

**TOWN OF MAGRATH
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm

- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Councillor Bourelle

- 3) PUBLIC FORUM
 - a) Robin Hansen
 - i. Inquired about purchasing adjacent land

- 4) DELEGATIONS – none

- 5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2025-06-01 Motion from Councillor Ralph to add a closed session 8(b) to the agenda and then to adopt the agenda as presented.

Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: May 27, 2025

2025-06-02 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve the April 22, 2025, Regular Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

- 7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES – none

- 8) NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Library By-law
 - i. The Library board submitted their policies to council to be validated

2025-06-03 Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve the library's by-laws and send back approval to the library board.

Carried

b) Closed Session

2025-06-04 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to enter closed session under ATIA[37(1)] at 6:20 pm

Carried

2025-06-05 Motion from Councillor Baril to exit closed session at 7:10 pm

Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20250185 to 20250215 and EFT's # 506 to 618

2025-06-06 Motion from Councillor Ralph to approve the financial reports as presented.

Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE – none

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Highlights for Town Administration include the following items:

- FOIP Act repealed; replaced by *Protection of Privacy Act* and *Access to Information Act*
- Bill 50 has passed: Code of Conduct by-law no longer required or allowed
 - Province may introduce an Ethics Commissioner and mandated Code of Conduct in future
- Current Policing model under review
- Level of service policies may become mandatory for emergency response standards
- James Suffradine Appointed Zone 1 director for the Local Government Administration Association

James Suffredine, CAO

2025-06-07 Motion from Councillor Baril to accept the Administrator's Report.

Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Councillor Christensen

i. Library

- New shelving being acquired
- Summer staff hired

ii. Chinook Arch

- Presented to City of Lethbridge
- Currently operating at a deficit

iii. Town Celebration

- Fundraising is progressing well

b) Councillor Ralph

i. Ag Society

- Looking at getting gravel from the County. Magrath Days planning is underway. Mutton Bustin starting at 4:30. Having a fishpond, pig race, calf scramble. Slot race starts at 6 followed by Ranch Rodeo. Night will end off with Band in the Sand concert. Food trucks have been secured. \$10 person. 8 and under free. They are looking at getting garbage pick up from the Town. James is working on getting a price to me to take back to the society.

ii. Chinook Foundation

- Diamond Willow Lodge: Lift station work is complete. System is functioning properly. Government has reimbursed the full cost.
- Diamond Willow Irrigation: Work has started, but is not yet complete. Weing Sprinklers to do the work.
- Capital Projects: Prebid meeting took place on June 18th for consults for Temple City Villa Windows.
- Seniors Self-contained Housing Tenant Handbook has been completed and will be handed out in August.
- FCM Study Grant: Application has been submitted and expect to hear back in 6-8 months.

c) Councillor Baril

i. Chinook Foundation

- Call system failed during power outage; replacement cost estimated at \$32,000
- The Lodge alarm system triggered; cause unknown

ii. ORRSC

- Cost increases anticipated for next year

- d) Councillor Bourelle
 - i. Chief Mountain Solid Waste
 - The Consultant report includes:
 - 10-year timeline
 - Potential Plan to consolidate and possibly close transfer stations
 - Repairs proposed for existing stations
 - ii. MPC
 - June 4th was the meeting
 - Lemay fence waiver was approved
 - Koegler Subdivision was approved
- e) Councillor Baker
 - i. Golf Course
 - Celebrating 100-year anniversary
 - Will participate in Magrath Days parade
 - ii. Magrath Days
 - Movie night rescheduled to Wednesday
 - Town providing cake for museum event
 - Plans to invite Blake Eaves and Joe Keeler as honorary parade marshals
 - Parade shirts to be ordered for all councillors
 - Volunteers needed for various celebration events
 - Planning a thank-you BBQ for all event organizers and volunteers
 - iii. Rec Committee
 - The fishing derby was well attended but no fish were caught
- f) Councillor Zaugg
 - i. Community Futures
 - Annual financials are good
 - ii. Museum
 - Mayor Barnett plaque reinstalled on monument.
 - Mannequins acquired from The Bay
 - Fence behind the cenotaph requires repair
 - Town funding to Museum to be issued
 - iii. Friends of the Museum
 - Katie Ward and Jerilyn L'Heureux assisting Christine Alston-Bly with Magrath Madness Rock Hunt for Town Celebration

13) MAYOR'S REPORT

i. SAEP

- Ending partnership may be beneficial
- Possible transfer to West Wind School Division

ii. South Grow

- South Grow staff member available to assist with grant applications
- Council encouraged to consider potential grant opportunities

iii. 4 Mayors

- No major updates to report


14) ADJOURNMENT

2025-06-08 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm

Carried



Mayor – Byrne Cook



CAO – James Suffredine