confidences – Public Facilities

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”.

12.b Local Public Body Confidences – Staffing

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 20 “harmful to personal privacy”.

12.d Local Public Body Confidences – Property Development

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 19 “Disclosure Harmful to Business Interest of a Third Party”.

Motion 12.i

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown at 9:58pm that Council return to an “open meeting” of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motions 12.ii

Motion by Councillor Ryan Howlett at 9:59pm that the meeting extend past three hours.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12.iii

Motion by Councillor Randy Brown at 9:59 pm that Council moves to an “in-camera” session.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 12.iv

Motion by Councillor Carol Pion at 10:33pm that Council return to an “open meeting” of Council.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no motions made in regard to the closed session items.

13. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

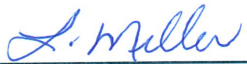
Motion 13

Motion by Councillor Cam Morrison at 10:34pm to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes signed by:



**Mayor
Laurie Miller**



**A/CAO
Jacqui Molyneux**