

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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, CAO Rick Blair, & Executive Assistant Kayleigh Van Es

ABSENT: Nil

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Colby called the meeting of Tuesday, November 12, 2024, to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDED ITEMS: Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
Motion 416/24 Motion by Councilor Wilcox to adopt the Regular Council agenda of November 12, 2024, as presented. **CARRIED**

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:
Motion 417/24 Motion by Councilor Allan to adopt the Organizational Meeting minutes of October 28, 2024, as presented. **CARRIED**

Motion 418/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to adopt the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 28, 2024, as presented. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: **1. Capital Budget 2025 Discussions**
CAO Blair spoke to the Capital listing for 2025.

Motion 419/24 Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept Capital Budget 2025 Discussions as information. **CARRIED**

DELEGATIONS: **1. Church Link-Kelly Sikstrom**
K. Sikstrom discussed the Church Link financial report and update for 2024. Thanking the Town for their continuous support. Church Link consists of delegates from The Rock Community Church, Carstairs Bancroft United Church, Carstairs Catholic Church (St. Agnes Parish), Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church, West Zion Mennonite Church, and Carstairs Church of God. The group meets monthly and contributes to the community in a number of ways. CAO Blair is happy with the arrangement, saying that collaborating with Church Link allows them to help those in need in ways that FCSS and the Town cannot.

Councilors Allan, Ball, Roberts, Ratz, and Wilcox had no questions but commended the group for their hard work and their creative problem-solving with the limited resources.

Councilor Fricke inquired whether the churches had observed a need for housing in the region and if they would be willing to serve as a warming centre for those who had nowhere to stay. K. Sikstrom replied that he has not heard of any churches dealing with the issue, but they would be willing to assist anybody in need.

K. Sikstrom invites all Council to Carstairs Carolfest on December 1, 2024, at the Carstairs Community Hall.

Mayor Colby thanked the group, saying it is of great benefit to the town.

Motion 420/24 Motion by Councilor Fricke to accept the Delegation from Church Link as information. **CARRIED**

BYLAWS & POLICIES: Nil

NEW BUSINESS: **1. October 2024 Financials**
CAO Blair summarizes the Financials for October 2024.

Motion 421/24 Motion by Councilor Ball to accept October 2024 Financials as information. **CARRIED**



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Policies & Priorities Committee

-Next meeting November 21, 2024.

2. Mountain View Regional Waste Commission

-Next Meeting end of November, 2024.

3. Mountain View Regional Water Commission

-Next Meeting November 20 2024.

4. Mountain View Seniors' Housing

-Next meeting November 14, 2024. MVSH annual staff appreciation event November 21, 2024.

Motion 422/24

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

CARRIED

COUNCILOR REPORTS:

Councilor Allan

-November 10, 2024, visited the Carstairs Christmas Market at the Carstairs Community Hall.

-November 11, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Hugh Sutherland School, followed by a free lunch at the Carstairs Legion.

Councilor Ball

-Nothing to report at this time.

Councilor Fricke

-October 30, 2024, attended and participated in the Night at the Museum located at the Carstairs Heritage Centre.

-November 1, 2024, met with a new local business owner.

-November 5, 2024, attended a meeting with CAO Blair, Councilor Ratz, and MVSH CAO Stacey Stilling to review the Carstairs Housing Needs Assessment Report.

-November 10, 2024, visited the Carstairs Christmas Market at the Carstairs Community Hall.

-November 11, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Hugh Sutherland School, followed by a free lunch at the Carstairs Legion.

Councilor Ratz

-November 5, 2024, attended a meeting with CAO Blair, Councilor Ratz, and MVSH CAO Stacey Stilling to review the Carstairs Housing Needs Assessment Report.

-November 7, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony for Hugh Sutherland School.

-November 10, 2024, attended the Early Remembrance Day Ceremony at Chinook Winds Lodge.

-November 11, 2024, attended and MC'd the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Hugh Sutherland School. Stating that there were many moving parts to make the ceremony come together.

-November 11, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day free lunch at the Carstairs Legion.

Councilor Roberts

-November 3, 2024, attended the Tim Isberg concert held at the Carstairs Heritage Centre.

Councilor Wilcox

-October 30, 2024, attended and participated in the Night at the Museum located at the Carstairs Heritage Centre. Last year had 125; visitors, this year had over 300 visitors.

-November 7, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony for Hugh Sutherland School. It was very well done, and most of the students expressed they felt a personal connection this year with the No Stone Left Alone project that was put on by the school and Emergency Services.

-November 11, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Hugh Sutherland School, followed by a free lunch at the Carstairs Legion.

Mayor Colby

-November 4, 2024, met with Mountain View County, Town of Olds and Town of Didsbury regarding a crime reduction officer.

-November 7, 2024, met with Staff Sergeant Browne.

-November 11, 2024, attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Hugh Sutherland School, followed by a free lunch at the Carstairs Legion.

Motion 423/24

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

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Grad Committee Request

Council reviewed the request to use the arena for the grad banquet on Friday June 27, 2025, with access the day before for decorating.



Councilor Allan is concerned that one day is insufficient for setup and recommends adding more days.

Motion 424/24

Motion by Councilor Wilcox to approve the Grad Committees request to use the arena for June 27, 2025.

CARRIED

2. Carstairs Community Garden Update

Council reviewed the update; in total, the community garden had 194 plots used by 75 gardeners. Thanking the operations department for their assistance.

Motion 425/24

Motion by Councilor Ratz to accept the Carstairs Community Garden Update as information.

CARRIED

CAO'S REPORT:

- October 30, 2024, met with Mountain View Regional Water Commission and the Town of Didsbury.
- October 31, 2024, met with Mountain View County and the Fire Department to discuss the 2025 Fire Budget.
- November 4, 2024, met with Mountain View County, Town of Olds and Town of Didsbury regarding a crime reduction officer.
- November 5, 2024, met with Councilor Fricke, Ratz, and MVSH CAO Stacey Stilling to review the Carstairs Housing Needs Assessment Report.
- November 5, 2024, met with Hugh Sutherland School Principal Dean Nielsen.
- November 12, 2024, met with Minister Dreeshen regarding the water reservoir.
- Work is ongoing on the 2025 budget, water reservoir grants and policing study.
- Fireworks permit has been approved for December 6, 2024 for Crazy Carstairs Christmas

Motion 426/24

Motion by Councilor Ball to accept CAO's Report as information.

CARRIED

COUNCILOR CONCERNS: 1. Councilor Fricke

A Councilor from the City of Airdrie inquired about the key fob interference that occurred in 2019, as another location in Airdrie is experiencing a similar disturbance. I phoned the Co-op, and they shared their experience, which I passed on to the Councilor as they deal with the disturbance. I also inquired about Scarlett Ranch's senior villas.

2. Councilor Wilcox

Inquired why there is no cadet program in Carstairs. CAO Blair will investigate.

3. Councilor Allan

Concern regarding officers in uniform.

Motion 427/24

Motion by Councilor Allan to accept all Councilor Concerns as information.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD:

Nil

CLOSED MEETING:

Nil

NEXT MEETING:

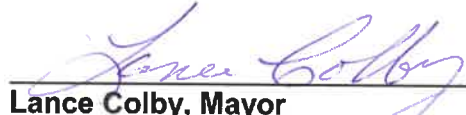
Monday, November 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion 428/24

Motion by Councilor Fricke to adjourn the meeting of November 12, 2024, at 8:28 p.m.

CARRIED


Lance Colby, Mayor


Rick Blair, CAO