

Town of Bon Accord
AGENDA
WITH AMENDMENTS
Regular Council Meeting
March 18, 2025 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers
Live streamed on Bon Accord YouTube Channel

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - 3.1. March 4, 2025; Regular Council Meeting (enclosure)
4. **DELEGATION**
5. **DEPARTMENTS REPORT**
 - 5.1. March 2025 (enclosure)

NEW BUSINESS

 - 5.2. Fire Hall—Sewer Inspection (enclosure)
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 6.1. Utility Bill – Water Consumption Dispute (enclosure)
 - 6.2. Education Property Tax Information (enclosure)
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. Councillor May Motion – Skate Park Funding (enclosure)
 - 7.2. Councillor May Motion – Question and Answer Period (enclosure)
 - 7.3. Proposed Park Naming Survey (enclosure)
 - 7.4. Fire Hall—Sewer Inspection (enclosure)
8. **BYLAWS/POLICIES/AGREEMENTS**
 - 8.1. Public Participation Policy (enclosure)
 - 8.2. Council Remuneration Policy (enclosure)
9. **WORKSHOPS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**
 - 9.1. Elected Officials Education Program: Council's Role in Public Engagement (enclosure)
10. **COUNCIL REPORTS**
 - 10.1. Mayor Holden (enclosure)
 - 10.2. Deputy Mayor Larson – No Council Business to Report
 - 10.3. Councillor Bidney (enclosure)
 - 10.4. Councillor Laing (enclosure)
 - 10.5. Councillor May (enclosure)
11. **CORRESPONDENCE**
ACTION REQUIRED

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- 11.1. Redwater Mayor's Breakfast (enclosure)
- 11.2. Playgrounds for a Brighter Future – Zip Line (enclosure)
- 11.3. Sturgeon Public Schools Business & Community Engagement Event (enclosure)
- GENERAL**
- 11.4. SRP Committee Appointments (enclosure)
- 12. **NOTICE OF MOTION**
 - 12.1. Councillor Laing – Provincial Cuts – Disability Funding (enclosure)
 - 12.2. Councillor Laing – School Bus Stop Lights (enclosure)
 - 12.3. Councillor May – Rotating Committee of the Whole meetings
- 13. **CLOSED SESSION**
 - 13.1. Land Sale Negotiations – *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*
 - 13.2. Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Agreement – *FOIP Act Section 21 Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations*
 - 13.3. Community Asset Sponsorship Package – *FOIP Act Section 24 Advice from officials and Section 25 Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body*
 - 13.4. Canadian Armed Forces Congratulatory Message Request – *FOIP Act Section 17 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy*
 - 13.5. Town Manager Evaluation – *FOIP Act Section 19 Confidential evaluations*
- 14. **ADJOURNMENT**

TOWN OF BON ACCORD
REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting:	Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date:	March 18, 2025
Presented by:	Jessica Spaidal, Legislative Services & Communications Coordinator
Title:	Elected Officials Education Program – Council’s Role in Public Engagement
Agenda Item No.	Addition

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL

The Elected Officials Education Program (EOEP) is holding a virtual course on Council’s Role in Public Engagement each Thursday from 6:30pm-8:45pm on March 27, April 3, and April 10.

Councillor Laing has expressed interest in attending this course as the final course required for her Municipal Elected Leaders Certificate.

The 2025 budget included 2 EOEP courses for 2 councillors each and 1 councillor taking 1 EOEP course to finish the program (total of 5 courses). These 5 courses were reallocated at the March 4, 2025 RMC for Munis 101 in the fall.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

The course will cover the following topics:

- The role of council in public engagement
- Managing public expectations and challenges
- Public engagement frameworks and statutory requirements
- Strategic engagement planning and decision-making
- Navigating controversy and misinformation

Although 5 courses were reallocated to Munis 101, there is \$2500 in per diems contingency that could be used for registration fees and per diems for one or two courses if needed.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Training for new council members aligns with and supports all 5 priorities of the Strategic Plan:

Priority #2: Community

- The residents of Bon Accord live in a safe, connected, and attractive community.

Priority #4: Identity

- Bon Accord has a strong, positive identity as an environmentally progressive, family oriented, welcoming community.

COSTS/SOURCES OF FUNDING

Registration Cost:

Online: \$295 + GST per person (no per diems)

Council Budget Allocation:

\$2500 contingency available

RECOMMENDED ACTION (by originator)

Choose one of the following:

THAT Council directs administration to register Councillor Laing for the EOEP course: Council's Role in Public Engagement funded by the per diems contingency.

OR

THAT Council directs administration to...