

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
CARSTAIRS MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

ATTENDEES: Mayor Colby, Councilors Allan, Ball, Fricke, Ratz, Roberts & Wilcox, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison, Director of Planning & Development Kirk Willisroft, CAO Rick Blair (via Zoom) & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Nil

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colby called the meeting of Monday, July 8, 2024, to order at 7:01p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: 1. **Remove RCMP-Sgt. S. Browne from Delegation 6.a.**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion 257/24 Motion by Councilor Allan to adopt the Regular Council agenda of July 8, 2024, as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Motion 258/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council minutes of June 24, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. Extended Producer Responsibility

S. Allison summarized the Extended Producer Recycling (EPR) Program. **Option One:** Opt-In Service Model, in which the municipality continues to run the service but EPR provides payment per pick-up. The municipality then handles education, queries, and complaints. **Option Two:** Opt-Out Service Model: Collection services are provided by Circular Materials, who distribute education and handle queries and complaints while maintaining the same level of service.

Councilor Wilcox is in favor of Option Two however is hesitant as the options may change closer to the launch date.

Councilor Allan agrees that the Opt-Out Service Model would be best.

Councilor Roberts and Ratz agree.

Councilor Ball agrees and hopes Circular Materials can deliver.

Motion 259/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to direct administration to enroll in Option Two the Opt-Out Service Model for the Extended Producer Responsibility.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS: 1. **Imagine Gymnastics-Cobi Grisack, Cindy Edmundson, Michelle Jaffray**

Representatives from Imagine Gymnastics are requesting a tax exemption for their facility in Carstairs. C. Grisack provided the history of the club, detailing its hardships and achievements over the years. The club offers a wide range of programs and services to the Town of Carstairs and the surrounding area. A total of 325 members. They provide competitive and affordable pricing, however due to the rising cost of rent, utilities, and gymnastics fees, the club is requesting an exemption for approximately \$9,000. The club does not meet the qualifications for Community Organization Property Tax Exemption Regulations.

Councilor Allan asks if negotiations with the landlord have been explored. C. Grisack claims that the landlord has assisted in various ways but is unable to include the taxes in the rent payment.

Councilor Ratz inquired how many youth are in the programs from Carstairs in how many are from the surrounding areas. It was answered that there are 201 Carstairs members and 124 members from the surrounding area.

Councilor Ball asks what is included in the surrounding areas. Representatives answered Acme, Linden, Crossfield, Cremona, Didsbury, Three Hills, Red Deer, and Airdrie.



Councilor Wilcox expressed sympathy for the club but unfortunately they do not meet the criteria for COPTER. Showing appreciation for the qualified staff but with most of the costs going to paying the coaches, there is no way to make it fit into the criteria.

Councilor Fricke expresses thanks for information and clarification. Asking if the facility is open for day and evening drop-in use. The club is open for drop-ins at least once a day. Saturdays are open for birthday parties. A. Fricke wondered if the amalgamation with Olds included the pooling of financial resources to which the club answered yes. A. Fricke inquired about the facility in Olds.

Mayor Colby inquired whether Olds also leases the facility and how they handle their taxes. Imagine Gymnastics in Olds leases the building, and the town has granted them a tax exemption for the facility.

Motion 260/24

Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept the Delegations as information.

CARRIED

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

1. Bylaw No. 2053 Land Use Redesignation-1119 Grey Street

K. Williscroft spoke to the Land Use Redesignation for 1119 Grey Street, stating the purpose is to amend Land Use Bylaw No. 2007 by providing a Land Use Redesignation to rezone 0.1068 hectares (0.26 acres) of land from R1 (Low Density Residential – Single Detached District) to R1N (Narrow Parcel Residential District), located in Lots 23 & 24, Block 19, Plan 1711L (1119 Grey Street). Directly west of the Carstairs Legion.

Motion 261/24

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2053 Land Use Redesignation-1119 Grey Street

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Beef & Barley Days Parade Permit

Motion 262/24

Motion by Councilor Ratz to approve the Beef & Barley Days Permit as presented.

CARRIED

2. Census Data

Council was presented with data collected from the 2024 Census.

CAO Blair commended C. Allan and K. Van Es for their hard work in completing the 2024 Census.

Mayor Colby asked how many times residents were visited before completing the census. K. Van Es answered that the most visits were three before a neighbor response was collected.

Councilor Ball inquired about the timeframe for the finished budget. K. Van Es responded that the software provider will not send invoices until all municipal censuses are completed. Most likely, September.

Councilor Roberts asked if a more wide range of age demographics could be provided. K. Van Es will look into providing such results.

Motion 263/24

Motion by Councilor Allan to accept the 2024 Census Data as information.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Policies & Priorities Committee

-Next Meeting September 20, 2024.

2. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission

-Next Meeting July 22, 2024.

3. Mountain View Regional Water Commission

-Next Meeting in August.

4. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

-Council reviewed Key messages from June 13, 2024. Next meeting is August 22, 2024.

5. Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

-Next meeting July 18, 2024.

Motion 264/24

Motion by Councilor Roberts to accept all Committee Reports as information.

CARRIED

- COUNCILOR REPORTS:**
- Councilor Allan**
-Nothing to report at this time.
 - Councilor Ball**
-Nothing to report at this time.
 - Councilor Fricke**
-June 27, 2024, attended the AB Municipalities Leaders Caucus in Innisfail.
 - Councilor Ratz**
-Nothing to report at this time.
 - Councilor Roberts**
-July 1, 2024, participated in the Canada festivities in town.
 - Councilor Wilcox**
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 - Mayor Colby**
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Motion 265/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to accept all Councilor Reports as information.
CARRIED

- CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 1. Thank You-Briellah McDowell**
Council reviewed the Thank you letter from the recipient of the Citizenship award.
 - 2. Thank You-Keagan Field**
Council reviewed the Thank you letter from the recipient of the Richard Dais Scholarship.

Motion 266/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept Correspondence as information.
CARRIED

CAO’S REPORT: **Nil**

COUNCILOR CONCERNS: **Nil**

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: **Nil**

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD: **Nil**

CLOSED MEETING: **CONFIDENTIAL** Section 237 of the MGA states that Councils and Council Committees must conduct their meetings in public unless the matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part 1 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) (s.16 to 20).

Motion 267/24 Motion by Councilor Allan that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss Third-Party Business Interests as per Section 16 of FOIP at 7:41 p.m.
CARRIED

Motion 268/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to come out of the closed meeting session at 8:15 p.m.
CARRIED

Motion 269/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to direct administration to waive tax penalties for Roll No. 2009.000.
CARRIED

Motion 270/24 Motion by Councilor Allan to provide tax exemption for Roll No. 363.100.
DEFEATED

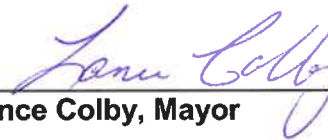
Motion 271/24 Motion by Councilor Ratz to direct administration to grant a 30-day extension for Roll No. 363.100.
CARRIED

Motion 272/24 Motion by Councilor Allan to direct administration to correspond to interested party that the lot is not for sale.
CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Fricke to adjourn the meeting of July 8, 2024, at 8:21 p.m.

CARRIED



Lance Colby, Mayor



**Shannon Allison,
Director of Legislative & Corporate Services**