

Municipality of Crowsnest Pass
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass was held in Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Council Present:

Mayor Blair Painter, Councillors: Vicki Kubik, Dave Filipuzzi, Doreen Glavin, Glen Girhiny, Lisa Sygutek and Dean Ward

Administration Present:

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian McCulloch, Director of Finance
Trent Smith, Manager of Community Services
Jeremy Wickson, Temporary Director of Engineering & Operations
Bonnie Kawasaki, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Painter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Additions:

In Camera

- d. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Golf Course - FOIP Act Section 25 - Councillor Ward

Amendments:

Consent Agenda

- h. AER Proceeding 444 - Location of Limited Participants Hearing - Move to Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motion 10.c - Councillor Ward
- k. Minutes of the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance of October 2, 2024 and the November Bulletin - Move to Councillor Inquiries and Notice of Motion - 10.d Councillor Ward

01-2024-11-19: Councillor Girhiny moved to adopt the agenda as amended.

Carried

CONSENT AGENDA

02-2024-11-19: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council approve the following Consent Agenda items as amended without debate:

3.a

Correspondence from the Honourable Ric McIver and Ministerial Order No. MSD: 085/2024

THAT Council accept the Correspondence from the Honourable Ric McIver and Ministerial Order No. MSD: 085/2024 as information.

3.b

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of August 19, 2024

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of August 19, 2024 as information.

3.c

Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of September 23, 2024

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Crowsnest Pass Senior Housing Board of September 23, 2024 as information.

3.d

Minutes of the Municipal Planning Commission of September 17, 2024

THAT Council accept the Municipal Planning Commission of September 17, 2024 as information.

3.e

Minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee of September 16, 2024

THAT Council accept the Minutes of the Family and Community Support Services Advisory Committee of September 16, 2024 as information.

3.f

Thank You Letter from Horace Allen School of October 17, 2024

THAT Council accept the Thank You Letter from Horace Allen School of October 17, 2024 as information.

3.g

Wheatland County - Letter Concerning Collaborative Stance on FCM Conference Attendance – Invitation for Rural Municipalities to Join of November 1, 2024

THAT Council accept the Wheatland County - Letter Concerning Collaborative Stance on FCM Conference Attendance – Invitation for Rural Municipalities to Join of November 1, 2024 as information.

3.i

Chinook Arch Regional Library System - Board Report of August 1, 2024

THAT Council accept the Chinook Arch Regional Library System - Board Report of August 1, 2024 as information.

3.j

Southern Alberta Recreation Association (SARA) - Media Release for the 2025 Southern Alberta Summer Games to be held in Taber

THAT Council accept the Southern Alberta Recreation Association (SARA) - Media Release for the 2025 Southern Alberta Summer Games to be held in Taber as information.

3.l

STARS Letter of Thank You and Donation Receipt

THAT Council accept the STARS Letter of Thank You and Donation Receipt as information.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

03-2024-11-19: Councillor Kubik moved to adopt the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of Council of October 22, 2024, as presented.

Carried

04-2024-11-19: Councillor Girhiny moved to adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting of October 22, 2024, as presented.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Bylaw 1193, 2024 - Road Closure - Public Hearing

Mayor Painter declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:03 pm for Bylaw No. 1193, 2024.

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that the following written submissions were received prior to the due date and form part of the Council Meeting Package:

- Trevor Hay
- Tyler Folkard
- Salim Shah & Gladys Ondrus
- Andrew & Valerie Saje
- Shannon Anderson

Mayor Painter called for members of the public to speak in favor or opposition to bylaw 1193, 2024.

The following members of the public provided an oral submission:

- Trevor Hay – In Favour
- Robert Salant – In Favour
- Henry Bruns – In Favour

- Terry Hrudey – In Favour
- Andrew Tsang – In Favour
- Thomas Winter – In Favour
- Shelley Much – In Favour
- Jep Banda – In Favour
- Salim Shah - Opposed
- Gladys Ondrus – Opposed
- Peter McKernan – In Favour
- Alistair Des Moulins – In Favour
- Troy Jacobson – In Favour
- Ken Allred – Neutral
- Craig Hay – In Favour
- Shannon Anderson – In Favour
- Peter Dunbar – In Favour

Mayor Painter noted that there were no other members of the public in attendance who wished to speak, and therefore declared the public hearing closed at 7:53 pm.

Bylaw 1201, 2024 - Municipal Reserve Closure and Removal of Municipal Reserve Designation on a portion of Lot 1MR, Block 3, Plan 8311587 - Public Hearing

Mayor Painter declared the Public Hearing opened at 7:55 pm for Bylaw No. 1201, 2024.

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that the following written submissions were received prior to the due date:

- Brian Gallant

Mayor Painter invited members of the public to speak in favor of or in opposition to Bylaw 1201, 2024.

The following members of the public provided an oral submission:

- Stephen C. Mogdan Lawyer on Behalf of Brian Gallant – Opposed
- Shannon Anderson - Opposed
- Brian Gallant – Read a written submission for Judith Ewashen - Opposed
- Sarah Gallant – Read a written submission on behalf of Amy Rienzo - Opposed

Mayor Painter called for any other members of the public to speak in favor of or in opposition to Bylaw 1201, 2024.

Mayor Painter noted that there were no other members of the public in attendance who wished to speak, and therefore declared the public hearing closed at 8:12 pm.

Bylaw 1206, 2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Public Hearing

Mayor Painter declared the Public Hearing opened at 8:19 pm for Bylaw No. 1206, 2024.

Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer provided a brief overview of the bylaw and read into the record that there were no written submissions received prior to the due date.

Mayor Painter called for members of the public to speak in favor or opposition to bylaw 1206, 2024.

Mayor Painter noted there were no members of the public present who wished to speak at the hearing and declared the public hearing closed at 8:20 pm.

DELEGATIONS

Dave Baines, NWP Coal - Update on the Engagement Aspect of NWP Coal Canada Ltd

Dave Baines, NWP Coal - was in attendance to present an update on the NWP Crown Mountain Coking Coal Project and the Engagement Aspect for the project.

REQUESTS FOR DECISION

Bylaw 1201, 2024 - Municipal Reserve closure and removal of Municipal Reserve designation on a portion of Lot 1MR, Block 3, Plan 8311587 – Second and Third Reading

05-2024-11-19: Councillor Filipuzzi moved second reading of Bylaw 1201, 2024 - Municipal Reserve closure and removal of Municipal Reserve designation on a portion of Lot 1MR, Block 3, Plan 8311587.

Defeated

Bylaw 1203, 2024 Road Closure Bylaw - First Reading

06-2024-11-19: Councillor Ward moved first reading of Bylaw 1203, 2024 Road Closure Bylaw.

Carried

Bylaw 1206, 2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Second and Third Readings

07-2024-11-19: Councillor Girhiny moved second reading of Bylaw 1206, 2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

Carried

08-2024-11-19: Councillor Ward moved third and final reading of Bylaw 1206, 2024 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

Carried

Policy #: 1700-03 - Municipal Reserves

09-2024-11-19: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adopt Policy #: 1700-03 - Municipal Reserves as presented.
Carried

2025 Municipal Election Considerations

10-2024-11-19: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council accept the report on the 2025 Municipal Election Considerations as information.
Carried

Gymnastics Building

11-2024-11-19: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council terminate the rental of the building located at 2013-129 street in Blairmore, originally used for gymnastics, effective December 31, 2024 and to sell off the gymnastics equipment.
Carried

Crowsnest Pass Subsidized Taxi Program

12-2024-11-19: Councillor Ward moved that Council directs Administration to not renew the Subsidized Taxi Program for 2025 and that the service will end December 31, 2024.
Carried

Rock Box Replacement Purchase for Tandem Truck

13-2024-11-19: Councillor Kubik moved that Council approve a budget of \$35,000 for a new rock box to be funded from the equipment reserve.
Carried

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

- Councillor Filipuzzi
 - Attended the RMA Convention
 - Good convention with excellent networking opportunities

- Councillor Girhiny
 - Attended the RMA Convention
 - Was pleased with Minister interactions and meetings
 - Felt there was work to be done with the Tourism Ministry in terms of promotion of this area

- Councillor Ward
 - Councillors Ward and Filipuzzi met with the Grade 1 class at Horace Allen School
 - Noted that the number of kids has increased and that many of the kids were new to the community, which is encouraging
 - Attended Pumpkins in the Parks - was an excellent event as per usual
 - Attended the Remembrance Day Service at the High School which was very well done

- Councillor Sygutek
 - Met virtually with the Honourable Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks to advocated on behalf of the community, topics discussed included:
 - Signage for back country trails
 - Trail Master Plan/Regional Trail Alliance partnership between the community and the province
 - Campgrounds – Infrastructure & Expansion
 - Improvement of roads on Crown Lands including Adanac, Sartoris & Atlas
 - Provincial funding for Search & Rescue
 - Joint funding for cross-country ski trails
 - Improvement of communications for Provincial projects in our area

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

- Trevor Hay
 - Requested that communications be open when the Ministry provides it's decision on the road closure

- Alistair Des Moulins
 - Indicated that the CNSC has received \$116,400 in funding from the Province for the cross country ski trails, which will be spent on levelling out some of the trails, improving the access at Tecumseh, and covering all of the grooming this winter. This enabled the club to lessen their ask for funding from the Municipality.

COUNCILLOR INQUIRIES AND NOTICE OF MOTION

EVR Water Quality Open House - Councillor Sygutek

14-2024-11-19: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council attend the EVR Water Quality Open House on November 26, 2024 in Fernie.

Carried

Timed Parking in Business Districts - Mayor Painter

15-2024-11-19: Councillor Sygutek moved that Administration bring an expedited report back on timed parking in business districts.

Carried

AER Proceeding 444 - Location of Limited Participants Hearing – Councillor Ward

16-2024-11-19: Councillor Ward moved that Administration write a letter to the AER voicing our displeasure with the response and to copy the Premier's office and the MLA.

Carried

Minutes of the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance of October 2, 2024 and the November Bulletin – Councillor Ward

17-2024-11-19: Councillor Ward moved that the Minutes of the Alberta Southwest Regional Alliance of October 2, 2024 and the November Bulletin be accepted for information.

Carried

IN CAMERA

18-2024-11-19: Councillor Sygutek moved that Council go In Camera for the purpose of discussion of the following confidential matters under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and to take a short recess at 10:34 pm:

- a. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application - FOIP Act Section 25
- b. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application - FOIP Act Section 25
- c. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Land Sales Application - FOIP Act Section 25
- d. Economic Interests of the Public Body – Golf Course - FOIP Act Section 25

Carried

Reconvene

Mayor Painter convened the In Camera meeting at 10:46 pm. Patrick Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer in attendance to provide advice to Council.

19-2024-11-19: Councillor Glavin moved that Council come out of In Camera at 12:03 am.

Carried

20-2024-11-19: Councillor Girhiny moved that Council approves purchase of the lane that runs between Plan 8211748, Lot 11, and Plan 0551196, Lots 13, 14, and 15, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the price be equal to each applicant's current land value rate.
2. That the applicants are responsible for all costs associated with the closure of the subject lane to public travel.
3. That the applicants are responsible for all costs associated with redistricting the subject lane to R-1 Residential District.
4. That the applicants are responsible for all subdivision, consolidation and survey costs relating to this transaction.
5. That the applicants are responsible for all legal costs including the legal costs of the Municipality, if any.
6. That this application must be completed by September 30, 2025.

Carried

21-2024-11-19: Councillor Ward moved that Council approves the purchase of a portion of Lot 6, Block 1, Plan 0812536 for parking, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the price per square foot be \$4.00 per square foot.
2. That the applicant is responsible for all costs relating to the re-districting of the subject land to C-1 Commercial.
3. That the applicant is responsible for all costs associated with the consolidation of the subject parcel to the title for the Greenhill Hotel.
4. That the applicant is responsible for all legal costs associated with this transaction, including the legal costs of the Municipality, if any.
5. That a utility easement be registered for the municipal infrastructure.
6. That this transaction be completed by March 1, 2025.

Carried

22-2024-11-19: Councillor Filipuzzi moved that Council accepts the offer to purchase as submitted at the assessed value, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the applicant is responsible for all costs relating to the required Land Use Bylaw amendment for both parcels of land.
2. That the applicants are responsible for all subdivision, easement and survey costs relating to this transaction.
3. That the applicant is responsible for all of the legal costs associated with these transactions.
4. That this transaction be completed by June 30, 2025.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

23-2024-11-19: Councillor Filipuzzi moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 am.

Carried



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Blair Painter", is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains the text "CITY OF CALGARY" and "PROVINCE OF ALBERTA".

Blair Painter
Mayor



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Patrick Thomas
Chief Administrative Officer