



**TOWN OF STRATHMORE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.  
February 15, 2017**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**COUNCIL**

MICHAEL ELL  
ROCKY BLOKLAND  
STEVE GRAJCZYK  
DENISE PETERSON  
PAT FULE

MAYOR  
COUNCILLOR  
COUNCILLOR  
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COUNCILLOR

**STAFF**

JAMES THACKRAY  
DAVE RIMES  
DAN WILCHOWY

CAO  
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS  
IT TECHNICIAN

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

JENNIFER SAWATZKY

MANAGER OF LEGISLATIVE  
SERVICES

**PUBLIC**

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**PRESS**

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**REGRETS**

BOB SOBOL  
BRAD WALLS

COUNCILLOR  
COUNCILLOR

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ell called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution #050.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Grajczyk

THAT Council adopt the February 15, 2017 Regular Council Meeting  
Agenda with the following additions:

11.1 Urgent Business – Municipal Fibre Connection

14.1 Item Pertaining to FOIPP s. 19 – Confidential Evaluations

CARRIED

**3. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**4. DELEGATIONS**

4.1 Strathmore & District Chamber of  
Commerce

The Strathmore & District Chamber of Commerce spoke with Council and  
gave an update on Chamber activities.  
Canada Job Grants program and Summer Temporary Employment program

were discussed with Council.

On February 22, 2017 the chamber will hold a session with Ms. Annette Stanwick. The session will focus on Creating Captivating Customer Service and Team Work and will be held at the Civic Centre.

The Chamber AGM will be held on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> in the Chuck Mercer Room.

The Chamber thanked Council, Administration and Councillor Blokland for their support.

Councillor Peterson asked about co-working spaces and if the Chamber has considered sponsoring them.

4.2 Mrs. Denise Geremia – Munchkins Soccer Strathmore

Ms. Denise Geremia spoke with Council in regards to Munchkins Soccer. The Program is free for children. This year registration is already at 82. It was started to be an affordable option for children.

The group has outgrown their space and are seeking a new area in town to play. A shed has been secured to house nets, balls, etc.

Ms. Geremia is asking to use the Hillview area for Munchkins Soccer and is requesting for the Town of maintain the space.

Administration will meet with Ms. Geremia to see how the Town can help the group with the space in Hillview.

**Resolution #051.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council direct Administration to work with Ms. Geremia in obtaining space for the Munchkins Soccer program and bring a report back to Council by the end of March.

CARRIED

**5. MINUTES**

5.1 Minutes of the February 1, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

**Resolution #052.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Fule

THAT Council adopt the February 1, 2017 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

CARRIED

**6. TABLED ITEMS**

**7. ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

7.1 Town of Strathmore Memorial Bench and Tree Program Policy No. 7603

**Resolution #053.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council accept Policy No. 7603 Memorial Bench & Tree Program in principle and refer the policy back to administration for alignment with other community group's initiatives.

CARRIED

7.2 Strathmore Overnight Shelter - Donation

**Resolution #054.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Fule

THAT Council provide the Strathmore Overnight Shelter with a matching grant of \$20,000 to come out of the 2016 budget with a condition that the shelter provide the Town of Strathmore with Financial Statements that have been approved and signed by the Shelter's Board of Directors.

CARRIED

7.3 Freedom to Read Week

**Resolution #055.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council proclaim February 26 – March 4, 2017 as Freedom to Read Week in the Town of Strathmore.

CARRIED

7.4 Strathmore & District Chamber of Commerce Loan Repayment Schedule

**Resolution #056.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Blokland

THAT Council direct Administration to prepare a report aligning options for the following:

1. Options for retirement of the Strathmore & District Chamber of Commerce debt.
2. Options for providing financial stability to the Strathmore & District Chamber of Commerce.

and that Administration consider options provided by Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**9. ITEMS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COUNCIL**

None

**10. BYLAWS**

10.1 Bylaw No. 17-03 – Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw

**Resolution #057.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give first reading to Bylaw No. 17-03 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw.

CARRIED

**Resolution #058.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Fule

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw No. 17-03 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw with an amendment to remove Schedule "J".

CARRIED

**Resolution #059.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Fule

THAT Council give unanimous consent to a third reading of Bylaw No. 17-

03 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw as amended.

CARRIED

**Resolution #060.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give third and final reading to Bylaw No. 17-03 Fees Bylaw Amendment Bylaw as amended.

CARRIED

**11. URGENT BUSINESS**

11.1 Municipal Fibre Connection

**Resolution #061.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council approve the signing of a non-binding memorandum of understanding with Chestermere, Cypress County, the Town of Redcliff, Brooks and Medicine Hat College and any other interested community that will enable formal discussion with Electric Lightwave to purchase the right to two strands of fibre optic cable that run from the Saskatchewan border, through Strathmore, to DataHive's Data Centre in Calgary.

CARRIED

**12. QUESTION PERIOD**

Councillor Grajczyk asked about the chair repeating motions.

Administration to keep a list of concerns for procedure bylaw for review.

Councillor Peterson asked if the Parkland Drive Concern will be coming to March Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Administration confirmed that it would be.

Mayor Ell asked if any Council Members would like to take part in a Transit Feasibility Study being conducted by CRP. Councillor Sobol will be putting his name forward.

Administration to bring the matter forward to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Ell indicated that Municipal Affairs has approved a grant for the Brentwood Reservoir. Do we do a recognition to the Provincial Government for grants? Administration will look into this.

Will the upgraded pump be able to be moved to the new station east of GFT?

Administration will look into this.

Can we put Council reports on Council Agendas?

Administration indicated that this can be considered when Council reviews the Procedural Bylaw.

Councillor Peterson reported that the Municipal Levy from Marigold needs to come forward to an upcoming Council Meeting.

The Overnight Shelter is taking part in a walk on March 5.

**13. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES**

**14. IN CAMERA**

14.1 Item Pertaining to a Matter under FOIPP s. 19 Confidential Evaluations

**Resolution #062.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Grajczyk

THAT Council move In Camera at 7:14PM to discuss matters under FOIPP s. 19.

CARRIED

**Resolution #063.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Grajczyk

THAT Council come out of Camera at 8:35PM.

CARRIED



**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution #064.02.17**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adjourn the February 15, 2017 Regular Council Meeting at 8:36PM.

CARRIED

  
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Mayor  
  
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Chief Administrative Officer