

**TOWN OF MAGRATH  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 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 and Aaron Zaugg; CAO James Suffredine, Operations Manager, Trevor Millward and Carolyn Law from Administration. Regrets received from Cynthia Ralph.

- 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

2024-07-01      Motion from Councillor Bourelle to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- 8)c) Proclamation of Plank Day
- 8)d) Bylaw 1308 – Rezoning from R1 to R4
- 10)a) Magrath Museum

Carried

- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: June 25, 2024

2024-07-02      Motion from Councillor Baker to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 regular council meeting as presented.

Carried

- 7) BUSINESS FROM MINUTES
  - Discussion around complaints about the noise from the grad party. There were no citizen complaints, however, staff has questions as to rules going forward.

- 8) NEW BUSINESS
  - a) Non-Patent Parcel Tender
    - Administration was directed to meet with the adjacent landowners to discuss the possible consolidation of the non-patent parcel into their properties.

b) Bylaw #1307 – Amendment to Bylaw 1299 – Road Closure

2024-07-03 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve first reading of Bylaw 1307 – Amendment to Bylaw 1299 – Road Closure.

Carried

2024-07-04 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve second reading of Bylaw 1307 – Amendment to Bylaw 1299 – Road Closure.

Carried

2024-07-05 Motion from Councillor Baker to introduce Bylaw 1307 – Amendment to Bylaw 1299 – Road Closure for third and final reading.

Carried Unanimously

2024-07-06 Motion from Councillor Zaugg to approve third and final reading of Bylaw 1307 – Amendment to Bylaw 1299 – Road Closure.

Carried

c) Proclamation of Plank Day

2024-07-07 Motion from Councillor Christensen to proclaim March 21 to be known as Plank Day in the Town of Magrath.

Carried

d) Bylaw 1308 – Rezoning from R1 to R4

2024-07-08 Motion from Councillor Baril to approve first reading of Bylaw 1308 – Rezoning from R1 to R4.

Carried

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Payables Cheques #20240821 to #20240920

2024-07-09 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to approve the financial reports as presented.

Carried

10) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Magrath Museum

2024-07-10 Motion from Councillor Baker to accept the Magrath Museum thank you letter as information.

Carried

## 11) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Circular Materials is the company that has been contracted to take over recycling in Alberta and the Town must let them know if we are opting in or out of the Recycling Contracts going forward.
- Chief Mountain Gas Co-op has requested that the Town consider agreeing that the Co-op provide gas services to the area being annexed into the Town. The annexation hearing will take place on Monday, July 15, 2024.

2024-07-11 Motion from Councillor Baril to enter a closed session at 7:28 p.m. [FOIPPA Section 24 (1)].

Carried

2024-07-12 Motion from Councillor Baril to exit the closed session at 8:04 p.m.

Carried

Highlights for Town Operations include the following items:

- The road expansion and storm sewer work on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N and Centre Street continues.
- Purchase terms were agreed to with the owner of Block 12 lot 9 and are now being processed. The Town also has agreed to the sale of another lot on block 74.
- An incident occurred with one of our lawnmowers slipping into the fishpond. The machine has been taken to the dealership for repairs. However, the damage currently appears to be less than the insurance deductible of \$5,000.
- I have continued to try and contact AEP through phone and Email but have not received a call back regarding invasive species and any help they can provide.
- A servicing agreement was discussed and drafted for review by a property owner wanting the Town to service their property but currently has not been agreed to.
- Road line painting and dust control application around the Town will begin to take place over the next few weeks depending on the weather.
- The Water Conservation plan along with the wet month of June appears to have us on solid footing for the Town's irrigation usage goal to use less than 661,500 cubic meters of water. Currently, the Town has used 97,766 cubic meters of water which translates to only 15% of our total irrigation target having been used so far.

James Suffredine, CAO

2024-07-13 Motion from Councillor Baril to accept the Administrator's Report as presented.

Carried

## 12) COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### a) Ken Baker

- Magrath Days
  - We need volunteers for Saturday morning activities
  - Please attend the activities of the committees you represent to assist where needed
  - Donations – must be received by Friday
- Golf Board
  - The golf board is not currently interested in a booking software system
  - The charity golf tournament planning is moving forward

### b) Gerry Baril

- Garden City Seniors
  - They are moving forward with various fundraising ideas. The casinos are not frequent enough to cover the utility costs.
  - Councillor Baril will be attending the Healthy Aging in Alberta senior's workshop. They requested to have a cross-section of 20 seniors from the Town attend.
- Chinook Foundation
  - They are working towards a solution for parking at the Diamond Willow Lodge.

### c) Josh Bourelle

- Municipal Planning Commission
  - They approved a change of use of an existing business to develop a Child Care Facility.
  - We have had a lot of applications for solar panels.
- Councillor Bourelle attended the Raymond Parade on behalf of the Council. It was a very rainy and wet parade. His family rode with him and distributed candy along the route.

### d) Darryl Christensen

- Library Board
  - They were unable to achieve quorum so their meeting will take place in September.
  - The library has opened an escape room for the summer with a Magrath History theme. Please share the information on Facebook and with your peers.
- Chinook Arch Regional Library
  - The Library Regulations require that they appoint a new chair so that will be happening this fall.

- Pool
  - There have been complaints that the pool is too cold.
  - There are concerns with security and safety for staff who close the pool late and on their own.

e) Cynthia Ralph

- Ag Society
  - The casino money needs to be spent by July 21.
  - The deposit on the PA system was supposed to have happened on June 26. This didn't happen so a cheque is being delivered. The PA system should be operational for Magrath Days. This will come out of the Casino money.
  - There are a lot of maintenance issues that need to be addressed: cleaning the corrals, completing the round pen, the tractor has a leaking seal that needs to be repaired, the weed whacker is broken, and the lawn mower needs new blades.
  - They still have outstanding balances owed by people and they will be contacted directly.
  - Josh Heggie has done a great job on Magrath Days activities and the rest of the board will help out where they can.

f) Aaron Zaugg – nothing to report


13) MAYOR'S REPORT – nothing to report

14) ADJOURNMENT

2024-07-14 Motion from Councillor Bourelle to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Carried

  
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Mayor – ~~Byrne Cook~~

  
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CAO – James Suffredine

*D. Mayor - Ken Baker*