

**TOWN OF MAGRATH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024  
6:00 PM**

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

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.
- 2) PRAYER OR REFLECTION – Mayor Cook
- 3) PUBLIC FORUM - none
- 4) DELEGATIONS
  - a) CMRSWA – Marian Carlson

➤ Ms. Carlson provided an update on the commission's progress over the past year regarding programs, finances, and grants received.

5) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2024-05-16      Motion from Councillor Ralph to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8)b) Closed Session [ FOIPPA Section 24.1(c)]

Carried

6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2024

2024-05-17      Motion from Councillor Christensen to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES

8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Policy Review:
  - i. Policy Development
  - ii. Public Presentation to Council
  - iii. Refunds
  - iv. Tangible Capital Assets

2024-05-18      Motion from Councillor Baker to approve all four policies as presented.

Carried

b) Closed Session [FOIPPA Section 24.1(c)]

2024-05-19 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to enter closed session at 7:07 p.m.  
Carried

2024-05-20 Motion from Councillor Christensen to exit closed session at 7:33 p.m.  
Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20240598 to #20240663

2024-05-21 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve the financial reports as presented.  
Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs

2024-05-22 Motion from Councillor Baril to receive the letter from Municipal Affairs – LGFF Funding Confirmation.  
Carried

b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs

2024-05-23 Motion from Councillor Baker to receive the letter from Municipal Affairs – Bill 20.  
Carried

c) Resident letter

2024-05-24 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to respond to the resident's concerns after consulting with Ryan Dick, ORRSC Planner.  
Carried

11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2024-05-25 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve the Administrator's Report as presented.  
Carried

12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

a) Ken Baker

➤ Celebrations

- Reviewed fundraising position with Council

- The museum will be serving 1,000 pieces of birthday cake from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024
  - Cultural Arts will be performing a one hour version of “Diggers” every evening and two times on Saturday – matinee and evening. They will be charging for admission.
  - The Planking Ceremony will be held during the first band intermission on Saturday evening – approximately 6:45 p.m.
  - Recreation Committee
    - Councillor Baker met with new president, Melissa Stanford.
    - The Recreation Committee is hosting the Fishing Day on June 16 and has everything in place and ready to go.
- b) Gerry Baril
- Chinook Foundation – received the grant for a Housing Needs Assessment.
- c) Josh Bourelle – nothing to report.
- d) Darryl Christensen – nothing to report.
- e) Cynthia Ralph
- Chinook Foundation
    - Temple City Villa – pre-bid meeting took place. The project includes replacement of all windows facing west on Villa 1.
    - Chinook Lodge – Going to tender for the rotting fascia board issues. We are worried about a deficiency in the roof design that is causing leaks in the rec room. We are going to get the whole roof investigated. If the fascia and windows are already underway this could become an issue of needing more funding.
    - Temple City Villa renovations – updating suites that are vacant. A resident will move into that updated suite and then their room will be updated (floors, cabinets, countertops, painting, etc.)
    - Lodge vacancy update – Diamond Willow is full with a waiting list. Chinook Lodge is very close to being full.
    - Summer jobs – they declined the summer job grant because it was only 1/4 of the funding requested. Decided to hire a maintenance summer student without grant funding. Duties to be at Chinook Lodge and Temple City Villa.
    - The current Temple City Villa site manager has been offered a full-time position and CAO Becky Doig is working on the contract. The position starts full-time in July.
    - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Funding – it has been a year since they applied for this and finally got it. They will get started on the Rural Development Housing Needs Assessment.

- They are sending a letter to government officials regarding accreditation. This needs to be done due to our contract with AHS.
  - Reminder for the Town to pay the requisition.
- f) Aaron Zaugg
- Museum
    - The museum is ready to go for serving cake at the Magrath Day's Celebrations. They have 5 – 6 tables and Blake Eves has volunteered to assist with serving. They will need more volunteers. It was suggested that they contact the Garden City Seniors or the Lion's Club to see if they have anyone willing to assist.
    - The museum did not get the summer student grant they applied for.
    - They are gathering information about the people who have Town sports fields and recreation facilities named after them so people can learn about the contributions these people have made to the Town of Magrath in the past.

#### 13) MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Cook reported on a CBC podcast "How did a Mormon Town Grab First Dibs on Alberta Water?" that he was interviewed for but was disappointed with the resulting podcast.
- Mayor Cook has received invitations to attend events that are really not relevant to the Town, and he will likely not be attending them.

#### 14) ADJOURNMENT


2024-05-26 Motion from Councillor Ralph to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Carried



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Mayor – Byrne Cook



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CAO – James Suffredine