



**TOWN OF STRATHMORE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 4, 2020, 7:00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

COUNCIL	Pat Fule Bob Sobol Lorraine Bauer Jason Montgomery Melanie Corbiell Denise Peterson Tari Cockx	Mayor Councillor Councillor Councillor Deputy Mayor Councillor Councillor
STAFF	James Thackray Ryan Roycroft Tracy Simpson	CAO Director, IOD Director, CPS
RECORDING SECRETARY	Debra Heemeryck	Senior Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fule called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Resolution No. 064.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT COUNCIL move In Camera at 6:30PM.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Bauer arrived at 6:34PM.

**Resolution No. 065.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT COUNCIL move out of Camera at 7:01PM

**CARRIED**

Council took a recess from 7:01PM.

Council reconvened at 7:13PM.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 066.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT COUNCIL adopt the March 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Agenda with the following additions:

Item 11.1 Bylaw 19-08 Council Code of Conduct

Item 9.3 Solarkrafte Lease Amendment

Item 9.4 CMRB for Calthorpe

**CARRIED**

3. **IN CAMERA**

3.1 **Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 25(1)(c)(iii)**

3.2 **Items Pertaining to FOIPP s. 24(1)(a), 24(1)(b)(ii), 24(1)(g)**

4. **PRESENTATION(S)/RECOGNITIONS**

None.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

5.1 **Strathmore and District Curling Club**

Lindsay McCutcheon and Ken Shackleton spoke with Council about the Tournament of Hearts in February 2022. The Strathmore and District Curling Club would like send in an application in 2021 and are looking for support from Council in order to submit their application and rent the Family Centre in February 2022. The event would require both sides of the arena and would require a minimum capacity of 1000 spectators. A letter of support from the Town would be required with the application.

**Resolution No. 067.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT COUNCIL accept the presentation for information and direct Administration to work with the Strathmore and District Curling Club and to ascertain the process and viability of pursuing a major curling bonspiel in Strathmore and to report back to Council by July of 2020.

**CARRIED**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

7.1 **Adoption of the January 31, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes**

**Resolution No. 068.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

THAT COUNCIL adopt the January 31, 2020 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**CARRIED**

7.2 **Adoption of the February 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Resolution No. 069.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Bauer

THAT COUNCIL adopt the February 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**CARRIED**

8. **TABLED ITEM(S)**

None.

9. **ITEMS/REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

9.1 **Oxbow Annexation**

Rena DeMolitor gave PowerPoint presentation regarding the Oxbow Annexation.

**Resolution No. 070.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT COUNCIL give consideration to maintaining the current Municipal boundaries.

**CARRIED**

9.2 **2019 Senior Tax Rebate Program Update**

Councillor Bauer requested AISH recipients be included in this program and Linda Bernicki to review and bring back to council for next steps.

**Resolution No. 071.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT COUNCIL accept this report as information, and

THAT COUNCIL direct administration to adjust the Income Threshold each July 1st in accordance with the Government of Alberta Seniors Benefits Financial Thresholds.

**CARRIED**

**9.3 Solarkrafte Lease Amendment**

**Resolution No. 072.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT COUNCIL authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign an amendment to the lease for lands described as SW 1/4 Sec. 12, Twp. 24, Rge. 25, W4M, the SE 1/4 Sec 12, Twp. 24, Rge. 25, W4M, and Lot 1, Plan 9110086.

**CARRIED**

**9.4 CMRB Calthorpe**

**Resolution No. 073.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council direct Mayor Fule to advocate on the Town of Strathmore and surrounding region for HDR Calthorpe to host an open house to discuss the Calgary Regional growth plan in Strathmore.

**CARRIED**

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.1 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Resolution No. 074.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT COUNCIL accept the Committee Minutes as information.

**CARRIED**

**10.2 Reports for Councillors from Committees in Which They Sit March 2020**

**Strathmore Overnight Shelter - Councillor Bauer**

The Strathmore Overnight Shelter had their second annual walk in the cold, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Sobol and Mayor Fule attended with a total of 22 walkers. Councillor Bauer advised that \$4,600.00 has been collected so far and last year was \$3,000.00. Elizabeth Karp, Director of Stathmore Overnight Shelter was grateful for support from the community and their partnership with Sikisika. Councillor Buck Breaker, Councillor Sam Crowfoot and the Calgary Stampede First Nations Princess.

**Marigold Library/Strathmore Municipal Library - Councillor Peterson**

Councillor reviewed the February Marigold report with Council. In addition Marigold Library system has published their levies so our municipality levies have not changed, there was a recognition among the membership the 43 municipalities that this is certainly

not the time to consider any kind of increases to levies so they trimmed their budget and the Marigold Library Board levy rate is \$6.24 per capita population rate has not changed from last year. The Strathmore Municipal Library Board levy is still at \$4.50.

**Senior's Advisory - Councillor Peterson**

One of the items discussed at their recent meeting there is a desire on the part of the Committee to look at grant funding to do a joint initiative in the community to address seniors and isolation and it ties in with the new rural mental health initiative and the committee will be approaching council for letters of support.

**Councillor Sobol - Strathmore and District Chamber of Commerce**

Just a reminder that the annual general meeting will be held Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Strathmore Fire Hall. Public are invited although only chamber members will have the ability to vote on motions.

**Resolution No. 075.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT COUNCIL accept the committee reports for information.

**CARRIED**

**11. ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COUNCIL**

None.

**11.1 Bylaw 19-08 Council Code of Conduct**

**Resolution No. 076.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT COUNCIL in pursuant to Section 14.1 Section F of Code of Conduct that is the Town of Strathmore's code of conduct Bylaw 19-08 that Council proceed with an investigation of the formal complaint issued February 14, 2020 relating to Councillor Cockx.

**CARRIED**

OPPOSED

Councillor Cockx

**Resolution No. 077.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT COUNCIL appoint Doug Lagore as the lead investigator in this matter responsible for seeking and receiving advice and guidance including legal advice as determined necessary by Council for the purpose of conducting the investigation and providing recommendations to Council and for directing Administration as required for the purpose of obtaining any information required to assist Council in its investigation.

**CARRIED**

OPPOSED

Councillor Cockx

12. **BYLAWS**

None.

13. **URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

14. **QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS**

**Councillor Bauer** - On February 24th met with PALS and talked about connectivity with our pathways and accessibility for people in wheelchairs and people with limited mobility in our town and we came up with a number of different strategies going forward and Councillor Bauer suggested that PALS request to be a delegation at Council in the future.

**Councillor Peterson** - Question for administration in regards to the 2020 budget and I know that administration has prepared a great deal of material for Council but wondering if you are planning in the near future through communications and to Council to work with Council to present to the Community in a planning format the items from this 2020 budget that will impact our community and not all of them negative for sure but specific to rural policing, school boards, own source vs reserve funding, affordable housing and the impact on our taxes both residential and non-residential. I don't expect numbers just looking for planning and general expectations.

**Mayor Fule** - Strathmore Storm Peewee girls team have qualified and are going to provincials and Strathmore High School wrestlers this is their first year of having a wrestling team and several of them are going to provincial as well.

15. **ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES**

**Playground Equipment - Mayor Fule**

Could Administration and Operations add the green space on the south side of Hillvale Crescent for possible playground equipment? There are many detached residences on this south side, as well as duplexes on the northern side. Right now, kids from this large crescent have to cross the 817 to use playground equipment.

**Mental Health Initiative - Councillor Peterson**

Is inquiring as to whether we, as a community, have engaged in the rural mental health initiative and if so under what auspice and to what degree?

Tracy Simpson advised that the Town of Strathmore has already submitted a request and is one of the Town's project for 2020. Will bring information back to Council and include Senior's Advisory Committee.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 078.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Corbiell

That Council move In Camera at 8:04PM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 079.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT COUNCIL move out of Camera at 9:26PM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 080.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT COUNCIL extend the meeting to 10:30PM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 081.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT COUNCIL move In Camera at 9:26PM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 082.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT COUNCIL move out of Camera at 10:02

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 083.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT COUNCIL adopt the information.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 084.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT COUNCIL move In Camera at 10:02pm

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 085.03.20**

Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT COUNCIL move out of Camera at 10:18PM.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 086.03.20**  
Moved by Councillor Sobol

THAT Council adjourn the March 4, 2020 Regular Council Meeting at 10:18PM.

**CARRIED**

  
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Mayor

  
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Chief Administrative Officer