

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE TOWN OF BONNYVILLE**



Tuesday, March 11, 2025  
6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers  
4917 49 Avenue  
Bonnyville, Alberta

**PRESENT:** Mayor Elisa Brosseau, Councillor Kayla Blanchette, Councillor Brian McEvoy, Councillor David Sharun, Councillor Phil Kushnir, Councillor Byron Johnson

**REGRETS:** Councillor Neil Langridge

**STAFF:** Renee Stoyles - Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Dan Heney - General Manager of Planning and Community Services, Jeannine Chornohos - Finance Director, Tracy Ghostkeeper - Executive Assistant, Robynne Henry - Communications Coordinator

**GUESTS:** Darren Sandbeck - CAO Bonnyville Regional Fire Authority

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elisa Brosseau called the Regular Meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Brosseau read the following land acknowledgement: As we gather, we are reminded that the Town of Bonnyville is situated on Treaty 6 land, that is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is the traditional homeland and home to First Nations and Métis People today. We respect the histories, languages and cultures of First Nations, Métis and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion No. 070**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT the agenda for the March 11, 2025 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**4.a Council Meeting Minutes - February 25, 2025**

**Motion No. 071**

**Moved by:** Councillor Kayla Blanchette

THAT the minutes of the February 25, 2025 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. BYLAWS**

**5.a Bylaw No. 1594-25 – Temporary Borrowing Bylaw**

The Town of Bonnyville is required to pass a Temporary Borrowing Bylaw annually for the purpose of financing operating expenditures should the need arise. The amount of the maximum borrowing contained in Bylaw No. 1594-25 is \$2.562 million which is unchanged from last years authorized amount in Bylaw No. 1563-24. Bylaw No. 1563-24 will be repealed with the passage of this new bylaw.

The \$2.562 million authorized is well below the \$8.7 million that the Town is permitted to borrow under the Municipal Government Act. Currently, Administration does not anticipate having to borrow for operating.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion No. 072**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT Council provide first reading to Bylaw No. 1594-25 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**Motion No. 073**

**Moved by:** Councillor Byron Johnson

THAT Council provide second reading to Bylaw No. 1594-25 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**Motion No. 074**

**Moved by:** Councillor David Sharun

THAT Council proceed to third and final reading of Bylaw No. 1594-25 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion No. 075**

**Moved by:** Councillor Phil Kushnir

THAT Council provide third reading to Bylaw No. 1594-25 Temporary Borrowing Bylaw.

**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.a Funding Request - Lakeland Lacrosse Lakeland Heat Ice Melter Tournament**

Administration received an Event Grant Program Application Form from Chelsea Tilbury, Tournament Director of the Lakeland Lacrosse Association, requesting funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the 12th annual Ice Melter Tournament being held in Bonnyville at the C2 Centre from May 9 – 11, 2025. If approved, the funding would help assist with costs for floor rental, referee fees, advertising, Heart and Hustle, and MVP prizes. They are hoping to include Tournament t-shirts with sponsors displayed on the back of the shirts and are also seeking promotional items for the welcome packages and items for the 50/50 raffle.

This tournament will host teams from across the province in divisions ranging from U7 to U17 and they are expecting approximately 1,000 athletes and their families to attend. Last year Council approved a sponsorship to Lakeland Lacrosse Association in the amount of \$2,000.00 towards the Ice Melter Tournament which was held in Cold Lake and Bonnyville.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion No. 076**

**Moved by:** Councillor Brian McEvoy

THAT Council approve a sponsorship at the Legacy Partner Sponsorship level in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Lakeland Lacrosse Association for their Ice Melter Tournament and provide promotional items for their welcome packages and 50/50 raffle.

**CARRIED**

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Phil Kushnir** attended the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law 2025 webinar, was a guest announcer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities Winterland Invitational Tournament, attended the Community Policing Committee meeting and participated in content filming for the Bonnyville Health Foundation's gala.

**Councillor Brian McEvoy** attended the Downtown Urban Design Project Open House, participated in content filming for the Bonnyville Health Foundation's gala, attended the Health Professions Attraction and Retention Committee meeting and is completing the Assessment Review Board training.

**Councillor Kayla Blanchette** with the FCSSAA (Family & Community Support Services Association Of Alberta) met with members of the RMA board and their executive team, attended the AB Counsel Budget 2025 Summary Webinar, a Bonnyville & District FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) Board Meeting, an Alberta Counsel Budget 2025 webinar, the Victor Ringuette Sportsman Dinner, participated in content filming for the Bonnyville Health Foundation's gala and a Bonnyville Municipal Library Board meeting. She also attended a Bonnyville Wellness Coalition meeting, a meeting with the GOA's Community Development Unit for FCSSAA Strategic Plan review and a meeting with a company called Digital Link in Edmonton who requested an interview so that they could spotlight FCSS in their not-for-profit section of their newsletter.

**Mayor Elisa Brosseau** attended the AB Counsel Budget 2025 Summary Webinar, the Victor Ringuette Sportsman Dinner, the Flag Raising Ceremony at Ecole Des Beaux Lacs, the Alberta Municipalities Association 2025 Spring Municipal Leaders Conference, the Health Professions Attraction and Retention Committee meeting, the Police governance 101 webinar, and a meeting with ABMA (Alberta Bilingual Municipalities) and the Government of Quebec.

**Councillor David Sharun** attended the Emerging Trends in Municipal Law 2025 webinar, a CAO Recruitment meeting, was a guest announcer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities Winterland Invitational Tournament, attended the AB CARE Conference, the Victor Ringuette Sportsman Dinner, the Spring 2025 Presidents' Summit and the Alberta Municipalities Association 2025 Spring Municipal Leaders Conference.

**Councillor Byron Johnson** attended a FCSS Board meeting, the AB Counsel Budget 2025 Summary Webinar, a Bonnyville Leisure Facilities Corporation Board meeting, participated in content filming for the Bonnyville Health Foundation's gala, attended a FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Presentation at FCSS and an Ohana Centre Board meeting.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.a Letter - Covenant Health - Alberta's Top 85 Employers in 2025**

Administration received a letter from Covenant Health sharing that Covenant Health has been named one of Alberta's Top 85 Employers in 2025.

Mayor Brosseau stated that a letter was sent to Covenant Health offering congratulations on behalf of the Town.

Council accepted this letter for information.

### **8.b Letter - Minister of Municipal Affairs - Budget 2025**

Administration received a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs summarizing key highlights of the Alberta Budget 2025.

Council accepted this letter for information.

### **8.c Winter Fun Day - March 15, 2025**

Administration presented a poster for the upcoming Winter Fun Day being held on March 15, 2025.

Council accepted this poster for information.

**8.d Letter - Minister of Municipal Affairs - Provincial Priorities Act**

Administration received a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Provincial Priorities Act which establishes a process for provincial oversight of agreements between provincial entities and the federal government. This Act comes into force on April 1, 2025.

Council accepted this letter for information.

**8.e Letter - City of Cold Lake - Re Peacetime Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement**

Administration received a letter from the City of Cold Lake advising that as this agreement is now defunct, having been superseded or rendered redundant by more recent mutual aid agreements, the City of Cold lake is executing Section 4 to give its 90-day notice to exit the Peacetime Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement.

Council accepted this letter for information.

**8.f Invitation - St John's United Church Country Hoedown - May 3 2025**

Administration received an invitation from the St. John's United Church's Country Hoedown on Saturday May 3, 2025.

As this event is being held at the same time as the Hearts for Healthcare Gala, Council accepted this invitation for information.

**8.g Appendix A - Community Organization Funding to March 4**

Applicable policies related to Requests for Decisions will be referred to here to assist Council when making decisions based on financial requests.

**9. QUESTIONS**

No questions were asked.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion No. 077**

**Moved by:** Councillor Byron Johnson

THAT the Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned.

Time: 6:15 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Minutes read and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer