

Town of Bowden - Special Council Meeting

MINUTES

A Special Council Meeting of the Town of Bowden
to be held in Council Chambers, at 2101 – 20 Avenue, Bowden,
on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 4:30 pm.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Laurie Miller called the meeting to order at 4:33 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
	CFO	Jacqui Molyneux

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

Motion 2

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council adopt the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. FINANCIAL

3.a Town of Bowden 2026 Operating Budget (3rd Draft)

Council continued the line-by-line review, continuing from the FCSS section of the budget report. In addition, follow-up discussions took place regarding the items raised at the January 13 meeting, namely:

- Review in detail the requirements for council in relation to conference attendance and training requirements.
- Review the ATCO franchise fee and determine requirements related to a recent inquiry from ATCO.
- Move the items outlined in the RFD to capital as recommended.
- Investigate the pros and cons of paying out the current QEII water and sewer loans.

The following amendments were suggested by Council to arrive at a balanced budget:

- Reduction of the proposed IT contract to \$65,000.00
- Reduce the amount for permits in Planning and development to \$5,000.00
- Transfer from reserves was increased by \$974.89

Noted items:

- Administration will monitor the amount under the Contracted Services/Fire Alarms section for the Arena
- Anticipated increase for arena rentals
- Realizing increased costs this year for CAO recruitment and strategic planning
- The Parks budget will include the placement of portable restrooms (May to October) adjacent to the arena playground and at the dog park.

Motion 3.a

Moved by Councillor Randy Brown that Council passes the 2026 Operating Budget with amendments to arrive at a tax increase of 1% for residential and 1.5% for Non-residential.

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4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None submitted.

5. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion 5

Motion by Councillor Cam Morrison at 7:01 pm to adjourn the meeting.

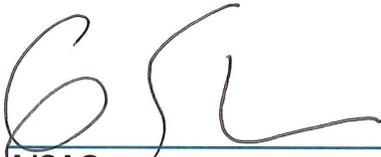
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Meeting adjourned.

Minutes signed by:



Mayor
Laurie Miller



A/CAO
Greg Skotheim