

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025
6:00 PM**

Present at the meeting were the following Council members: Ken Baker, Josh Bourelle, Gerry Baril, Darryl Christensen, Cynthia Ralph, and Aaron Zaugg; CAO James Suffredine, Operations Manager, Trevor Millward, and Angie Johnson from Administration. Regrets from Mayor Byrne Cook.

- 1) CALL TO ORDER

- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Mayor Cook

- 3) PUBLIC FORUM

- 4) DELEGATIONS - none

- 5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA with the following additions

2025-04-01 Motion from Councillor Baril to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2025

2025-04-02 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve March 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting minutes.

Carried

- 7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES - none

- 8) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Audited Financial Statements

2025-04-03 Motion from Councillor Baril to accept the auditor's report as presented.

Carried

b) 2025 Budget

2025-04-04 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve the 2025 Budget as presented
Carried

c) 2025 Tax Rate Bylaw

2025-04-05 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve 1st reading of Bylaw #1317.
Carried

2025-04-06 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw #1317.
Carried

2025-04-07 Motion from Councillor Baril to introduce Bylaw #1317 for 3rd and final
reading.
Carried Unanimously

2025-04-08 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve 3rd reading of Bylaw #1317.
Carried

d) Council Procedure Bylaw

2025-04-09 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve 1st reading of Bylaw #1318.
Carried

2025-04-10 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw
#1318.
Carried

2025-04-11 Motion from Councillor Baril to introduce Bylaw #1318 for 3rd reading and
final reading.
Carried Unanimously

2025-04-12 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve 3rd and reading of Bylaw
#1318.
Carried

e) Operating Borrowing Bylaws

2025-04-13 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve 1st reading of Bylaw #1301-2025.
Carried

2025-04-14 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw #1301-2025.
Carried

2025-04-15 Motion from Councillor Christensen to introduce Bylaw #1301-2025 for 3rd
and final reading.

Carried Unanimously

2025-04-16 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve 3rd and reading of Bylaw #1301-2025.

Carried

f) Credit Card Borrowing Bylaw

2025-04-17 Motion from Councillor Bouelle to approve 1st reading of Bylaw #1295.

Carried

2025-04-18 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve 2nd reading of Bylaw #1295.

Carried

2025-04-19 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to introduce Bylaw #1295 for 3rd and final reading.

Carried Unanimously

2025-04-19 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve 3rd and reading of Bylaw #1295.

Carried

g) Charity Golf Tournament

2025-04-20 Motion from Councillor Christensen to award the 2025 Charity Golf Tournament to Magrath Minor Hockey.

Carried

h) Solar Offset Agreement

2025-04-21 Motion from Councillor Baril to direct Administration to sign the proposed solar offset agreement.

Carried

j) Closed Session FOIPPA [25(1)] – moved to the end of the meeting.

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20250133 to #20250155 and Electronic Fund Transfers #329 to #371

2025-04-22 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve the financial reports as presented.

Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission

2025-04-23 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to receive the correspondence as information.

Carried

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Highlights for Town Administration include the following items:

- Property Assessments have been balanced and put into the Town's database.
- The final draft for the 2025 budget has been prepared and is ready for Council's review and acceptance.
- Baseball field fencing is in the process of being replaced with some fields having been complete.
- The main components for the new west lift station have been ordered.
- An RFP was prepared and invitations sent out by the engineer to perform the sidewalk construction project.
- The Town has made inquiries with property owners towards planning for future capital planning and lot construction projects that could take place in coming years.
- A presentation about the sewer manhole restorations will be presented at the meeting.

James Suffredine, CAO

2025-04-24 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to accept the Administrator's Report.

Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Councillor Zaugg

i. Museum

- A budget request letter from the museum was distributed at the meeting.

b) Councillor Christensen

i. Library

- The library has purchased new shelves. They want to get rid of the old shelves but need to find a buyer who wants them.
- The library applied for a summer student grant, and it was accepted. They plan to hire a part-time student to work on Saturday mornings, so two people are always in the building.

- Attended Chinook Arch library conference. The Magrath Library made a presentation that was well received.
- c) Councillor Baker
- i. Magrath Days
 - Magrath Days fundraising document was shared with council.
 - ii. Golf Course
 - The golf course is up and running well.
 - iii. FCSS
 - The FCSS board meeting was good.
- d) Councillor Bourelle
- i. Magrath and District Regional Water Commission
 - Audited financial statements were approved.
 - A new Harmonic Balancer was purchased to control electrical surges.
 - ii. MPC
 - Approved new subdivision with an engineered report stating the minimum distance a property must be from the transfer station for smell.
- e) Councillor Ralph
- i. Ag Society
 - Shelbi has secured Trevor Panczak for a concert on Thursday night. "Band in the Sand" Will need to purchase a ticket to attend the concert.
 - Magrath Days events will include mutton bustin, and barrel racing.
- f) Councillor Baril
- i. Seniors
 - Sunken manhole @ the back of the property needs gravel.
 - Seniors' week is June 2nd-6th. The town will be involved in a breakfast on Friday, June 6th.

2025-04-25 Motion from Councillor Christensen to enter closed session under FOIPPA[25(1)] at 7:50 PM Carried

2025-04-26 Motion from Councillor Ralph to leave closed session at 8:28 PM Carried

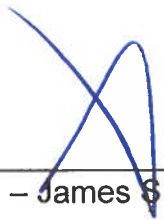
2025-04-27 Motion from Councillor Christensen to change Safety Code inspections service providers from Park Enterprises Ltd. to Inspections Group and for the CAO to engage their services with up to a 3-year service agreement. Carried

13) ADJOURNMENT

2025-04-28 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM Carried



Mayor – Byrne Cook



CAO – James Suffredine