

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOFIELD held Monday, September 9, 2024
Town of Tofield Administration Building Council Chambers**

PRESENT

1. Mayor Dueck; Councillors, Tiedemann, Martineau, Conquest and Chehade; Cindy Neufeld, Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Jeff Edwards.

Also Present: Kari Janzen, Tofield Mercury and Dave Berrecloth, Tofield Agricultural Society

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

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

01-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Add 8. New Business (c) Meetings with the Ministers

MINUTES

4. (a) **MOVED** by Tiedemann that the Minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of the Town of Tofield held August 12, 2024, be approved as amended.

02-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DELEGATION

5. 5:00 p.m. Dave Berrecloth, President, Tofield Agricultural Society was present to discuss the need to replace the dirt in the Riding Arena, located at the Tofield Fairgrounds.

Berrecloth explained the need to remove and replace the dirt and requested that the Town of Tofield provide \$40,000 to have this done.

Berrecloth left the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

FINANCIAL

6. (a) **MOVED** by Chehade that the Financial Statement for the month August 31, 2024 be approved.

03-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) **MOVED** by Tiedemann that the Budget Report for the month ending August 31, 2024 be approved as presented.

04-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (c) **MOVED** by Conquest that the Open Payables for the months of August and September 2024 in the total amount of \$523,320.57 be approved.

05-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CORRESPONDENCE

7. The following Correspondence was presented:

- Unapproved Minutes of Highway 14 Regional Water Services Commission meeting held July 18, 2024;
- Email from Tyler Gandam, President of AB Munis, regarding donations for the Jasper Fire Community Fund;
- Email from Tyler Gandam, President of AB Munis regarding the preparations of voting for the resolutions at the Annual Convention;
- Invitation from the Veterans Memorial Highway Association, to attend a future meeting;
- Email from the National Police Federation providing the Overview of Key Findings; and
- Beaver Emergency Medical Services 2024 Annual Report.

MOVED by Dueck that Administration draft a policy to address donations to municipalities that have endured a municipal emergency disaster.

06-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Martineau that the Correspondence be received and filed.

07-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

8. (a) Letter from ATC Energy Systems regarding the new Provincial Legislation and impact to the Town of Tofield's Franchise Agreement.

MOVED by Conquest to proceed with obtaining approval of Bylaw 1266 - Franchise Agreement, dated September 14, 2015 between ATCO Gas and the Town of Tofield from the Alberta Utilities Commission.

08-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Letter from Beaver Foundation regarding Sidewalk Connector proposal.

MOVED by Chegade to approve in principle, partnering with Beaver Foundation, to construct a connector sidewalk from Sunshine Villa to main street; and that this be deferred to the 2025 budget

09-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Minister Meeting at AB Munis.

Add discussion of Provincial Policing with Minister Ellis

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CLOSED SESSION

9. **MOVED** by Chehade to go into Closed Session at 5:57 p.m. discuss matters under the Alberta FOIP Act as follows:

Division 2, Section 16 – Harmful to Business Interests and Section 19 – Confidential Evaluations – *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*

10-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Martineau to revert to the regular meeting at 6:16 p.m.

11-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No public present.

MOVED by Chehade to provide \$40,000 to remove and replace the dirt at the Riding Arena, and fund the project from Operating Reserves; and that propose an annual cost for maintenance of the Riding Arena at the 2025 Budget.

12-09-24

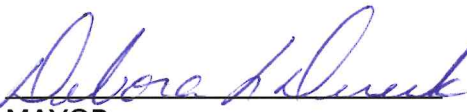
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

10. **MOVED** by Chehade that the meeting adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

13-09-24

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY


MAYOR


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER