

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BARRHEAD
TOWN COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024,
IN THE TOWN OF BARRHEAD COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

Officials: Ed LeBlanc, CAO, Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services and Cheryl Callihoo, Director of Development & Legislative Services

Others: Barry Kerton, Barrhead Leader

ABSENT Mayor McKenzie

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

AGENDA The agenda was reviewed.

001-24 Moved by Cr. Assaf that the agenda be accepted with the following additions:
• 8(a) Community Futures Yellowhead East

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023, were reviewed.

002-24 Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Minutes of the Town Council Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION – COMMUNITY GYMNASIUM

Deputy Mayor Smith and Council welcomed Ms. Trisha Enman and Ms. Coralee Chase regarding a new community gymnasium at 5:32 p.m.

The delegation provided Council with their thoughts of a loss of a gymnasium.

ENTERED Mr. Dennis Donkers entered the Chambers at 5:33 p.m.

EXITED Deputy Mayor Smith and Council thanked Ms. Trisha Enman, Ms. Coralee Chase and Mr. Dennis Donkers for their presentation and they exited the Chambers at 5:50 p.m.

003-24 Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council accepts the presentation from Ms. Trisha Enman, Ms. Coralee Chase and Mr. Dennis Donkers regarding a new community gymnasium, as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

URBAN CHICKEN SURVEY

The result of the survey permitting Town residents to have chickens on their property was received.

004-24 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council accepts the survey result report dated November 22, 2023 on allowing chickens within Town limits, as information.

CARRIED

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPT APPLICATIONS

The Community Organization Property Tax Exemption applications for registered Non-profit organizations or groups for Council's consideration.

Ms. Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services was in attendance to present and discuss the Non-Profit Community Organization Property Tax Exemption applications.

005-24 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council approve the three Non-Profit Community Organization Property Tax Exemption applications as indicated on the listing provided.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

006-24 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council pursuant to Section 17 of AR281/1988 waive the annual application process for the three Non-Profit Community Organizations on the listing provided for a period of 3 years.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2024 FINAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

The Town of Barrhead's 2024 Final Operating and Capital Budgets, were received.

Ms. Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services was in attendance to present and discuss the 2024 Final Operating and Capital Budgets.

007-24 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council adopt the 2024 Operating Budget with Revenues of \$16,305,230.00 and Expenses of \$16,290,420.00, plus the amortization expense budget of \$2,094,720.00, for a surplus of \$14,810.00, as presented which includes a tentatively increase of 2% to the municipal portion of the residential, non-residential, farmland and machinery and equipment property tax rates for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

008-24 Moved by Cr. Klumph that Council adopt the 2024 Capital Budget with Revenues and Expenses Budgets totaling \$5,931,281.00, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MONTHLY BANK STATEMENT

The Monthly Bank Statement for the month ended November 30, 2023, was received.

009-24 Moved by Cr. Oswald that Council approve the Monthly Bank Statement for the month ended November 30, 2023, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECESSED

010-24 Moved by Cr. Kluin to recess the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONVENED

011-24 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky to reconvene the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL REPORTS

The following Reports to Council as of January 9, 2024, were reviewed:

- Chamber of Commerce
- Family & Community Support Services Society
- Twinning Committee
- Community Futures Yellowhead East
- CAO's Report

012-24 Moved by Cr. Klumph that the CAO's Report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

013-24 Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Council Action List to December 12, 2023 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

014-24 Moved by Cr. Oswald that the following Reports to Council as of January 9, 2024, be accepted as information:

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- Community Futures Yellowhead East

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES TO COUNCIL

The Barrhead & District Family and Community Support Services – November 19, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed.

015-24 Moved by Cr. Kluin that the Minutes of the Barrhead & District Family and Community Support Services dated November 19, 2023 be accepted as information and as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS

The following correspondence items were reviewed:

E-mail dated December 11, 2023 from Amanda Batty, regarding the arena ice usage by the Barrhead Bombers.

Letter dated December 15, 2023 from Mr. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the launch of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) program, which will be similar to the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) program.

Letter dated December 19, 2023 from Mr. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, informing that the Town of Barrhead has been approved for a grant of \$200,000.00 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the 2023/24 ACP in support of our Regional Water Supply System Assessment project.

Letter from Ms. Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, advising that Alberta is currently in a significant drought and is requesting that all municipalities monitor water supply and to start planning to use less water in 2024.

Letter from Mr. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, informing that Municipal Affairs has been working with the Assessment Model Review Stakeholder Steering

Committee, which will assist in updating the regulated property assessment models in a fair and transparent manner.

016-24 Moved by Cr. Assaf that Council accepts the following correspondence items as information:

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- a letter dated December 15, 2023 from Mr. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the launch of the Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF) program.
- a letter dated December 19, 2023 from Mr. Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, informing that the Town of Barrhead has been approved for a grant of \$200,000.00 under the Intermunicipal Collaboration component of the 2023/24 ACP in support of our Regional Water Supply System Assessment project.
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**FOR THE GOOD
OF COUNCIL**

Cr. Kluin congratulated the student from the local High School for hosting a Wake-a-thon and raising \$7,000.00 for STARS.

Cr. Kluin also congratulated Mr. Steve Bala in being honored with a long-term service award by the Barrhead Minor Hockey Association for twenty-five years of volunteer service.

Cr. Kluin acknowledged and thanked the Town staff for hosting the First Night event.

EXITED Jennifer Mantay, Director of Corporate Services exited the Chambers at 7:11 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION –
FOIP ACT SECTION 16 - LAND**

017-24 Moved by Cr. Sawatzky that Council go in closed session at 7:06 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

018-24 Moved by Cr. Assaf that the Council come out of closed session at 8:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURN

019-24 Moved by Cr. Klumph that the Council Meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN OF BARRHEAD

Deputy Mayor, Don Smith

CAO, Edward LeBlanc