

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta**  
**Town Hall Council Chamber**  
**Monday, August 15, 2011 at 2:00 pm**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Sorensen	Mayor
Leslie Taylor	Councillor
Stavros Karlos	Councillor and Deputy Mayor
Paul Baxter	Councillor
Brian Standish	Councillor
Grant Canning	Councillor

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chip Olver	Councillor and Acting Mayor
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**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Randall McKay	Acting Town Manager
Shannon O'Donovan	Engineering Coordinator
Tony Clark	Bylaw Services Supervisor
Cheryl Borecky	Acting Children & Youth Program Coordinator
Mary Brewster	Manager of Community Services
Cheryl Hyde	Municipal Clerk (Recording Secretary)

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the regular meeting of Council to order at 2:00 p.m.

**2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

2.1. Meeting Agenda

COU11-195 Moved by Councillor Taylor to approve the agenda of the regular meeting of Council with the following revisions:

- Re-order the Staff Reports section as follows:
  - 8.1 Briefing: Skateboard Regulations
  - 8.2 Briefing: Banff Skatepark
  - 8.3 Request for Decision: Financial Contribution to Legacy Trail Extension
  - 8.4 Briefing: After-School Club

**CARRIED**

2.2. 2011 Council Priorities and Workplan

Received as information.

**3.0 DELEGATIONS**

3.1. Joseph Potts, Bow Valley SPCA – Mut Strut

Mr. Potts invited Banff Town Council to challenge Canmore Town Council to raise funds for the Bow Valley Mut Strut on September 10, 2011 in Canmore. This event is being held to raise money for the Bow Valley SPCA.

#### 4.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

##### 4.1. Minutes of the July 18, 2011 Regular Meeting of Council

- COU11-196 Moved by Councillor Standish to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 regular meeting of council with the following amendments:
- amend motion COU11-157 as follows: to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2011 regular meeting of council with the following amendments:
    - o under COU11-148 change the reference to the YMCA to YWCA, and add “located at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Spray Avenue.”

**CARRIED**

#### 5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### 5.1. Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group Terms of Reference

Administration submitted a draft terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group.

- COU11-197 Moved by Councillor Taylor that the terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group reflect a consensus decision making model.

**CARRIED**

**Baxter and Sorensen opposed**

- COU11-198 Moved by Councillor Karlos that the terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group specify that every sector representative appoint one alternate, and that Council appoint one public member as an alternate to any one of the four public members.

**CARRIED**

- COU11-199 Moved by Councillor Karlos that the terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group call for the working group meetings to be open to the public, with items protected by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act discussed in camera in accordance with usual procedures.

**CARRIED**

- COU11-200 Moved by Councillor Taylor that the terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group specify that the working group have both a facilitator, recruited by administration, and a chair, who will be elected by the working group.

**CARRIED**

Council unanimously agreed to direct administration to add the following to the terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group: that the general public representatives are expected to represent the best interests of the residents of Banff, and sector representatives are expected to represent the best interests of their sector.

- COU11-201 Moved by Councillor Taylor to delete the phrase in the terms of reference for the proposed Land Use Bylaw Phase 2 Working Group that the Banff Lake Louise Hotel Motel Association legal counsel may attend the meetings. The meetings will be open to the public.

**CARRIED**

COU11-202 Moved by Councillor Taylor to establish a Land Use Bylaw Phase II Working Group to examine topic areas raised in Council motions COU11-159, COU11-160 and COU11-181 and approve the term of reference as presented with amendments made in previous motions.

**CARRIED**

## 6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Received as information:

- 6.1. Minutes of the July 8, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Banff Housing Corporation
- 6.2. Minutes of the August 10, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission

## 7.0 INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries.

## 8.0 STAFF REPORTS/BYLAWS

- 8.1. Skateboarding Regulations

Council reviewed a briefing on the history of skateboarding regulations in Banff.

COU11-203 Moved by Councillor Karlos to direct administration to return with a proposed amendment to section 44 of Traffic Bylaw 16-7 that would allow for skateboards to be used as a form of transportation between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**CARRIED**

- 8.2. Banff Skatepark

Council reviewed a briefing on the status of the Banff skatepark and the results of a survey of skatepark users. Several members of Banff's skateboarding community were present in the gallery, and Council unanimously agreed to allow for public inquiries on the topic of the skatepark. The following comments & questions were offered, with replies provided by administration as noted:

- A concrete skatepark in Halifax recently celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and this is the first time repairs have been required. Skatepark users raised \$5000 to cover the cost of repairs.
- Who is responsible for maintenance of the skatepark facility? Administration: The facilities department and the grounds departments share responsibility for maintenance of the existing park. Users are encouraged to fill out action requests on the website to have maintenance issues addressed.
- How does the Town justify confiscation of skateboards when a bylaw has been contravened? Administration: Vehicles of any sort can be confiscated for excessive contravention of bylaws and provincial laws. It's rare for the Bylaw Services Department to confiscate a skateboard.
- Baseball players have not been asked their opinion on the location of the skatepark. They feel the skatepark users compete with the ballplayers for access to vehicle parking. Administration: the Town plans to survey all users of the recreation grounds for input in the recreation master plan.
- The Town could generate funds through things like membership fees and summer camps. Administration: the skatepark user survey results show the majority of people aren't looking for programs, supervision, or membership. They are just looking for space to skateboard.
- How much money is spent to maintain the bike park? Administration: the bike park isn't a Town facility, rather it's funded by a neighbourhood group.

8.3. Financial Contribution to Legacy Trail Extension

COU11-204 Moved by Councillor Karlos to direct administration to provide funding to assist with the completion of the Legacy Trail between the Banff National Park east gate and the Harvie Heights overpass. Funding is limited to a value up to \$50,000, and contingent on Canmore matching the funding at their next regular meeting on August 16, 2011.

**CARRIED**

8.4. After-School Club Update

Written report received as information.

**9.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was received.

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**11.0 INQUIRIES**

There were no inquiries.

**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

COU11-205 Moved by Councillor Karlos to adjourn at 3:36 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Karen Sorensen  
Mayor

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Cheryl Hyde  
Municipal Clerk