



**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**of the Town of Banff in the Province of Alberta**  
**Virtual Council Meeting**  
**Monday, 2021 April 12, at 2:00 pm**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Karen Sorensen	Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Corrie DiManno	Councillor and Deputy Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Ted Christensen	Councillor and Acting Mayor	(Remote Participation)
Grant Canning	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Chip Olver	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Peter Poole	Councillor	(Remote Participation)
Brian Standish	Councillor	(Remote Participation)

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Kelly Gibson	Town Manager	(Remote Participation)
Silvio Adamo	Director, Emergency Management, Director, Protective Services, and Fire Chief	(Remote Participation)
Jason Darrah	Director, Communications & Marketing	(Remote Participation)
Darren Enns	Director, Planning & Development	(Remote Participation)
Adrian Field	Director, Engineering	(Remote Participation)
Chris Hughes	Director, Corporate Services	(Remote Participation)
Alison Gerrits	Director, Community Services, and Deputy Director Emergency Management	(Remote Participation)
Paul Godfrey	Director, Operations	(Remote Participation)
Barbara King	Director, Human Resources	(Remote Participation)
Randall McKay	Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Special Projects)	(Remote Participation)
Michael Hay	Manager, Environment & Sustainability	(Remote Participation)
Andrea Stuart	Manager of Finance	(Remote Participation)
Renée Lavergne	Information Governance Coordinator	(Remote Participation)
Lisa Lee	Executive Assistant, Mayor's Office	(Remote Participation)
Tara Johnston	Legislative Advisor	(Remote Participation)
Libbey McDougall	Municipal Clerk	(Remote Participation)

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

### ROLL CALL:

Present: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Mayor Sorensen called the virtual Regular Meeting of Council to order at 2:01 p.m.

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### 2.1 Agenda for the 2021 April 12 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council

COU21-107 **Moved by** Councillor Christensen

That the Agenda for the 2021 April 12 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council be approved.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 2.2 2021 Council Workplan

COU21-108 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That the 2021 Council Workplan be received for the Corporate Record.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**



### 3.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MINUTES

#### 3.1 Minutes of the 2021 March 22 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council

COU21-109 **Moved by** Councillor Christensen

That Minutes of the 2021 March 22 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 4.0 INVITED PRESENTATIONS

There were no Invited Presentation scheduled as part of this meeting.

### 5.0 DELEGATIONS

#### 5.1 Rapid Test and Trace Canada – Banff Pilot Project: Proposal for a Population Wide Rapid Testing Program in Banff National Park

COU21-110 **Moved by** Councillor Poole

That with respect to the Delegation, Item 5.1, Rapid Test and Trace Canada – Banff Pilot Project Proposal for a Population Wide Rapid Testing Program in Banff National Park, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

**That Council direct Administration to explore the Banff Pilot Project Proposal for a Population Wide Rapid Testing Program in Banff National Park and to return to Council, through the Governance and Finance Committee, with a report outlining options/ recommendations/ costs.**

For: (3): Councillor Christensen, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Against: (4) Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor DiManno, and Councillor Olver

**MOTION DEFEATED**



Council, by unanimous consent, recessed at 3:39 p.m. to reconvene at 3:54 p.m.

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

Council reconvened at 3:55 p.m. with Mayor Sorensen in the Chair.

**6.0 PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

6.1 Written Submissions

No Written Submissions were received for this meeting.

6.2 Verbal Submissions

No Verbal Submissions were provided at this meeting.

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business was scheduled as part of this meeting.



## 8.0 BYLAWS AND STAFF REPORTS

### 8.1 Verbal Briefing: COVID-19 Pandemic Updates as of 2021 April 12

COU21-111 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That with respect to Item 8.1, COVID-19 Pandemic Updates as of 2021 April 12, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

**That Council schedule a Virtual Special Meeting for Tuesday, 2021 April 20, commencing at 1:00 p.m., to discuss the 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone.**

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

COU21-112 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That with respect to Item 8.1, COVID-19 Pandemic Updates as of 2021 April 12, the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

**That Council request that the Mayor send a letter to Banff's Provincial representative, Miranda Rosin, MLA Banff - Kananaskis, and include the Premier of Alberta, the Minister of Health, and Alberta's Chief Medical Officer, outlining Banff's current situation, beliefs, and concerns as they relate to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.**

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**



**COU21-113 Moved by Mayor Sorensen**

That with respect to Item 8.1, COVID-19 Pandemic Updates as of 2021 April 12, the following be adopted:

That Council receive the COVID-19 Pandemic Updates Verbal Briefing for the Corporate Record.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

Council, by unanimous consent, recessed at 5:21 p.m. to reconvene at 5:31 p.m.

To confirm Members of Council, who all participated virtually due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, as present, the following roll call was conducted:

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, and Councillor Standish

Council reconvened at 5:32 p.m. with Mayor Sorensen in the Chair.

**COU21-114 Moved by Mayor Sorensen**

That Council postpone the following Items to the 2021 April 26 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council:

- Item 8.2, 2020 Financial Results; and
- Confidential Item 12.1, Resignation and Appointment to the Banff Heritage Corporation.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**



8.2 Request for Decision: 2020 Financial Results

**Note:** This Item was postponed to the 2021 April 26 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council by way of Motion COU21-114.

Councillor DiManno declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 8.3, Capital Project T-31-20 & Proposed Borrowing Bylaw 322 – Electric Bus for Banff Local Service, and Item 8.4, Naming Transit Storage Facility, and abstained from discussion and voting on both Items, as she is an employee of the Bow Valley Regional Transit Services Commission which may benefit financially from Council's decisions. Councillor DiManno left the Virtual Council Meeting at 5:38 p.m. and returned at 5:47 p.m. after the vote was declared on the second Item, 8.4, Naming Transit Storage Facility.

8.3 Request for Decision: Capital Project T-31-20 & Proposed Borrowing Bylaw 322 – Electric Bus for Banff Local Service

COU21-115 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That with respect to Recommendation 1 contained in Item 8.3, Capital Project T-31-20 & Proposed Borrowing Bylaw 322 – Electric Bus for Banff Local Service the following be adopted, **after amendment:**

1. That Council:
  - a). **Pursuant to Section 3.6 of Procedures Bylaw 44-7, suspend Section 13.12 (a) in order to reconsider its decision in the 2021-2030 Capital Budget to fund the 2021 Capital Project T-31-20, Electric Bus for Banff Local Service, through debt financing of \$500,000, as contained in Motion COU21-47, without requiring a Notice of Motion.**
  - b). Fund the 2021 Capital Project T-31-20, Electric Bus for Banff Local project, through capital reserves as outlined in the Attachment.

For: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**



**COU21-116 Moved by Mayor Sorensen**

That with respect to Recommendation 2 contained in Item 8.3, Capital Project T-31-20 & Proposed Borrowing Bylaw 322 – Electric Bus for Banff Local Service the following be adopted:

2. That Council refuse and abandon proposed Borrowing Bylaw 322, Electric Bus for Banff Local Service.

For: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

8.4 Request for Decision: Naming Transit Storage Facility

**COU21-117 Moved by Councillor Standish**

That with respect to Item 8.4, Naming Transit Storage Facility, the following be adopted:

That Council approve the name “Roam Transit Operations & Training Centre” for the new Transit Storage Facility being constructed in the Industrial District.

For: (6): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

8.5 Request for Decision: Increase to Solar PV Rebate Cap

**COU21-118 Moved by Mayor Sorensen**

That with respect to Item 8.5, Increase to Solar PV Rebate Cap, the following be adopted:

That Council approve the proposed up-front solar PV rebate cap increase from \$5,625 to \$15,000 (\$750/kW up to 20 kW) to be funded through the Environmental Reserve.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**





## 9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 Receive for the Corporate Record: Approved Minutes of the 2020 September 17 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Bow Valley Waste Management Commission

Council, by unanimous consent, received the Approved Minutes of the 2020 September 17 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Bow Valley Waste Management Commission for the Corporate Record.

9.2 Receive for the Corporate Record: Approved Minutes of the 2020 December 17 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Bow Valley Regional Waste Management Commission

Council, by unanimous consent, received the Approved Minutes of the 2020 December 17 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Bow Valley Waste Management Commission for the Corporate Record.

9.3 Receive for the Corporate Record: Approved Minutes of the 2021 January 14 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission

Council, by unanimous consent, received the Approved Minutes of the 2021 January 14 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Corporate Record.

9.4 Receive for the Corporate Record: Approved Minutes of the 2021 March 10 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission

Council, by unanimous consent, received the Approved Minutes of the 2021 March 10 Virtual Regular Meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission for the Corporate Record.



COU21-119 **Moved by** Mayor Sorensen

That Council postpone the following Items to the following Meetings:

1. 2021 April 20 Virtual Special Meeting of Council:

- Item 10.5, Timothy Eckmier: Email Re: Request for an Early Start – Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone, Received 2021 April 07;
- Item 10.6, Darren Reeder, Executive Director, Banff and Lake Louise Hospitality Association, and Leslie Bruce, President & CEO, Banff & Lake Louise Tourism: Letter Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone Plan – Early Rollout Request, Received 2021 April 07;
- Item 10.7, Ken Campbell: Email Re: Support for Immediate Pedestrianization of Banff Avenue, Received 2021 April 07;
- Item 10.8, Yannis Karlos: Email Re: Provincial Restrictions, Received 2021 April 06;
- Item 10.9, Tony Gray, Area Manager, Boston Pizza and A&W, TRG Banff: Email Re: Banff Avenue, Received 2021 April 07;
- Item 10.10, Catherine Sinclair Smythe and Steve Smythe, Owner/ Operators, Tooloulou’s: Email and Letter Re: Dine In Force Closure, Received 2021 April 07;
- Item 10.11, Kathy Johnson, Owner, Coyotes: Letter, Received 2021 April 07;
- Item 10.12, Kees Vanderlee, A Bit of Banff & Whiskey Jacks: Email: Re: Help for Our Restaurants and Town Business, Received 2021 April 08;
- Item 10.13, Cam Baty, Co-Owner, Rocky Mountain Soap: Email Re: Open Banff Avenue to Pedestrian Traffic, Received 2021 April 09;
- Item 10.14, Stephane Prevost, Chef/ Managing Partner, Block Kitchen + Bar, Shoku Izakaya: Letter, Received 2021 April 09;
- Item 10.15, Tori Ames: Email Re: Patio Opening in Banff for the Summer, Received 2021 April 09;
- Item 10.16, James Clemens – Seely: Email Re: Pandemic Patios Pretty – Please, Received 2021 April 10;
- Item 10.17, Gord Lozeman: Email Re: Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone 2021, Received 2021 April 11;
- Item 10.18, Stephane Prevost, Chef/ Managing Partner, Block Kitchen + Bar, Shoku Izakaya: Letter Re: Expedited Street Pedestrianization for Council Consideration, Received 2021 April 10;
- Item 10.19, The Radiant Partnership Group: Letter, Dated 2021 April 10; and
- Item 10.20, Brett Ireland, CEO, Bear Hill Brewing Co: Email Re: Patio Extensions and Banff Avenue Closure, Received 2021 April 07.



2. 2021 April 26 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council:

- Item 10.1, Lesley Young: Email Re: Bear Street Reconstruction Review Report, Received 2021 March 23;
- Item 10.2, Joe Owchar: Letter, Received 2021 April 06;
- Item 10.3, Lisa Robinson: Letter, Dated 2021 March 26; and
- Item 10.4, Bear Street Stakeholders: Letter, Received 2021 April 07.

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Note:** Items 10.1 through 10.4 were postponed to the 2021 April 26 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council by way of Motion COU21-119.

- 10.1 Lesley Young: Email Re: Bear Street Reconstruction Review Report, Received 2021 March 23
- 10.2 Joe Owchar: Letter, Received 2021 April 06
- 10.3 Lisa Robinson: Letter, Dated 2021 March 26
- 10.4 Bear Street Stakeholders: Letter, Received 2021 April 07

**Note:** Items 10.5 through 10.20 were postponed to the 2021 April 20 Virtual Special Meeting of Council by way of Motion COU21-119.

- 10.5 Timothy Eckmier: Email Re: Request for an Early Start – Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone, Received 2021 April 07
- 10.6 Darren Reeder, Executive Director, Banff and Lake Louise Hospitality Association, and Leslie Bruce, President & CEO, Banff & Lake Louise Tourism: Letter Re: 2021 Banff Avenue Pedestrian Zone Plan – Early Rollout Request, Received 2021 April 07
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## 11.0 NEW/URGENT BUSINESS

No items of New/ Urgent Business were scheduled as part of this meeting.



## 12.0 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 12.1 Confidential Request for Decision: Resignation and Appointment to the Banff Heritage Corporation

**Note:** This Item was postponed to the 2021 April 26 Virtual Regular Meeting of Council by way of Motion COU21-114.

## 13.0 ADJOURNMENT

COU21-120 **Moved by** Councillor Standish

That this Council adjourn at 5:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: (7): Mayor Sorensen, Councillor Canning, Councillor Christensen, Councillor DiManno, Councillor Olver, Councillor Poole, and Councillor Standish

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Karen Sorensen  
Mayor

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Libbey McDougall  
Municipal Clerk

Minutes approved by: On Original On Original