

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Held on Monday, May 11, 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 Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor Councillor	Robb Stuart Sheila Church Sandy Gamble Wayne Milaney Lloyd Lane Paul Webb
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councillor Jade Prefontaine	Earl Wilson Development Officer
<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	Danielle Klooster – Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance (CAPRA) Lori Jack – CAPRA Administration	
<b>STAFF</b>	Andy Weiss	Chief Administrative Officer

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

**Motion 2.a** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that Council approves the May 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Adoption of the Previous Minutes**

**Motion 3.a** Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council approves the April 27, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Delegations**

**Item 4.a Danielle Klooster – CAPRA** The Central Alberta Poverty Reduction Alliance is a dedicated group who strive to reduce poverty in Central Alberta. In Bowden, programs such as the “Good Food Box”, Community Garden, and Community Connection Supper are here for you to utilize. They are part of CAPRA’s “Stretching your food dollar locally” initiative. CAPRA is now focusing on Affordable Housing in the area and pursuing joint initiatives with other surrounding municipalities.

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

## **Old Business**

**Item 5.a Number of Councillors for Municipalities** As a part of Council's continuing efforts to look into municipal cost-saving initiatives, an area that Council may choose to explore is the number of Councillors in Bowden for future elections. The Municipal Government Act has provisions for potentially reducing the number of elected officials in Bowden. This process must be finalised at least 180 days prior to the next municipal election.

**Motion 5.a** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council will reduce the amount of Council meetings in the municipality from once every second and fourth Monday to once every three weeks commencing May 11, 2015 until the October 26, 2015 Organizational Meeting is held where Council can review the meeting dates.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 5.b Community Open House** As has been current practice, Council and Administration strive to hold a Community Open House each year. The purpose of this Open House is to assist in keeping citizens better informed on municipal matters, budget items and to discuss topics of general interest in a community forum setting.

**Motion 5.b** Council directs Administration to tentatively hold an Open House in September 2015.

## **New Business**

**Item 6.a Bylaw 02-2015 (Taxation Rate Bylaw)** Under section 353 of the Municipal Government Act each council must pass a property tax bylaw annually. Now that the education requisitions are in and that Red Deer County has given passage to their own Taxation Rate Bylaw, Bowden can now give passage to this bylaw.

At the January 26, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, Council members gave passage to the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets. As per these budgets, this bylaw represents a 3.25% taxation increase for the municipal portion of resident taxation in Bowden for 2015.

**Motion 6.a.** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council gives first reading to Bylaw 02-2015

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 6.a.i** Moved by Councillor Sheila Church that Council gives second reading to Bylaw 02-2015

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 6.a.ii** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble to present Bylaw 02-2015 for Third and Final Reading.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion 6.a.iii** Moved by Councillor Paul Webb that Council gives third and final reading to Bylaw 02-2015

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Financial Statements**

**Motion 7.a** Moved by Councillor Lloyd Lane that Council receives the attached Cheque Listing for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion 7.b** Moved by Councillor Lloyd Lane that Council receives the attached Bank Reconciliation for information. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Correspondence & Information**

**Item 8.a Seniors Housing Funding** On April 1, 2015 Honorable Jeff Johnson, Alberta Seniors Minister sent notification that funding in the amount of \$17, 640,000.00 was approved for the Lodge/Apartment Seniors Housing Renewal project.

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

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

**Motion 8.b** Council accepts the Council Committee Reports for information.

**Committee of the Whole**

None

**Adjournment**

**Motion 10.a** Moved by Councillor Sandy Gamble that the May 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting adjourns at 8:30 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

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**Mayor Robb Stuart**

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**Andy Weiss, Chief Administrative Officer**