

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD to be held Monday, February 24, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Town of Tofield Administration Building, Council Chambers

1. Present

2. Call to Order

"As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another."

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Minutes

(a) Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held Monday, February 10, 2025.

5. Delegation

a) 5:00 p.m. Dustin Bettcher, will be present to bring forth residential concerns.

6. Correspondence

- Letter from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding a further one-year extension, to June 10, 2026, for the Joint Use Planning Agreements;
- Letter from Trina Jones Vice President Towns/Director Towns East, Alberta Municipalities on behalf of the Honorable Mike Ellis, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, regarding changes to Community Peace Officer command and control, to be implemented by February 19, 2025;
- Email from Rural Municipalities of Alberta, regarding and update on Minister Ellis' Community Peace Officer announcement; and
- Invitation from Community Action Retention Committee, request for waiving of Community Hall fees for March 16, 2025.

7. New Business

(a) Bylaw 1330 being a Bylaw for the Town of Tofield for the Purpose Of Authorizing Beaver Emergency Services Commission to provide Fire Protection and Emergency Management Services within the limits of the Town Of Tofield.

8. Closed Session

Section 16 – Business Interests of a Third Party - *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - Tofield Golden Club*

9. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE **TOWN OF TOFIELD held Monday, February 10, 2025, Town** of Tofield Administration Building Council Chambers

PRESENT

1. Mayor Dueck(Via TEAMS); Councillors, Tiedemann, Martineau, Conquest and Chehade; Cindy Neufeld, Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Edwards.

> Also Present: Kari Janzen, Tofield Mercury, Jackie Sargent, Claystone Waste Ltd (Via TEAMS), Gabriel Hall and Students from Tofield Travel Club.

CALL TO ORDER

2. Mayor Dueck called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

> "As we gather here today, we acknowledge we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Metis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another"

ADOPTION OF AGENDA 01-02-25

MOVED by Martineau that the Agenda be 3. approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Correspondence; Letter from CUPW 8. Unfinished Business a) QUBE Investment

Management.

MINUTES

MOVED by Chehade that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held January 27, 2025, be approved as presented.

02-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

5:00 p.m. Gabriel Hall, Tofield Travel Club provided an overview of the clubs planned trip to Italy in 2025, as well as asking for a waiving of fees for the Community Hall for the Clubs Community Italian Supper on February 28, 2025.

MOVED by Conquest that the fees for the Community Hall be waived for the Travel Clubs Community Italian Supper on February 28, 2025

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hall and the Travel Club left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

03-02-25

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FINANCIAL

6.

(a) **MOVED** by Tiedemann that the Monthly Financial Statement for the period ending January 31, 2025, be approved.

04-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) **MOVED** by Martineau that the Interim Operating Budget Report be approved.

05-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) **MOVED** by Conquest that the Open Payables for the months of December 2025 and January 2025 in the total amount of \$572,697.92 be approved for payment.

06-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

- 7. The following Correspondence was presented:
 - Letter from the Honorable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding successful application for the Alberta Community Partnership Grant, Storm Water Flooding Risk Mitigation;
 - Invitation from Brian E. Ilnicki, Executive Director, Beaver Hills Biosphere to attend an Open House, Forum and Youth Summit being held March 11-13, 2025:
 - Letter from the Town of Viking, on behalf of Battle River School Division, request for sponsorship for the 3rd Annual Powwow in Viking on May 22, 2025;
 - Beaver County Water Assessment Summary Report, submitted by Beairsto & Associates;
 - Letter from CUPW regarding Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post.

MOVED by Dueck that the invitation for sponsorship for the Battle River School Division Powwow in Viking, on May 22, 2025, be denied.

07-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Conquest that a letter of support for the CUPW regarding the Industrial Inquiry Commission reviewing Canada Post be provided.

08-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Martineau that the Correspondence be received and filed.

09-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. (a) QUBE Investment Management

MOVED by Conquest that Administration be commended for strong fiscal responsibility and care, following the QUBE Investment Management review.

10-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

9. (a) Request for Decision – Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

MOVED by Conquest that Council approve the reappointments to the Intermunicipal Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and the Intermunicipal Assessment Review Board of Rosemary Harris and Juanita Enorme, for a three-year term, expiring March 31, 2028.

11-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Request for Decision – Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework Extension and Review of Shared Services Agreements.

Administration to execute an amendment to enable an extension of the review process to 2027 of the Tofield/Beaver County Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework; Further, that Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to participate in a review of the shared services agreements prior to renegotiating the intermunicipal collaboration frameworks with Beaver County and the Town of Tofield.

12-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Request for Decision – Community Hall, Reduction in Usage Fees.

MOVED by Tiedemann that Council approves the request from Battle River School Division to use the Community Hall for the fee of \$1.00 on a one-year trial basis.

13-02-25

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Janzen and Sargent left the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

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CLOSED SESSION	10.	MOVED by Martineau that Council meet in Closed Session At 5:27 p.m.to discuss matters under the Alberta FOIP Act as follows:
		Section 21 –Business Interest of a Third Party – <i>Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.</i>
14-02-25		CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
15-02-25		MOVED by Martineau to revert to the regular session at 5:45 p.m. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY No public present.
ADJOURNMENT	11.	MOVED by Chehade that the meeting adjourn at 5:46 p.m.
16-02-25		DEPUTY MAYOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



AR117690

February 13, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Official:

Joint use and planning agreements (JUPAs) between municipalities and school boards operating within municipal boundaries enable the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve, school reserve, and municipal and school reserve lands.

On June 10, 2020, Section 670.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* was proclaimed, setting the deadline for municipalities to complete these agreements with the applicable school boards to June 10, 2023. A two-year extension was granted to June 10, 2025, via Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23.

The ministries of Municipal Affairs and Education have heard from municipalities and school boards about the challenges of meeting this year's deadline. My colleague, the Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education, and I have agreed to extend the deadline for municipalities and school boards by one year, to June 10, 2026, to provide sufficient time to complete these agreements. As a result, Ministerial Order MSD:013/23 is rescinded and Ministerial Order No. MSD:004/25 is now in effect. Please find attached a copy of the new Ministerial Order.

Municipal Affairs advisory staff can provide additional supports to municipalities to assist with the development of these agreements. Questions regarding JUPAs can be directed to a planning advisor at <a href="mailto:m

Sincerely.

Ric McIver Minister

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSD:004/25

cc: Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides, Minister of Education

320 Legislature Building, 10800 - 97 Avenue, Edmonton. Alberta T5K 2B6 Canada Telephone 780-427-3744 Fax 780-422-9550



MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSD:004/25

I, Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 605(2) of the *Municipal Government Act*, make the following order:

The date by which a municipality must enter into a joint use and planning agreement with a school board, as required by Section 670.1(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*, is extended to June 10, 2026.

Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23 is hereby rescinded.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 27 day of January, 2025

Ric McIver

Minister of Municipal Affairs



ALBERTA PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Office of the Minister Deputy Premier of Alberta MLA, Calgary-West

AR 30726

February 14, 2025

His Worship Tyler Gandam Mayor City of Wetaskiwin PO Box 6210 Wetaskiwin AB T9A 2E9

Dear Mayor Gandam:

Illegal fentanyl trafficking and consumption continues to threaten the safety and well-being of Albertans. The effects of fentanyl, and other illicit drug use, has ruined the lives of individual Albertans, their families and given rise to serious health and wellness issues across our community. As Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services, I am obligated to take steps to address these issues and encourage you to support the federal and provincial efforts in this regard. Municipal alignment and support in this area is critical to success.

I am formally requesting that you immediately begin working with the police leadership in your area to align or unify the operational command of your community peace officer (CPO) program under the leadership of the police service of jurisdiction. This will be for a temporary time period to ensure law enforcement efforts are coordinated to address fentanyl and social disorder most effectively.

Given the complexity and severity of this public safety and public health issue, alignment of CPO operations with, or under, the police of jurisdiction will ensure law enforcement efforts are collaborative and coordinated. It is understood CPOs have limited authorities, as compared to police officers, a fact of which police leadership will need to be mindful, but I am confident that by coordinating their efforts with the police service of jurisdiction, we can achieve greater impact on this important issue.

I request that these changes to CPO command and control be implemented by **Wednesday**, **February 19, 2025.** Further, I request that you respond to this letter forthwith to confirm your support of this initiative.

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Please send all responses to the Curtis Zablocki, the Director of Law Enforcement (email: curtis.zablocki@gov.ab.ca).

As Canadians, we are facing challenging times – and as such, we must ensure we work together with all levels of government to tackle these concerns with swift collaboration. Thank you for your support and cooperation on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Honourable Mike Ellis

Deputy Premier of Alberta Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services

cc: Rob Hill, Commanding Officer, RCMP "K" Division

Chiefs of Municipal Police Services

From: Wyatt Skovron <<u>wyatt@RMAlberta.com</u>>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 4:36:06 PM

Subject: RMA Update on Minister Ellis' Community Peace Officer announcement

Hello RMA mayors/reeves and CAOs,

Please distribute this within your organization as needed

As some of you are aware, in recent days the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Services sent a letter to the RCMP as well as some municipalities regarding a requst for Community Peace Officers (CPOs) to temporarily function "under the leadership of the police service of jurisdiction." The letter went on to explain that the intent of this request was to enhance coordination of local law enforcement efforts "to address fentanyl and social disorder most effectively." The letters were reportedly sent on February 14, with a requirement for changes in "CPO command and control" to be implemented by February 19. RMA was not made aware of this plan in advance or notified directly by the Ministry.

After learning of the Minister's request, RMA communicated with senior PSES staff and received the following information (note that this information is not official and was communicated verbally):

- At this time, the direction only applies to municipalities with MPSAs. While this would include a small number of RMA members, the majority are not impacted. If you have an MPSA and have not been informed of this request or are concerned about the request, please contact RMA.
- 2. The intent of the request is not to make any formal adjustments through legislation, etc. to CPO responsibilities or powers, but rather to encourage more collaboration and joint oversight of both police and CPOs in relation to fentanyl.
- 3. To this point, most of the impacted municipalities that the Ministry has spoken with believe that this alignment between police and CPOs already exists and that minimal changes will be required.
- 4. At this point there are no plans to expand this request to rural and small urban municipalities.

RMA plans to continue to seek more information on the intent of the direction, how success will be measured, what specific change in roles or responsibilities will be expected of CPOs, how the request will impact the ability of CPOs to perform their core municipal duties, any impacts on

liability associated with injuries or other incidents, how conflicts or disagreements on command structure or decision-making will be addressed, etc. We will update members as more information is known.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Wyatt Skovron

General Manager of Policy and Advocacy



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February 10, 2025

Tofield Town Council

Tofield, AB

Dear Tofield Town Council:

Greetings from the Community Attraction and Retention Committee serving Ryley, Tofield and Beaver County West. (CARC)

On the weekend of March 14-16, 2025 we are co-hosting a Post Secondary Event together with Viking Attraction and Retention Committee. There will be 30 University of Calgary Medical Students arriving on the Friday night. Viking will host them on Saturday, with collaboration from CARC, where they will be taken through many activities during the day including an Amazing Race Viking and a combined Community Supper in the evening put on by both of our hard working committees. On Sunday they will be hosted by both committees in the Town of Tofield. We will be taking them on a tour of Tofield Health Center and then an hour or so to your Community Hall for floor curling. After this we have the Moonshine Café booked for all to have lunch, a few words from local health care professionals and then they will be headed back to Calgary in the early afternoon.

This will be a weekend geared to attracting medical students to consider practicing in Rural Alberta upon their graduation, preferably right here in Beaver County.

To that end, we are asking if the Town of Tofield would waive the cost of renting the Community Hall for the morning of Sunday, March 16, 2025? We are a not for

profit Committee that are hard at work every day endeavoring to attract and retain health care professionals to come live, work and play in Beaver County.

We also have swag bags that we are giving to each of the students and we were wondering if you would consider donating something from the Town of Tofield to include in that bag for the 30 students?

Thank you for considering helping this worthwhile weekend to be the success we believe it will be.

Kind regards,

Cyndy Heslin, Chairperson

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TOWN OF TOFIELD

BYLAW 1330

TOWN OF TOFIELD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

A BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING THE BEAVER EMERGENCY SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A 2000, Chapter M-26, with amendments thereto, the Municipal Council of the Town of Tofield may pass bylaws respecting the safety, health and welfare of people and the protection of people and property;

ND WHEREAS the Emergency Management Act, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter E-6.8, with mendments thereto, requires the municipality to direct and control its emergency response;

AND WHEREAS under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, Chapter IJ-26, municipalities may request that the Lieutenant Governor in Council establish a regional services commission to provide services otherwise being provided by municipalities, in this case the protection and emergency management services;

AND WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Town of Tofield deemed it expedient to provide fire and emergency management services in conjunction with neighboring municipalities through a regional services commission and with Beaver County, the Town of Viking, and the Villages of Ryley and Holden, made application for the Lieutenant Governor in Council to form a Regional Services Commission for the purpose of providing fire and emergency management services in and to the member municipalities;

ND WHEREAS on April 29, 2010, the Beaver Emergency Services Commission was established by O.C. 137/2010;

AND WHEREAS The Town of Tofield wishes to formally recognize that the Beaver Emergency Services Commission will be providing fire and emergency management services in the Town of foiled and wishes to give full force and effect to the O. C. 137/2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Town of Tofield, in the Province of Alberta, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. "Apparatus" means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for emergency use, as well as any vehicles used for transporting firefighters or supplies;
- 1.2. **"Chief Administrative Officer"** means the chief administrative officer of the Town or their delegate;
- 1.3. "Councilors" means those members on Council for the Town;
- 1.4. "Disaster Recovery Regulation" means the Disaster Recovery Regulation, Alta Reg 51/1994, as amended from time to time;
- 1.5. "BESC" means the Beaver Emergency Services Commission;
- 1.6. "EMA" means the Emergency Management Act, RSA 2000, c E-6.8, as amended from time to time;
- 1.7. "Emergency Management Agency" means the agency that is responsible for the administration of the BESC's emergency program;
- 1.8. "Equipment" means any tools, contrivances, devices, or materials used by the Fire Services Department that may be applied at an emergency incident;
- 1.9. "False Alarm" means an emergency call which is activated accidentally or maliciously that does not require any services from BESC's fire personnel;

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- 1.10. "Fire Services Department(s)" means the Fire Services Department(s) established by BESC's Establishment and Operation Bylaw, which each include a Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief(s), Firefighters, and any person duly appointed to this department by the Board of Directors of BESC, together with all Equipment and Apparatus, including fire stations established to prevent, extinguish, and investigate the cause of fires, to preserve life and property from injury or destruction by fire;
- 1.11. "Incident" means a fire, a situation wherein a fire or explosion is imminent, or any other situation presenting a fire or possible danger to life, property, or the environment, and to which BESC has responded. For clarity, such situations can include transportation accidents, hazardous materials releases, or potential releases, medical assists, or any life threatening situation;
- 1.12. "Joint Quality Management Plan" means that quality management plan between BESC and the Alberta Safety Codes Council accrediting BESC to administer the provisions of the Safety Codes Act, RSA 2000, c S-1, as amended from time to time:
- 1.13. "MGA" means the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended from time to time; and
- 1.14. "Town" means the Town of Tofield.

DELEGATION OF POWERS

- 2.1. The Town hereby delegates the provision of fire protection and emergency management services within its municipal limits to BESC. The Town further appoints BESC to act as its agent in the recovery of fees incurred as a result of BESC extinguishing a fire, responding to an Incident, or responding to a False Alarm. The Town further appoints BESC to act as its Emergency Management Agency. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the powers being delegated include:
 - 2.1.1. providing fire protection services;
 - 2.1.2. investigating the cause of fires in accordance with the Alberta Fire Code and the Joint Quality Management Plan;
 - 2.1.3. providing a first responder level of response to Incidents involving dangerous goods;
 - 2.1.4. appointing individuals to roles within the Fire Services Department(s);
 - 2.1.5. monitoring and amending the Joint Quality Management Plan as required;
 - entering into mutual aid agreements with other municipalities, agencies or persons to provide assistance in controlling an Incident;
 - 2.1.7. purchasing and operating Apparatus and Equipment deemed necessary for the preservation of life and property;
 - 2.1.8. directing and controlling the municipality's emergency response;
 - 2.1.9. preparing and approving the emergency plans and programs;
 - 2.1.10 contracting and/or entering into agreements with other persons or organizations for the provision of services in the development or implementation of emergency plans or programs;
 - 2.1.11, administering the appointment to and supervision of an emergency advisory committee;
 - 2.1.12. fulfilling all duties and responsibilities of an emergency management agency:
 - 2.1.13. declaring and terminating any local states of emergency, including the publication of the details of the declaration, termination or cancellation;

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- 2.1.14. exercising all powers granted to a local authority under section 24 of the EMA, including the power to borrow under subsection 24(2);
- 2.1.15. making application to the Government of Alberta for compensation incurred in conducting emergency operations under the Disaster Recovery Regulation, as amended from time to time;
- 2.1.16. recovering the costs and expenses of fighting a fire within the jurisdiction of the Town;
- 2.1.17. issuing orders concerning fire hazards and burning hazards, including taking all measures necessary to enforce those orders and recover any costs associated with their enforcement; and
- 2.1.18. issuing, cancelling and suspending fire permits, including attaching any conditions it deems advisable to any and all permits.

TRANSFER OF CHATTELS

3.1. The Town transfers the legal and beneficial ownership in all the Apparatus and Equipment which it owns that are specifically mentioned in O. C. 137/2010 to BESC.

TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY

4.1. The Town transfers the legal and beneficial ownership in the lands and buildings which it owns that are specifically mentioned in O. C. 137/2010 to BESC.

EFFECTIVE DATE

5.1. BESC shall have the right to exercise the powers referred to herein, in accordance with section 3 of the O. C. 137/2010, from the date of its inception.

ASSIGNMENT OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

6.1. The Town hereby assigns all of its rights, responsibilities and duties under any current Mutual Aid Agreements with any other municipalities, Her Majesty the Queen in the right of the Province of Alberta and/or any other entities to BESC.

CESSATION OF FIRE HALL OPERATION AND FIRE RESOURCES AGREEMENTS

7.1. The Town hereby declares that, effective as of the inception date of BESC, all Fire Hall Operation and Fire Resource Agreements and all Fire Truck Agreements previously entered into with the BESC member municipalities cease to be effective and are hereinafter null and void.

FIRE PERMITS AND FIRE PITS

- 8.1. No person shall light an outdoor fire or structure fire unless the person has: been issued a fire permit by BESC on such terms and conditions as BESC in its sole discretion considers appropriate.
- 8.2. All fire pits shall be required, at all times, to comply with the standards, policies, and/or regulations as established by BESC, as amended from time to time.

FIRE BANS

9.1. BESC shall be solely responsible for declaring and repealing all fire bans affecting the Town.

0. RECOVERY OF EXPENSES

- 10.1. The owner of a property is liable to the Town for all expenses and costs related to the Town, through its agent, BESC, extinguishing fires on the property.
- 10.2. A person who causes a fire is liable to the Town for all expenses and costs related to the Town, through its agent, BESC, extinguishing the fire.
- 10.3. The Town, through its agent, BESC, may seek recovery of expenses and costs in this Part either jointly or severally.

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10.4. Any unpaid costs and expenses for extinguishing fires on a parcel of land may be added to the tax roll for that parcel in accordance with Subsection 553(1)(g) of the MGA.

1. REPEAL OF EXISTING BYLAW

11.1. The following Bylaw of the Town is hereby repealed in its entirety:

11.1.1. Bylaw No. 1229

his Bylaw shall take effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME this 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021

MAYOR

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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