

**TOWN OF MAGRATH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024  
6:00 PM**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Councillor Baril
- 3) PUBLIC FORUM - none
- 4) DELEGATIONS - none
- 5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-04-01      Motion from Councillor Bourelle to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8)b) Closed Session [FOIPP 21(5)(C)].Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: March 26, 2024

2024-04-02      Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the March 26, 2024 meeting minutes.Carried

- 7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES - none
- 8) NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Blackfoot Sign
  - b) Closed Session [FOIPP 21(5)(C)]

2024-04-03      Motion from Councillor Ralph to enter Closed Session at 6:12 p.m.Carried

2024-04-04      Motion from Councillor Zaugg to exit Closed Session at 6:53 p.m.Carried

- 9) FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - a) Payables Cheques #20240364 to #20240428

2024-04-05      Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve the financial reports as presented.Carried

## 10) CORRESPONDENCE

### a) Lion Alex White – Lion's Park Rename

2024-04-06 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to respond to Mr. White with the option of installing a memorial bench or plaque at the Lion's Park rather than renaming the park.

Carried

## 11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - none

## 12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### a) Ken Baker

- Golf Board – The board is working with the Golf Pro to reduce the amount of merchandise carried on the books.
- Recreation Committee – held their AGM – Melissa Stanford is the new president with four new board members – Jordan Brame, Blake Eves, Craig Olsen and Matt Wilde.

### b) Gerry Baril

- Garden City Seniors
  - They are considering changes to the Wednesday evening meal in the future.
  - Coaldale Seniors are hosting a regional meeting of the Seniors Groups and Pres. Blake Eves is planning on attending.
  - They have a casino opportunity coming up for fundraising.

### c) Josh Bourelle

- SAEP
  - Ryan Barfuss reported on the various grant projects that are being run throughout the school division.
  - He was a presenter at a recent Professional Development Day and was able to talk to the schools about project opportunities and growing produce.

### d) Darryl Christensen

- Chinook Arch Regional Library
  - They sent out the requisition to the participating municipalities.
  - Lethbridge has more than ½ of the population being served and if they don't accept the increased requisition, it will not pass.
  - They have prepared a cost/benefit analysis for the City of Lethbridge to encourage their approval of the requisition because the viability of the Chinook Arch system depends on the increased requisition.

- e) Cynthia Ralph
  - Ag Society
    - Councillor Ralph was unable to attend the last meeting but will report back when she gets the minutes from the meeting.
    - Mayor Cook informed the Council that the Lethbridge 4H Club has booked the Ag Society Arena for a 4-day event at the beginning of June that will bring many people to the facilities.
  
- f) Aaron Zaugg
  - Museum
    - They are working with Keyline Printing for the signs to go in Irrigation Park.
    - They are planning a ribbon cutting for the new signs on July 26 at 7:00 p.m. as part of this year's Magrath Days Celebrations.
    - The museum should connect with Falene Wolsey from the Cultural Arts Society to make arrangements for a slide show to be playing at the theatre before the play begins.

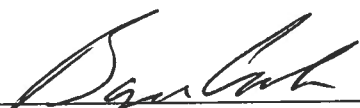
### 13) MAYOR'S REPORT

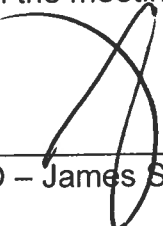
- Mayor's and Reeve's Meeting
  - Waterton Park has restricted watercraft in all their waterways due to invasive mussels and parasites that are affecting waterways in the area.
  - Irrigation levels for 2024 have been set by the SMRID at 8" per acre which is ½ of the normal amount allotted.
  - There were rolling brownouts in Calgary and Edmonton on April 1 due to power shortages in the grid.
  - \$224 million has been given to Grande Prairie and Lethbridge for medical training in the universities.
  - Political party alignment in Municipal Elections – MLAs are not united on this idea and feel it is more of a big city issue. The municipalities have made it clear that they are not in favour of political parties at the municipal level.
- Bruce Sabey is working on cleaning up the mess that was left on his property from his renter.
- Federal Housing Grants – is there an opportunity for the Town to capitalize on these grants?

### 14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-04-07 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

  
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 Mayor Byrne Cook

  
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 CAO – James Suffredine