

**Town of Bon Accord
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
November 21, 2023 9:00 a.m.
Live streamed on Bon Accord YouTube Channel**

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

Mayor Brian Holden
Deputy Mayor Tanya May
Councillor Lynn Bidney
Councillor Lacey Laing
Councillor Timothy J. Larson

ADMINISTRATION

Jodi Brown – Town Manager
Falon Fayant – Corporate Services Manager
Jenny Larson – Economic Development and Planning Officer
Terry Doerkson – Infrastructure Manager
Jessica Caines – Legislative Services and Communications Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council adopt the November 21, 2023 agenda as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-489

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council; November 7, 2023

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council approve the November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council minutes, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-490

DELEGATION

Mirek Grzeszczuk – MPE Introduction

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council accept the presentation as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-491

Acting Staff Sergeant Lew Simms – Morinville RCMP – Quarterly Report

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council accept the report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-492

DEPARTMENTS REPORT

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council accept the departments report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-493

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NEW BUSINESS

Council Community Connections

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to postpone the Council Community Connections in December 2023 to January 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-494

Community Services Fees

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to maintain the current fees for the arena slab, increase the damage deposit to \$500, and come back to Council with an added birthday party rate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-495

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to maintain the current fees for the amphitheatre and further to increase the damage deposit to \$500.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-496

Holiday Closure

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council approves Option 1 of holiday closure for 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-497

Mayor Holden called for a short recess at 10:50 a.m.

Mayor Holden called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.

Provincial Consultations on MGA and LAEA

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to share with the community the survey links on the MGA and LAEA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-498

BYLAWS/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS

Road Maintenance Policy

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council approves the Road Maintenance Policy as presented and circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-499

WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Strong Towns Workshop

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to decline registering participants in the Strong Towns Workshop.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-500

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2024 Municipal Law Seminar Options

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to register Mayor Holden, Councillor Bidney and Councillor Larson for the Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP seminar on February 9, Deputy Mayor May for the Brownlee LLP in-person seminar on February 15, and Councillor Laing for the Brownlee LLP virtual seminar on February 15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-501

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council accept the Council reports as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-502

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT the meeting extend beyond 12 p.m., if necessary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-503

CORRESPONDENCE

Minister Sigurdson – Letter Response

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-504

Morinville Lite Up the Nite Parade

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration respectfully decline attendance at the Lite Up the Night parade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-505

NOTICE OF MOTION

Branded Apparel – Mayor Holden

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council waive the waiting period for this notice of motion and discuss the Notice of Motion: Branded Apparel as emergent business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-506

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council postpone discussion on Branded Apparel to the 2025 budget deliberations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-507

CLOSED SESSION

- ***Partnership Proposal – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations***
- ***Prairie Gardens Request – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal information, Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations***

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- ***Lot 4A, Block 8, Plan 5261BA Update – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 27 Privileged information***
- ***Resident Complaint – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials***

Councillor Larson recused himself from item 13.2 Prairie Gardens Request due to pecuniary interest.

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council enter closed session to discuss Partnership Proposal – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; Prairie Gardens Request – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal information, Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations; Lot 4A, Block 8, Plan 5261BA Update – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 27 Privileged information; and Resident Complaint – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials at 11:42 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-508

Councillor Larson left the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Councillor Larson returned to the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

COUNCILLOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council come out of closed session at 12:34 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-509

Partnership Proposal – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to set up a meeting with School Board Trustee, Cindy Briggs, and the School Board Superintendent of Sturgeon County School Division.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-510

Councillor Larson left the meeting at 12:36 p.m. due to pecuniary interest.

Prairie Gardens Request – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal information, Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to proceed as directed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-511

Councillor Larson returned to the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Lot 4A, Block 8, Plan 5261BA Update – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 27 Privileged information

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COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council accept the update as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-512


ADJOURNMENT

DEPUTY MAYOR MAY MOVED THAT the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 12:37 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 23-513



Mayor Brian Holden



Jodi Brown, CAO

