

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the**  
**Town of Bowden Administration Building**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<b>PRESENT</b>	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble
	Councillor	Lloyd Lane
	Councillor	Earl Wilson
	Councillor	Paul Webb
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney

**ABSENT**                      None

**DELEGATIONS**            S/Sgt Joe Sangster (Olds RCMP)

<b>STAFF</b>	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Development Officer

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda**

**Motion 2.a** Moved by Councillor Lloyd that Council approves the January 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Adoption of the Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3.a** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the January 9, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Delegations**

**Item 4.a S/Sgt Joe Sangster (Olds RCMP)** The report from S/Sgt Joe Sangster (Olds RCMP) outlines 2014 year-end policing statistics for Bowden and comparisons with the 2013 Statistics. Mr. Sangster is in attendance to discuss and elaborate upon this report. As well Council members discuss with Mr. Sangster other municipal matters that relate to policing in the community.

**Motion 4.a** Council receives this item for information.

## **Old Business**

**Item 5.a 2015 Operating & Capital Budgets** As with all Alberta municipalities, the impacts of recent world events have the potential for significant negative financial consequences for all of us. As such, the budgets presented reflect Council's desire to minimise spending while at the same time, recognising that investments in capital infrastructure and municipal reserves will help to ensure long-term viability for our community.

The 2015 Operating Budget as presented identifies a 3.25% municipal taxation increase with the following significant highlights:

### **INCREASES**

- Regional Sewer Line expenses (new) = \$294,000.00 Additional
- Partial repayment of 2014 Garbage & Recycling cart costs = \$18,000.00 into Reserves.
- Budgetary Contribution of \$92,600.00 into new Capital Projects.

### **REDUCTIONS**

- Regional Water Line Expenses (existing) = \$91,000.00 Reduction
- Councillor Expenses (existing) = \$14,300.00 Reduction
- 20 Street Loan Payments Now Completed = \$66,000.00 Reduction

It is important to note that although the budget identifies a 3.25% municipal taxation increase, provincial School requisitions have not yet been set. As such, the School portion of municipal taxes in Bowden is not yet finalised. And, given that the areas east of Highway II are subject to provincial annexation conditions, taxation rates for those areas are directly tied to Red Deer County taxation rates. Once all information is finalised, Budget amendments will be brought forward for Council deliberation as may be necessary. At that time, the 2015 Bowden Tax Rate Bylaw will also be brought forward for Council deliberation.

**Motion 5.a.i** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council approves the 2015 Operating Budget as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 5.a.ii** Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that Council approves the 2015 Capital Budget as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **New Business**

None

## **Financial Statements**

None

## **Correspondence & Information**

**Item 8.a 2012 & 2013 SRDRWC Approved Financial Statements** The report from the South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission (SRDRWC) includes copies of the 2012 & 2013 Financial Statements as approved by the SRDRWC Board for Council's information.

**Motion 8.a** Council receives this item for information.

**Item 8.b Alberta Order of Excellence nomination request** The letter from J. Angus Watt (Chair, Alberta Order of Excellence Council) is an invite to nominate a deserving Albertan to become a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence. Criteria for a nominated Albertan are: Must be a Canadian citizen living in Alberta who has made a significant contribution provincially, nationally and/or internationally.

**Motion 8.b** Council receives this item for information.

**Item 8.c Council Committee Reports** Council members share highlights of their Committee meetings with the other Council members.

**Motion 8.c** Council receives this item for information.

## **Committee of the Whole**

None

## **Adjournment**

**Motion 10.a** Moved by Councillor Earl Wilson that the January 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 7:46 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**Mayor Robb Stuart**

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**Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer**