

**Town of Bon Accord
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
October 15, 2024 9:00 a.m.
Live streamed on Bon Accord YouTube Channel**

**COUNCIL
PRESENT**

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

ADMINISTRATION

Jodi Brown – Town Manager
Falon Fayant – Corporate Services Manager
Jay Nagra – Economic Development and Safe Communities Coordinator
Terry Doerkson – Infrastructure Manager
Jessica Spaidal – 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

There were no objections to adding item 13.4 Land Sale – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party and Section 24 Advice from officials to the agenda.

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council adopt the October 15, 2024 agenda as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-422

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Organizational Meeting; October 1, 2024

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council adopt the October 1, 2024 Organizational Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-423

Regular Meeting of Council; October 1, 2024

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council adopt the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-424

DEPARTMENTS REPORT

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to have Municipal Affairs attend a Council meeting to clarify the Alberta School Foundation Fund and the fees regarding the Greater St. Albert Roman Catholic

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Separate School District No. 734.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-425

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to advertise widely on social media and signage to the public that we are having Municipal Affairs come in to talk about the school taxes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-426

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council accepts the departments report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-427

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Board Appointment Correction

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to contact James MacDonald at the NLLS for clarification about appointments and bring back at the next meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-428

Interim Budget Proposal

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council directs administration to present an interim operating and capital budget for 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-429

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Holden Motion: Speed Limit Sign Location Change

MAYOR HOLDEN MOVED THAT Council direct administration to apply, through Alberta Transportation, for a change in the speed limit zone on the Highway 28 that would move the 60km/hr speed sign on the east side of town to the east side of Lily Lake Road.

3 Opposed

DEFEATED RESOLUTION 24-430

Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP)

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council accepts this report as information with no further action required by administration.

1 Opposed

CARRIED RESOLUTION 24-431

Fence Proposal: Lilian Schick School Track Area

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council directs administration to have further discussions with the school regarding the fencing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-432

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Alberta Industrial Heartland Conference

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to include the cost of one member of administration and one Council member to attend the 2025 AIHA Conference in the 2025 budget deliberations.

1 Opposed

CARRIED RESOLUTION 24-433

Mayor Holden called a short recess at 10:57 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-434

Mayor Holden called the meeting back to order at 11:06 a.m.

BYLAWS|POLICIES|AGREEMENTS

2024-11 Fees and Charges Bylaw 3rd Reading

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council gives third and final reading to the Fees and Charges Bylaw 2024-11 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-435

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council accept the Council reports as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-436

CORRESPONDENCE

David Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister – Designation of Affordable Housing Accommodation

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council accept the letter as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-437

Letter from Minister McIver: Impacts of Federal Carbon Tax Survey

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council accept the request as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-438

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to write a letter to Minister McIver explaining the perspective of a small community regarding completing the online survey and expressing our concerns of how the carbon tax has affected our municipality as well as our residents.

1 Opposed

CARRIED RESOLUTION 24-439

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT the meeting extends past 12:00 p.m. if necessary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-440

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CLOSED SESSION

- ***Legal Council Appointment – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials***
- ***Arena Upgrades – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations***
- ***Personnel – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy***
- ***Land Sale – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party and Section 24 Advice from officials***

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council enter into closed session to discuss Legal Council Appointment – *FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials*, Arena Upgrades – *FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental affairs*, Personnel – *FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy*, and Land Sale – *FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party and Section 24 Advice from officials* at 11:21 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-441

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council come out of closed session at 12:29 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-442

Legal Council Appointment – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party and 24 Advice from officials

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council appoint Reynolds Mirth Richards and Farmer as the primary solicitors for the Town of Bon Accord and transition to them once existing files are closed AND THAT Lidstone be appointed as the Town's alternate solicitors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-443

Arena Upgrades – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental affairs

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to approve the letter, as presented, to initiate the ICF Committee meetings with Sturgeon County.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-444

Personnel – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council accepts the report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-445

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COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council direct administration to proceed as directed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-446

ADJOURNMENT

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT the October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 12:33 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 24-447

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Mayor Brian Holden

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Jodi Brown, CAO