

TOWN OF ONOWAY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ONOWAY CIVIC OFFICE AND ZOOM

	PRESENT	<p>Mayor: Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor: Lisa Johnson (arrived at 9:53 a.m.) Councillor: Bridgitte Coninx Councillor: Robin Murray Councillor: Sheila Pockett</p> <p>Administration: Jennifer Thompson, Chief Administrative Officer Debbie Giroux, Recording Secretary</p>
	ABSENT	<p>Gino Damo, Director of Corporate and Community Services</p> <p>2 members of the public joined the meeting in person 4 members of the public joined the meeting via Zoom</p>
1.	CALL TO ORDER	Mayor Lenard Kwasny called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and advised that the meeting will be recorded and acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Treaty 6 Land.
2.	AGENDA Motion #367/23	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council adopt the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of Thursday, November 23, 2023 with the following additions:</p> <p>7b) Northern and Regional Economic Development Grant Program (requested by CAO Thompson)</p> <p>7c) Library Budget (requested by CAO Thompson)</p> <p>10) Closed Session – add Solicitor/Client Privilege (requested by CAO Thompson)</p> <p>10) Closed Session – add Personnel (requested by Councillor Coninx)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
3.	MINUTES Motion #368/23	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that the November 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
4.	APPOINTMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS	Cpl. Justin Auld, RCMP, Parkland Detachment attended the Council meeting from 9:32 a.m. until 9:46 a.m. to provide a year to date enforcement report for the Town of Onoway.

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	Motion #369/23	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council accept the discussion with Cpl. Justin Auld for information. CARRIED
5.	FINANCIAL REPORTS Motion #370/23	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council accept the draft budget for information. CARRIED Council recessed from 10:55 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. 2 members of the public left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.
6.	POLICIES AND BYLAWS	n/a
7.	ACTION ITEMS Motion #371/23	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council accept the Non-Operating Landfill Proximity to the MAD House Day Care Report prepared by Associated Engineering as information. CARRIED
	Motion #372/23	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council authorize Administration to draft a letter of support for the Northern and Regional Economic Development (NRED) Program. CARRIED
	Motion #373/23	MOVED by Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson that Council authorize Administration to submit an application for the Northern and Regional Economic Development Program. CARRIED
	Motion #374/23	MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that Council approves the 2024 Town of Onoway Library Board budget. CARRIED
8.	COUNCIL, COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS Motion #375/23	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that the Council written and verbal reports be accepted for information. CARRIED
9.	INFORMATION ITEMS Motion #376/23	MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council accept the following items for information:

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		<p>a) Alberta Government Consultations on Local Authorities Election Act and the MGA – November 15, 2023 email from Tyler Gandam, President</p> <p>b) Letter from the United Church Thrift Shop regarding homelessness in Onoway</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>
10.	<p>CLOSED SESSION Motion #377/23</p>	<p>MOVED by Councillor Robin Murray that, pursuant to Section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act, and Section 16(1)(c) FOIP, Section 27(1)(a) FOIP and Section 17(4)(d) FOIP, Council move into a Closed Session at 11:47 a.m. to discuss the following items:</p> <p>Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party (labour); Solicitor Client Privilege; Personnel</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p>Council recessed from 11:47 a.m. to 11:49 a.m. to allow the Recording Secretary to leave the meeting.</p> <p>CLOSED SESSION: The following individuals were present for the Closed Session: Mayor Lenard Kwasny Deputy Mayor Lisa Johnson Councillor Bridgitte Coninx Councillor Robin Murray Councillor Sheila Pockett Jennifer Thompson, CAO</p> <p>CAO Thompson left for a portion of the Closed Session from 12:15 p.m. until 12:40 p.m. and returned to the Closed Session.</p> <p>Council recessed from 1:08 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. to allow the Recording Secretary and members of the public to return to the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion #378/23</p> <p>MOVED by Councillor Bridgitte Coninx that Council move out of Closed Session at 1:10 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion #379/23</p> <p>MOVED by Councilor Bridgitte Coninx that Administration proceed as directed in Closed Session.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>

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11.	ADJOURNMENT	As all matters on the agenda have been addressed, Mayor Lenard Kwasny declared the Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.		
12.	UPCOMING EVENTS	December 14, 2023	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		January 11, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		January 25, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		February 8, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.
		February 22, 2024	Regular Council Meeting	9:30 a.m.

Signed by Mayor Lenard Kwasny

Signed by Debbie Giroux
Recording Secretary