

Minutes of the Town of Milk River Regular and Closed Council meeting held on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, in the Town Hall Complex, at 240 Main Street, Milk River, Alberta.

Present - Elected Officials

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

Present - Administration

Kelly Lloyd, Chief Administrative Officer

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Delegation: 6:00 p.m.

A) Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission

Marian Carlson, SEO for Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission, spoke to the presentation as found in the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission report be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-113

B) Beth Kappelar

Ms. Beth Kappelar, 204 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE, Milk River, AB, was in attendance to bring forward the idea of designated bus parking. Ms. Kappelar indicated there are up to 4 tour buses coming through Milk River per day in the summer. Buses will not stop in a community unless there is a dedicated bus stop. Suggested to locate the bus stop on the east side Main Street in front of the old tire shop and hotel buildings.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the presentation on bus parking ideas from Ms. Beth Kappelar be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-114

### 3) Additions to the Agenda

A) Adoption of the Agenda - Additions to the Agenda

Added Items: 10J) Bill 20

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve the agenda for May 13, 2024, regular council meeting as amended."

Motion Carried 2024-112

### 4) Approval of Minutes

A) Minutes of the April 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve the April 8, 2024, regular council meeting minutes as presented."





Motion Carried 2024-115

B) Minutes of the April 23, 2024, Special Council Meeting

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council approve the April 23, 2024, special council meeting minutes as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-116

**5. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6. Financial Report**

**7. Administration Reports**

A) Public Works

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council accept the Public Works report for the period ending April 30, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-117

B) Community Peace Officer

The report was contained within the agenda package.

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council accept the Community Peace Officer report for the period ending April 30, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-118

C) Chief Administrative Officer

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for the period ending April 30, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-119

D) RCMP Report

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council accept the Chief Administrative Officer Report for the period ending March 31, 2024, as information."

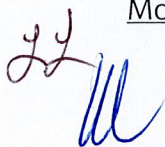
Motion Carried 2024-120

**5. Bylaws and Policies**

A) 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 1059

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council give first reading to the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 1059."

Motion Carried 2024-121





Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council give second reading to the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 1059."

Motion Carried 2024-122

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 1059, receive unanimous consent for consideration of third reading."

Motion Carried 2024-123

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council give third and final reading to the 2024 Tax Rate Bylaw 1059."

Motion Carried 2024-124

B) Special Tax Bylaw 1058

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council give first reading to the Special Tax Bylaw 1058."

Motion Carried 2024-125

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council give second reading to the Special Tax Bylaw 1058."

Motion Carried 2024-126

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Special Tax Bylaw 1058, receive unanimous consent for consideration of third reading."

Motion Carried 2024-127

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council give third and final reading to the Special Tax Bylaw 1058."

Motion Carried 2024-128

C) Water Conservation Bylaw 1070

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council give first reading to the Water Conservation Bylaw 1070."

Motion Carried 2024-129

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council give second reading to the Water Conservation Bylaw 1070."

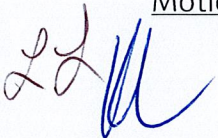
Motion Carried 2024-130

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the Water Conservation Bylaw 1070, receive unanimous consent for consideration of third reading."

Motion Carried 2024-131

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council give third and final reading to the Water Conservation Bylaw 1070."

Motion Carried 2024-132





D) Procedural Bylaw 1060

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council give first reading to the Procedural Bylaw 1060."

Motion Carried 2024-133

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council give second reading to the Procedural Bylaw 1060, with amendments."

Motion Carried 2024-134

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that the Procedural Bylaw 1060, with amendments, receive unanimous consent for consideration of third reading."

Motion Carried 2024-135

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council give third and final reading to the Procedural Bylaw 1060, with amendments."

Motion Carried 2024-136

E) Compliance Certificate Policy PD 1.0

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve Compliance Certificate Policy PD 1.0, as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-137

*The Mayor recessed the meeting at 7:19 p.m.*

*The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:32 p.m.*

**8. Old Business**

**9. New Business**

A) Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that administration send the letter with amendments, to the Prime Minister regarding Carbon Tax."

Motion Carried 2024-138

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that correspondence for the period ending May 13, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-139

B) Wounded Warriors

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that Council approve a donation to Wounded Warriors in the amount of \$195.00 business card size."

Motion Carried 2024-140

C) EMS Halo Fundraiser





Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council approve a silent auction donation to the Milk River AHS EMS Halo Fundraiser up to the amount of \$100.00."

Motion Carried 2024-141

D) 3 Year Financial Plan

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that the 2025-2027 Financial Plan be approved as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-142

E) Seniors Week Proclamation

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that June 3-9, 2024, be recognized as Seniors Week, in the Town of Milk River."

Motion Carried 2024-143

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council donate \$200.00 to support the Senior's BBQ."

Motion Carried 2024-144

F) Strategic Plan

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that Council approve the Strategic Plan as presented."

Motion Carried 2024-145

G) Joint Municipal Recycling Roundup

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Town of Milk River apply for the Municipal Recycling Roundup Grant through Alberta Recycling to hold a round up event for electronics, paints, tires and used oil this summer in conjunction with the County of Warner."

Motion Carried 2024-146

H) Grant Update

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Town of Milk River discontinue utilizing the services of the current grant writer and for administration to look to other opportunities for grant writing."

Motion Carried 2024-147

I) Support Letter for the Repurposing of Erle Rivers School

CAO Lloyd reviewed information collected stemming from Councillor questions.

Section 16: Disclosure Harmful to business interests of a third party

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that Council move into closed session in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act at 8:02 p.m., to discuss matters exempt from disclosure under FOIP Section 16: Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, with Council and the CAO to remain in attendance."

Motion Carried 2024-148

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the meeting reconvene to the regular Council meeting at 8:32 p.m."

Motion Carried 2024-149





Rise and report

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that a support letter be drafted and provided to Jarrad McCoy regarding efforts to repurpose Erle Rivers School."

Motion Carried 2024-150

J) Bill 20 Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act 2024

Moved by Councillor Michaelis, "that the Town of Milk River send a letter to the Premier that recommends that the Government of Alberta rescind Bill 20, the Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, due to the extensive concerns raised by municipal leaders across Alberta, including Milk River Council, and that the Government of Alberta engage municipal governments through a collaborative and trust-based consultation process to update the Local Authorities Election Act and Municipal Government Act to assist municipal governments to effectively govern in the interests of their residents and deliver on the future needs of each community in Alberta."

Motion Carried 2024-151

## 10. Councillors Reports

Councillor Michaelis attended an RPAP Strategic Planning meeting, the Quad Council, the Special Budget meeting, an online College and Physicians session, the Milk River Health Professionals Attraction and Retention Committee meeting,

Councillor Degenstein attended the Palliser Health virtual meeting, a Ridge Regional Public Safety meeting, a Ridge Country Housing meeting, the Special Budget meeting, and the Bill 20 session with AB Municipalities.

Councillor Losey attended two Milk River and District Senior Citizens Society meetings, the Quad Council meeting, a Ridge Country Housing meeting, and the Special Budget meeting.

Deputy Mayor Johnson attended two Heritage Handibus meetings, a Municipal Planning Commission meeting, Quad Council, the Milk River and District Ag Society meeting, a SouthGrow meeting, and the Special Budget meeting.

Moved by Councillor Degenstein, "that the Councillors reports for the period ending May 13, 2024, be accepted as information."

Motion Carried 2024-152

## 11. Mayors Report

Mayor Liebelt attended a Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission meeting, Quad Council, the Mayors and Reeves meeting, the Special Budget meeting, and a Riverside Community Golf Society meeting.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Johnson, "that Council accept the Mayors Report for the period ending May 13, 2024, as information."

Motion Carried 2024-153



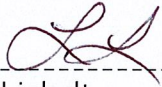


## 12. Closed Session

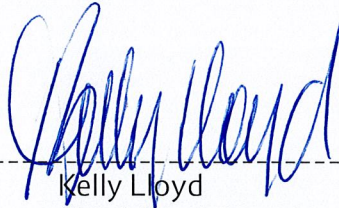
## 13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Losey, "that the regular council meeting of May 13, 2024, adjourn at 9:12 p.m."

Motion Carried 2024-154



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Larry Liebelt  
Mayor



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Kelly Lloyd  
Chief Administrative Officer

These minutes were approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.