

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

ATTENDEES: Deputy Mayor Allan, Councilors Ball, Fricke, Ratz, Roberts & Wilcox, Director of Legislative & Corporate Services Shannon Allison, CAO Rick Blair, & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Mayor Colby

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor Allan called the meeting of Monday, April 8, 2024, to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion 141/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council agenda of April 8, 2024, as presented. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Motion 142/24 Motion by Councilor Ratz to adopt the Regular Council minutes of March 25, 2024, as presented. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. 2024 Budget
R. Blair spoke on the 2024 budget. Stating that the overall assessment has increased by \$65,587,050.00, the mill rate will remain the same as in 2023. No questions or concerns were expressed.

Motion 143/24 Motion by Councilor Fricke to approve the Operating Budget for 2024 as presented. **CARRIED**

DELEGATIONS: Nil

BYLAWS & POLICIES:

1. Bylaw No. 2050 Mill Rate 2024

Motion 144/24 Motion by Councilor Ratz to give first reading of Bylaw No. 2050 Mill Rate 2024 as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 145/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to give second reading of Bylaw No. 2050 Mill Rate 2024 as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 146/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to move to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2050 Mill Rate 2024 as presented. **UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion 147/24 Motion by Councilor Fricke to give third and final reading of Bylaw No. 2050 Mill Rate 2024 as presented. **CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2024 RCMP Policing Priorities
Council reviewed the letter of the priorities for 2023

Motion 148/24 Motion by Councilor Roberts to reaffirm the Town of Carstairs top three priorities for 2024 to be **1. Increased Visibility & Traffic Safety 2. Youth Interaction 3. Crime Prevention (Family Violence & Drug Prevention & Education)** **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Policies & Priorities Committee
-Next meeting April 18, 2024.

2. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission
-Next meeting April 22, 2024.

3. Mountain View Regional Water Commission
-Next meeting April 15, 2024.

4. Mountain View Seniors' Housing
- Councilor Fricke gave a verbal report on the meeting on March 28th, 2024 where the Audit report by RSM Canada was reviewed, as well as the housing report.

The Alberta Government has a public questionnaire to provide feedback on the lodge program. It is open until April 12th, and encourages Council to take the time to provide feedback. Next meeting is on May 9, 2024.

5. Red Deer River Municipal Users Group

-Next meeting TBD

Motion 149/24

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

CARRIED

COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Ball

-Nothing to report at this time

Councilor Fricke

-March 28, 2024, attended the MVSH Board Meeting.
 -April 3, 2024, attended the Carstairs Chamber of Commerce meeting. Where they discussed upcoming events such as Beef and Barley Days. The AG Society presented at the Chamber, and there is potential for each organization to support one another. The Carstairs Heritage Centre was in attendance and offered information about their programs. It was interesting to learn that the Heritage Centre also serves as a Visitor Information Centre. The majority of visitors to the Heritage Centre want a map of the town, as well as information and activities. Lori from the town attended the meeting and provided some excellent feedback.

Councilor Ratz

-Nothing to report at this time

Councilor Roberts

-Attended the Interagency meeting
 -April 8, 2024, attended the Masters Draft at the Carstairs Community Golf Club.

Councilor Wilcox

-Attended the Interagency meeting sending kudo to Lori for her work in keeping everyone engaged.
 -April 1, 2024, attended the Moccasin house meeting, stating that culture days are in Carstairs this year.
 -April 5, 2024, attended the Parkland Executive meeting.
 -April 6, 2024, attended the Grand opening of Ruff Start a new doggy day care.

Deputy Mayor Allan

-Nothing to report at this time

Motion 150/24

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept all Councilor Reports as information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Arbor Day Proclamation

Council reviewed the request for a proclamation designating May 11, 2024 as Arbor Day in Carstairs.

Motion 151/24

Motion by Councilor Roberts to proclaim annually that every 2nd Saturday in May be Arbor Day in Carstairs.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

-March 26, 2024, met with Kitstone developers to finalize the first draft of water reservoir agreement.
 -March 26, 2024 had a Regional Policing kick off meeting. MNP are planning on visiting April 16-18 to meet with all municipalities involved.
 -March 28, 2024, attended a Regional CAO meeting discussions regarding MAP and mutual aid agreements.
 -April 3, 2024, had regular Planning & Engineering meeting with ISL to discuss Engineering projects, and offsite levy review.
 -April 4, 2024, had an onsite meeting with ISL and an architect company for the review of the administration building expansion.
 -April 4, 2024, met with Mountain View County CAO Jeff Holmes.
 -April 4, 2024, met with Staff Sergeant Browne.
 -Update on Projects: TELUS fibre has been run to the building. To be connected soon. Upgrades in council chambers and board room are almost complete. Offsite levy review with ISL is complete. Census is well underway, with doorknocker delivery starting tomorrow. Regional policing study underway. Water reservoir agreement in progress. Reservoir design is behind but to be completed soon. Staff salary grid is complete. Changed benefit provider to begin May 1, 2024. Administrative building expansion process has started.

-Upcoming Projects: Meeting with Minister Nixon. Housing needs study. New Land-Use Bylaw in the Fall.

Motion 152/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to accept CAO's Report as information. **CARRIED**

COUNCILOR CONCERNS: 1. Councilor Fricke
Received a resident inquiry regarding a residential bee program.

Motion 153/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to accept all Councilor Concerns as information. **CARRIED**

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 154/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox that Council close the meeting to the public to discuss third party privacy as per Section 16 of FOIP at 7:44 p.m. **CARRIED**

Motion 155/24 Motion by Councilor Fricke to come out of the closed meeting session at 7:56 p.m. **CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion 156/24 Motion by Councilor Roberts to adjourn the meeting of April 8, 2024, at 7:57 p.m. **CARRIED**



Dean Allan, Deputy Mayor



Rick Blair, CAO