

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Held on Monday, March 28, 2016
Town of Bowden Administration Building

Call to Order

Mayor Robb Stuart called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.

PRESENT	Mayor	Robb Stuart
	Councillor	Sheila Church
	Councillor	Wayne Milaney
	Councillor	Paul Webb
	Councillor	Sandy Gamble

ABSENT	Councillor	Earl Wilson
	Councillor	Lloyd Lane

DELEGATIONS Ryan Wachter, Mark Stevens & Daniel Luymes, BDO Canada LLP

STAFF	James Mason	Chief Administrative Officer
	Jade Prefontaine	Development Officer

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda & Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor Robb Stuart adds Agenda Item 6.e Bowden Daze
Councillor Sheila Church adds two additional discussion items Emergency Management and Tree Replacement to Agenda Item 8.f, Council Committee Reports.

Motion 2.a Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the March 28, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED**

Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion 3.b Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council approves the March 14, 2016 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Delegations

Ryan Wachter, Mark Stevens & Daniel Luymes, BDO Canada LLP for Agenda Item 6.a BDO LLP 2015 Consolidated Financial Statements Audit.

Old Business

None

New Business

Item 6.a BDO LLP 2015 Consolidated Financial Statements Audit Ryan Wachter, BBA (BDO Canada LLP) was on hand to present the 2015 Town of Bowden Consolidated Financial Statements and to answer any questions related to the audit. BDO has audited the accompanying Consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2015, and the Consolidated statements of operations, change in net financial assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Motion 6.a Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss legal issues at 7:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 6.a.i Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Council meeting come out of camera at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 6.a.ii Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 prepared by BDO as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.b Hosting MP Consultation Request A request has been received from the office of Earl Dreeshen, MP to host public drop in event on Wednesday July 6th, 2016 for the purpose of hearing ideas and complaints from the local population, it seems all that is requested from the Town is a place to hold this event.

Motion 6.b Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the request for the Public Drop-In Event with Earl Dreeshen, MP on July 6, 2016 and directs Administration to finalize the details of the location.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 6.c Emergency Response Public Information Meeting At the March 21st 2016 Emergency Management Meeting it was suggested that the Town host a public information meeting during Emergency Preparedness Week 2016 (May 1-7 2016). Among other things this could be an opportunity to inspire members of the public to volunteer for positions in the Town Emergency Response Program.

Motion 6.c Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council will host a Public Information Meeting on May 2, 2016 to advocate for Emergency Preparedness for Emergency Preparedness Week 2016, and to promote volunteerism for the same.

MOTION CARRIED

Item 6.d Social Housing Funding The Provincial Government has confirmed that it is eliminating grants in place of taxes for provincially owned social housing in Alberta. In Bowden this amounts to thirty two units that had previously generated approximately \$17,000 in municipal tax revenue. To compensate for this loss in revenue it is necessary to either raise taxes or cut services; the tax increase necessary to compensate this revenue loss is approximately 2.43%. There is a suggested letter to the Minister of Seniors and Housing and the local MLA.

Motion 6.d Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Administration draft a letter to Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing, to request that the grants for provincially owned Social Housing be reinstated, on behalf of the Town of Bowden Mayor & Council. The letter will be Cc'd to Rachel Notley, Premier, Don MacIntyre, MLA and Lisa Holmes, AUMA President.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 6.d.i Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council Authorizes the local paper to publish a copy of the letter from the Mayor in regards to reinstating grants for Social Housing. **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 6.e Bowden Daze The Bowden & District Agricultural Society has changed the date of Bowden Daze Rodeo from the fourth weekend in July to July 15 – 17, 2016 to accommodate the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association (CPRA) booking schedule for its Bareback Challenge. Traditionally, the Town of Bowden hosts its Parade and Pancake Breakfast the Saturday of the Bowden Daze Weekend.

Motion 6.e Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council will move the Parade and Pancake Breakfast to Saturday, July 16, 2016 to accommodate the Bowden & District Agricultural Society Bowden Daze Rodeo event. **MOTION CARRIED**

Financial Statements

Motion 7.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council receives the Cheque Listing for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

Correspondence & Information

Item 8.a United Way Phone Network Central Alberta United Way is pleased to announce that The Town of Bowden will soon be part of the 211 phone network. The phone service will be available in our area mid-May.

(Information)

Item 8.b South Red Deer Regional Wastewater Commission Notice of AGM Council and Administration of the Town of Bowden is invited to attend the SRDRWC annual general meeting on Friday, April 15, 2016 in the Red Deer County Office.

(Information)

Item 8.c Results of the AUMA Linear Tax Symposium Through the MGA Review, AUMA called for a number of changes to the municipal funding model, including the need to reform the property assessment and taxation system. AUMA hosted two symposiums in January 2016 so that members could discuss and develop solutions. This document reflects those discussions and solutions.

(Information)

Item 8.d Planning to Age in Place Video series of resources that have been developed to encourage and support people to make plans for aging in their home or community.

(Information)

Item 8.e Alberta Historical Resources Foundations Heritage Awards 2016 The Foundation is now accepting nominations until July 2016 for those individuals, organizations and municipalities to recognize significant contributions to the protection, preservation and promotion of Alberta's heritage.

(Information)

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

(Information)

Mayor Robb Stuart calls for a brief recess at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Robb Stuart calls the meeting back to order at 8:37 p.m.

Committee of the Whole

Motion 9.a Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that in accordance with Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, the Council meeting go temporarily in camera to discuss legal issues at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.i Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that the Council meeting come out of camera at 9:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.ii. Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that Council approves the Union Contract as amended:

1. Remove paragraph 2 of Section 8:12.
2. Eliminate the position of the Public Works Supervisor on the grid.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion 9.a.iii Moved by Councillor Paul Webb to have a Special Budget Meeting on April 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion 10.a Moved by Councillor Wayne Milaney that the March 28, 2016 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 9:18 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Robb Stuart, Mayor

James Mason, Chief Administrative Officer