

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, in the Town Hall Complex, at 240 Main Street, Milk River, Alberta.

Present - Elected Officials

Councillor Peggy Losey, Deputy Mayor Anne Michaelis, Councillor Shayne Johnson, and Councillor Dave Degenstein

Absent - Elected Officials

Mayor Larry Liebelt

Present - Administration

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Michaelis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

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Addition 11H) Milk River Cable Club Appointment

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve the agenda for March 10, 2025, regular council meeting as amended."

Motion Carried 2025-51

3. Delegation: 5:40 p.m.

A) Milk River and District Ag Society

President Laurie Balog was in attendance and spoke to the Ag Societies activities. Ms. Balog noted that the mandate of the Milk River and District Ag Society is to build community.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the update from the Milk River and District Ag Society and thank Ms. Balog for presenting."

Motion Carried 2025-52

B) RCMP

Sergeant L. Shiels was in attendance and provided an update on community statistics and answered Council's questions.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council accept the RCMP Report as information."

Motion Carried 2025-53

4. Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of February 10, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

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Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve the February 10, 2025, regular council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-54

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Financial Report

Council reviewed the 2025 year to date operating budget, the cash report and cheque listing.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-55

7. Administration Reports

A) Public Works

The report was contained within the agenda package.

B) Community Peace Officer

The report was contained within the agenda package.

C) Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Lloyd provided a verbal report in addition to the report contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the Administration Reports for the period ending February 28, 2025, as information."

Motion Carried 2025-56

8. Break

The Deputy Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

The Deputy Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

9. Old Business

10. Bylaws and Policies

A) Policy HR5.0 Chief Administration Officer Appraisal

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve the HR5.0 Chief Administrative Officer Appraisal Policy as presented."

Motion Carried 2025-57

11. New Business

A) Correspondence

Resident Letters

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council direct administration to investigate tree bylaws in other communities and to create a tree bylaw to ban new poplar planting in the town."

Motion Carried 2025-58

Two resident letters will be discussed during the budget item discussion. The anonymous letter regarding the housing authority will be forwarded to Ridge Country Housing.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that correspondence for the period ending March 10, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-59

B) Housing Needs Assessment

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Housing Needs Assessment as information and direct administration to research the creation of tax sub-classes for vacant residential and commercial buildings and properties."

Motion Carried 2025-60

C) Kinettes Donation Request

Moved by Councillor Johnson, "that Council approve the Premier Platinum Sponsorship to the Kinette Club of Milk River in the amount of \$400.00."

Motion Carried 2025-61

D) Curling Rink Condenser Payment

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve payment of the curling rink condenser invoice to Startec in the amount of \$105,900."

Motion Carried 2025-62

E) 2025 Draft Operating Budget

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the March 10 meeting be extended at 9:30 p.m."

Motion Carried 2025-63

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council set April 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for a Special Meeting."

Motion Carried 2025-64

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the 2025 draft operating budget as information."

Motion Carried 2025-65

F) 2025 Capital Plan Adjustment

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the 2025 Capital Plan Adjustment be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-66

G) Lethbridge Region Economic Resilience Task Force

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the Lethbridge Region Economic Resilience Task Force item as information."

Motion Carried 2025-67

H) Milk River Cable Club Appointment

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council table the Milk River Cable Club Appointment meeting to the next Council meeting."

Motion Carried 2025-68

12. Councillors Reports

Deputy Mayor Michaelis attended a Milk River & District Senior Citizens meeting.

Councillor Degenstein attended the following meetings: Veteran's Memorial Highway, Ridge Country Housing, Ridge Regional Public Safety, Family & Community Support Services, and the Inter-basin Transfer water open house.

Councillor Losey attended a Ridge Country Housing meeting, an Oldman River Regional Services Commission meeting, the Inter-basin Transfer water open house and a zoom meeting with MP Glen Motz.

Councillor Johnson reported on the Heritage Handi Bus.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Councillor reports for the period ending March 10, 2025, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2025-69

13. Mayors Report

There was not a report for this meeting.

14. Closed Session

15. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council direct administration to respond to the two resident letters noting that the items of concern are on the proposed capital plan adjustment and will be further discussed on April 4 with the intention to approve some level of mitigation."

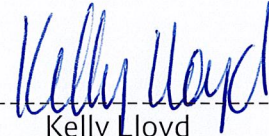
Motion Carried 2025-70

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the regular council meeting of March 10, 2025, adjourn at 10:10 p.m."

Motion Carried 2025-71



Anne Michaelis
Deputy Mayor



Kelly Lloyd
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 14th day of April 2025.