

**Town of Bon Accord
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
May 6, 2025 6:00 p.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
Terry Doerkson – Infrastructure Manager
Paul Hanlan – Planner & Development Officer
Jessica Spaidal – Legislative Services & Communications Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no objections to removing item 5.1 Delegation Matt Roblin – Bylaw Services Quarterly Report and adding items 10.2 Invitation to Sturgeon Composite Annual Sturgeon Strides; 10.3 Sturgeon Composite 2025 Graduation Ceremony Invitation; 12.5 Alberta Transportation Request – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, and Section 24 Advice from officials; and 12.6 Personnel – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy to the agenda.

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council adopt the May 6, 2025 agenda as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-201

PROCLAMATIONS

***National Mental Health Week
Economic Development Week
Emergency Preparedness Week
National Public Works Week
National AccessAbility Week***

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

April 15, 2025; Regular Council Meeting

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council adopt the April 15, 2025; Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-202

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April 23, 2025; Committee of the Whole Meeting

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council adopt the April 23, 2025; Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes as amended, by including the “There were no objections to...” blurb.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-203

May 1, 2025; Special Council Meeting

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council adopt the May 1, 2025; Special Council Meeting minutes as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-204

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alberta Municipalities – Police Funding Model Resolution

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council does not proceed with submitting a resolution to advocate for increased police funding through the Alberta Municipalities Association at this time AND THAT staff be directed to monitor developments related to police funding and bring forward future recommendations as appropriate.

1 OPPOSED

CARRIED RESOLUTION 25-205

Lilian Schick School Track Fence Proposal

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council does not approve the allocation of cost share funding at this time and directs administration to advise the school board of this decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-206

Regional Housing Needs Assessment

DEPUTY MAYOR LARSON MOVED THAT Council endorse Bon Accord’s participation in the regional housing needs assessment proposed by the Sturgeon Regional Partnership, contingent on securing grant funding.

2 OPPOSED

CARRIED RESOLUTION 25-207

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Park Renaming Survey Results

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council accepts this report as information and directs administration to investigate the cost of signage for said parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-208

CORRESPONDENCE

Minister Ellis – Police Funding Model Response Letter

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council accept the letter as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-209

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Invitation to Sturgeon Composite Annual Sturgeon Strides

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to register Mayor Holden to the Sturgeon Strides event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-210

Sturgeon Composite 2025 Graduation Ceremony Invitation

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council directs administration to register Deputy Mayor Larson for the Sturgeon Composite 2025 Graduation Ceremony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-211

CLOSED SESSION

- ***Fire Services Agreement Addendum – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 27 Privileged information***
- ***Land Purchase – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 25 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body***
- ***Plan 9022300 Lot 2 – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 27 Privileged Information***
- ***Minor Soccer and Minor Ball – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials***
- ***Alberta Transportation Request – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, and Section 24 Advice from officials***
- ***Personnel – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy***

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT Council enter into closed session to discuss Fire Services Agreement Addendum – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, Section 24 Advice from officials, Section 27 Privileged information; Land Purchase – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 25 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body; Plan 9022300 Lot 2 – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of the third party, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 27 Privileged Information; Minor Soccer and Minor Ball – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials; Alberta Transportation Request – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, and Section 24 Advice from officials; and Personnel – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy at 7:19 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-212

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council come out of closed session at 8:49 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-213

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Fire Services Agreement Addendum – FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, Section 24 Advice from officials, Section 27 Privileged information

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council directs the Town Manager to finalize the addendum without adding utility costs and remove parking requirements. This will be reviewed in one-years' time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-214

Land Purchase – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 25 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council directs administration to engage Alison Espetveidt of Lidstone Barristers and Solicitors to negotiate the purchase of land for the stormwater project on behalf of the Town.

Councillor May requested a recorded vote

In Favour: Mayor Holden, Deputy Mayor Larson, Councillor Bidney, Councillor Laing

Opposed: Councillor May

CARRIED RESOLUTION 25-215

Plan 9022300 Lot 2 – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of the third party, Section 24 Advice from officials, and Section 27 Privileged Information

COUNCILLOR LAING MOVED THAT Council approves an additional \$13,000 to be funded by the General Reserve for the cost of environmental site testing prior to development.

1 Opposed

CARRIED RESOLUTION 25-216

Minor Soccer and Minor Ball – FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council accepts the report as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-217

Alberta Transportation Request – FOIP Act Section 16 Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party, Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations, and Section 24 Advice from officials

COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council authorize Mayor Holden to sign the attached letter committing the Town of Bon Accord to include planning for the future closure of 51st Street and Highway 28 in the next update of the Town's Transportation Master Plan, and that administration forward this letter to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors in conjunction with ongoing redevelopment planning for this property.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-218

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Personnel – FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy
COUNCILLOR BIDNEY MOVED THAT Council accept the discussion as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-219

ADJOURNMENT

COUNCILLOR MAY MOVED THAT the May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council adjourn at 8:54 p.m.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY RESOLUTION 25-220

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Mayor Brian Holden

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Jodi Brown, CAO