

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD  
TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025,  
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**PRESENT** Mayor McKenzie, Crs: T. Assaf , D. Kluin, R. Klumph, A. Oswald, D. Sawatzky and D. Smith

Officials: Collin Steffes, CAO, Jenny Bruns, Director of Planning, Economic Development & Legislative Services and Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services

**OTHERS** Sandy Doucet, Barrhead Leader

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**AGENDA** The agenda was reviewed.

085-25 Moved by Cr. Klumph that the agenda be accepted as with the following additions to Council Reports:

- Barrhead Regional Crime Coalition
- Twinning Committee
- Barrhead Public Library
- Community Futures Yellowhead East

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** The Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025, were reviewed.

086-25 Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DELEGATION** Mayor McKenzie and Council welcomed Fire Chief Gary Hove from Barrhead Fire Services at 5:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Gary Hove discussed and reviewed with Council the Barrhead Regional Fire Services Yearly Report and how ambulance assists were impacting service levels, and the financial impact on the department. CAO Collin Steffes provided a brief update on activities to date by the prior CAO to secure a copy of the contract between AHS and Associated Ambulance, indicating that Associated Ambulance refused to share the information requested.

**EXITED** Mayor McKenzie and Council thanked Fire Chief Gary Hove for his presentation and he exited the Chambers at 6:09 p.m.

087-25 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council accept the presentation from Fire Chief Gary Hove as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MONTHLY BANK STATEMENT** For Council to approve the Monthly Bank Statement for the month ending February 28, 2025.

088-25 Moved by Cr. Oswald that Council approves the Monthly Bank Statement for the month ending February 28, 2025, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HOUSING  
STRATEGY**

Collin Steffes, CAO and Jenny Bruns, Director of Planning, Economic Development & Legislative Services presented the Draft Barrhead Housing Strategy to Council for consideration of next steps in addressing the housing shortage in the Town of Barrhead.

089-25                    Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council adopt the Barrhead Housing Strategy as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CULTURE COMMITTEE  
FUNDING DIRECTION**

Collin Steffes, CAO reports on existing funding to community organizations, and requested consideration to reallocate the existing \$20,000 from the 2025 Tourism – Cultural Celebration Budget to the 2025 Recreation Administration - Programs General Budget, to enhance attendance and community engagement in future events.

090-25                    Moved by Cr. Oswald that Council authorizes administration to determine the allocation of the \$20,000 budget From Tourism – Cultural Celebrations, towards current Town Cultural Celebrations, with the intent to enhance and expand existing events, to enhance resident experience and enjoyment, and to attract more visitors resulting in local economic benefits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECESSED**

091-25                    Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council recess at 6:48 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**RECONVENED**

092-25                    Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council reconvene at 7:20 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL  
REPORTS**

The following Reports to Council as of March 25, 2025, were reviewed:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Family & Community Support Services Society
  - Indigenous Committee
- Barrhead & District Indigenous Committee
- Barrhead and Area Regional Crime Coalition
- Twinning Committee
- Barrhead Public Library
- Community Futures Yellowhead East

093-25                    Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that the following Reports to Council as of March 25, 2025, be accepted as information:

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FOR THE GOOD  
OF COUNCIL**

Cr. Sawatzky thanked the Career Fair Committee for a very successful event hosting many kids and job seekers, and that the event was excellent, and survey results were very positive.

Cr. Klumph thanked the County for their part in the Japanese Twinning Delegation, and Walter Preugschas for taking the delegation to and from the airport, as well as the County Tour to see the bison and dairy farms. He also commented that the museum tour was great, and that Pembina Hills really stepped up. He also thanked the host families and committee for their help in the success of the visit.

Cr. Oswald thanked the Barrhead Rotary Music Festival for their great work in putting on the Annual Music Festival and that it was a great event.

**ADJOURN**

094-25                      Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**TOWN OF BARRHEAD**

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Mayor, David McKenzie

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CAO, Collin Steffes