



MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta
Virtual Council Meeting
Monday, 2021 May 10, at 2:00 pm

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Sorensen	Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Ted Christensen	Councillor and Acting Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Grant Canning	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Chip Olver	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Peter Poole	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Brian Standish	Councillor	(Remote Participation)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Corrie DiManno	Councillor and Deputy Mayor
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ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Kelly Gibson	Town Manager	(Remote Participation)
Silvio Adamo	Director, Emergency Management, Director, Protective Services, and Fire Chief	(Remote Participation)
Jason Darrah	Director, Communications & Marketing	(Remote Participation)
Darren Enns	Director, Planning & Development	(Remote Participation)
Adrian Field	Director, Engineering	(Remote Participation)
Chris Hughes	Director, Corporate Services	(Remote Participation)
Alison Gerrits	Director, Community Services, and Deputy Director Emergency Management	(Remote Participation)
Paul Godfrey	Director, Operations	(Remote Participation)
Barbara King	Director, Human Resources	(Remote Participation)
Randall McKay	Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Special Projects)	(Remote Participation)
Stephen Allan	Engineering Coordinator	(Remote Participation)
Emma Sanborn	Development Planner	(Remote Participation)
Renée Lavergne	Information Governance Coordinator	(Remote Participation)
Lisa Lee	Executive Assistant, Mayor's Office	(Remote Participation)
Tara Johnston	Legislative Advisor	(Remote Participation)
Libbey McDougall	Municipal Clerk	(Remote Participation)



1.0 CALL TO ORDER

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

ROLL CALL:

Present: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Mayor Sorensen called the virtual Regular Meeting of Council to order at 2:01 p.m.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Agenda for the 2021 May 10 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council

COU21-178 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That the Agenda for today's meeting be amended as by including a new Item 6.2.4 to Section 6.2, Verbal Submissions, entitled "Caleb Shoreland, Nourish Bistro (Item 8.4 Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021)".

For: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED

COU21-179 **Moved by** Councillor Poole

That the Agenda for the 2021 May 10 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council be approved, **as amended**.

For: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED



2.2 2021 Council Workplan

Council, by unanimous consent, received the 2021 Council Workplan for the Corporate Record.

3.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the 2021 April 26 Virtual Special Meeting of Council Re: Proposed Bylaw 455, Land Use Amending Bylaw; 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw; Proposed Bylaw 456, Traffic Amending Bylaw; Proposed Policy C7006, Municipal Sustainable Building Policy; and Policy C7003, Public Use of Municipal Facilities Policy
- 3.2 Minutes of the 2021 April 26 Virtual Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Council
- 3.3 Minutes of the 2021 May 03 Virtual Special Meeting of Council Re: COVID-19 Pandemic Updates

COU21-180 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That the following Minutes be adopted by way of an omnibus motion:

- Minutes of the 2021 April 26 Virtual Special Meeting of Council Re: Proposed Bylaw 455, Land Use Amending Bylaw; 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw; Proposed Bylaw 456, Traffic Amending Bylaw; Proposed Policy C7006, Municipal Sustainable Building Policy; and Policy C7003, Public Use of Municipal Facilities Policy;
- Minutes of the 2021 April 26 Virtual Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of Council; and
- Minutes of the 2021 May 03 Virtual Special Meeting of Council Re: COVID-19 Pandemic Updates.

For: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED

4.0 INVITED PRESENTATIONS

There were no Invited Presentation scheduled as part of this meeting.

Minutes approved by: On Original On Original



5.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations scheduled as part of this meeting.

6.0 PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Written Submissions

- 6.1.1 Joe Owchar: Email Re: CPR Train Horn Through Town, Received 2021 May 01 (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Joe Owchar's Email, Re: CPR Train Horn Through Town, received 2021 May 01, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

- 6.1.2 Suzanne Lawrence: Email Re: Train Horns, Received 2021 May 01 (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Suzanne Lawrence's Email, Re: Train Horns, received 2021 May 01, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

- 6.1.3 Dr. Harvey Locke: Email Re: Railway Quiet Zone Support, Received 2021 May 03 (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Dr. Harvey Locke's Email, Re: Railway Quiet Zone Support, received 2021 May 03, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

- 6.1.4 Dr. Harvey Locke and Marie-Eve Marchand: Letter Re: Our Strong Support for Railway Quiet Zone, Dated 2021 May 07 (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Dr. Harvey Locke and Marie-Eve Marchand's Letter, Re: Our Strong Support for Railway Quiet Zone, Dated 2021 May 07, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

- 6.1.5 Jason Rogers: Email Re: Please Create a Railway Quiet Zone, Received 2021 May 08 (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Jason Rogers Email, Re: Please Create a Railway Quiet Zone, Received 2021 May 08, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.



6.2 Verbal Submissions

6.2.1 Dr. Harvey Locke (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Dr. Harvey Locke's Verbal Submission, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

6.2.2 Dr. Aeirn Jacob, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Dr. Aeirn Jacob's Verbal Submission, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

6.2.3 Dr. Rachel Buxton (Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Dr. Rachel Buxton's Verbal Submission, with respect to Item 8.2, Railway Quiet Zone, for the Corporate Record.

Councillor Poole declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 6.2.4, Caleb Shoreland, Nourish Bistro (Item 8.4, Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021) and abstained from discussion and voting, as he is a commercial partner in a business located on Caribou Street and a business and building owner on Bear Street. Councillor Poole left the Virtual Meeting at 2:32 p.m. and returned at 2:39 p.m. after Caleb Shoreland completed his verbal presentation.

6.2.4 Caleb Shoreland, Nourish Bistro (Item 8.4 Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021)

Council, by unanimous consent, received Caleb Shoreland's Verbal Submission, with respect to Item 8.4, Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021, for the Corporate Record.



7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1 Correspondence: Nowana Payne: Letter, Dated 2021 March 30

Council, by unanimous consent, received Nowana Payne's Correspondence, dated 2021 March 30, for the Corporate Record.

7.2 Correspondence: Alison Douglas: Letter Re: Train Whistle Blowing, Dated 2021 April 01

Council, by unanimous consent, received Alison Douglas' Correspondence, Re: Train Whistle Blowing, dated 2021 April 01, for the Corporate Record.

8.0 BYLAWS AND STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Verbal Briefing: COVID-19 Pandemic Updates as of 2021 May 10

Council, by unanimous consent, received the COVID-19 Pandemic Updates Verbal Briefing for the Corporate Record.

8.2 Notice of Motion: Railway Quiet Zone

COU21-182 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That Councillor Poole's Motion, COU21-181, be amended by deleting the words "before the end of Q3 2021" following the words "and report back to Council" and substituting with the words "as part of the 2022 Service Review".

For: (3): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, and Councillor Olver,

Against: (3): Councillor Christensen, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

MOTION DEFEATED

Minutes approved by: On Original On Original



COU21-181 **Moved by** Councillor Poole

That with respect to Item 8.2, Notice of Motion: Railway Quiet Zone, the following be adopted:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to follow the procedures of Transport Canada as presented in Dr. Clevenger's materials by consulting with the railroad operator on the feasibility of creating a railway quiet zone along the railway corridor in the vicinity of Banff, and report back to Council before the end of Q3 2021.

For: (5): Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Against: (1): Mayor Sorensen

MOTION CARRIED

Council, by unanimous consent, recessed at 3:28 p.m. to reconvene at 3:45 p.m.

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

ROLL CALL:

Present: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Council reconvened at 3:46 p.m. with Mayor Sorensen in the Chair.



Councillor Poole declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the following Items, and abstained from discussion and voting:

- 8.3, Request for Decision: St. Julien Road Reconstruction Project Results of Public Engagement and Confirmation of Concept Elements, as he resides on St. Julien Road;
- 8.4. Request for Decision, Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021, as he is a commercial partner in a business located on Caribou Street and a business and building owner on Bear Street; and
- 10.1, Correspondence: Kathy Johnson, Coyotes Banff, Cathy Sinclair-Smythe, Tooloulou's, M.J Miller, Seed & Salt, Stephane Prevost, Block Kitchen + Bar and Shoku Izakaya: Letter, Dated 2021 April 24, as he is a commercial partner in a business located on Caribou Street and a business and building owner on Bear Street;

Councillor Poole left the virtual Council Meeting at 3:55 p.m.

8.3 Request for Decision: St. Julien Road Reconstruction Project Results of Public Engagement and Confirmation of Concept Elements

COU21-183 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That with respect to Item 8.3, St. Julien Road Reconstruction Project Results of Public Engagement and Confirmation of Concept Elements, the following be adopted:

That Council direct Administration to:

1. Prioritize active modes of transportation where space constraints limit the ability to accommodate all modes of travel;
2. Base the detailed design for the Grizzly Street intersection on Option 1B – maintaining one way access from St. Julien Road onto Grizzly Street – as outlined in the Report;
3. Base the detailed design for the Wolverine street intersection on Option 2B – narrowing the intersection to one way traffic flow from St. Julien Road onto Wolverine Street – as outlined in the Report;
4. Return to Council with options for upgrades to the trail between Caribou Street and St. Julien Road for future consideration; and
5. Design for limited low vegetation (grasses and shrubs) between the road and sidewalk where physical separation is provided between the driving lanes and the sidewalk.

For: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes approved by: On Original On Original



8.4 Request for Decision: Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021

COU21-184 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That with respect to Item 8.4, Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

That Council defer Item 8.4, Bear Street Sidewalk Seating – Summer 2021, to Administration, to allow stakeholders an additional opportunity to present Written or Verbal Submissions to Council, to return to the next Regular Meeting of Council.

For: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Committee Reports were scheduled as part of this meeting.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Correspondence: Kathy Johnson, Coyotes Banff, Cathy Sinclair-Smythe, Tooloulou's, M.J Miller, Seed & Salt, Stephane Prevost, Block Kitchen + Bar and Shoku Izakaya: Letter, Dated 2021 April 24

Council, by unanimous consent, received the Correspondence from Kathy Johnson, Coyotes Banff, Cathy Sinclair-Smythe, Tooloulou's, M.J Miller, Seed & Salt, Stephane Prevost, Block Kitchen + Bar and Shoku Izakaya, dated 2021 April 24, for the Corporate Record.



10.2 Correspondence Christian Dubois: Email Re: Request for Assistance, Received 2021 May 07

COU21-185 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That with respect to Item 10.1, Correspondence Christian Dubois: Email Re: Request for Assistance, Received 2021 May 07, the following be adopted:

That Council direct that the Mayor write to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of National Revenue, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages, and the Minister of Finance advocating for support for businesses that have fallen through the cracks of government support programs including:

1. Adjusting eligibility for these programs to include both New and Newly-Expanded Businesses, that can demonstrate their project was non-reversible at the outset of the pandemic;
2. Implementing an alternate method for determining CEWS and CERS rates for these businesses; and
3. Back pay to March 15th, 2020 both CEWS & CERS to these businesses based on the alternate rate.

For: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED

11.0 NEW/URGENT BUSINESS

No items of New/ Urgent Business were scheduled as part of this meeting.

12.0 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no Confidential Items scheduled as part of this meeting.



13.0 ADJOURNMENT

COU21-186 **Moved by** Councillor Standish

That this Council adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (5): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, and Councillor Standish

MOTION CARRIED

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Karen Sorensen
Mayor

On Original

Libbey McDougall
Municipal Clerk