

**UNADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE FOOTHILLS COUNTY AND TOWN OF OKOTOKS
INTERMUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 31, 2022
IN THE OKOTOKS COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

PRESENT Foothills County
Reeve Delilah Miller
Deputy Reeve Rob Siewert
Councillor Alan Alger (alternate)

Town of Okotoks
Mayor Tanya Thorn
Councillor Ken Heemeryck
Councillor Brent Robinson

**STAFF
PRESENT** Harry Riva Cambrin, Municipal Manager
Ryan Payne, Chief Administrative Officer
Heather Hemingway, Director of Planning
Jeff Edgington, Manager of Infrastructure
Sherri Barrett, Legislative Services Manager
Felicia Fairweather, Legislative Services

Elaine Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer
Ralph Ettenauer, Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Greene, Community Growth, Investment, &
Sustainability Director
Horacio Galanti, Operations & Utilities Director
Susan Laurin, Community Health & Safety Director
Jeremy Huet, Community Development &
Engineering Manager
Michelle Grenwich, Planner
Janice Storch, Legislative Services Administrator

GUESTS: Angela Alambets Project Manager, Colliers Project Leaders
Councillor Suzanne Oel (Foothills - Alternate)
Councillor R.D. McHugh (Foothills)
Councillor Don Waldorf (Foothills)
Councillor Barb Castell (Foothills)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thorn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

Councillor Heemeryck was present virtually, but due to technical issues was not able to provide his vote on motions during the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Reeve Miller that the May 31, 2022 agenda for the Intermunicipal Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: By Councillor Robinson that the minutes of the Intermunicipal Committee Meeting held April 26, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project Update

Angela Alambets, Project Manager with Collier Project Leaders, provided an update on the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project.

Reeve Miller inquired as to the nature of the conversation with the City of Calgary that is noted in the report. Jeremy Huet, Town of Okotoks, Community Development & Engineering Manager provided the response that the preliminary discussion with the City of Calgary was to determine if the City had any red flags with this project that needed to be addressed. Generally, the City of Calgary has no concerns with the project and would like to have collaborative discussions with Administration to determine general operating procedures, emergency procedures and gain an understanding of the system.

MOTION: By Councillor Alger that the Regional Water Project Update be received as information.

Carried

4.2 338 Avenue - Highway 2 Interchange Update

Jeremy Huet, Town of Okotoks Community Development & Engineering Manager, reviewed the report containing the issue that an update is available following the March 2022 public engagement sessions for the 338 Avenue / Highway 2 Interchange Functional Study.

MOTION: By Deputy Reeve Siewert that the 338 Avenue / Highway 2 Interchange Update be received as information.

Carried

4.3 Field House Long Range Plan

Mayor Thorn led a discussion regarding the Long Range Plan for the Field House in Aldersyde.

Deputy Reeve Siewert provided a brief update on the upcoming capital project work that will be required, for infrastructure maintenance.

CAO Payne and Susan Laurin, Community Health & Safety Director provided an update on the undeveloped space on the property available for future development, (22 acres) and that future development would be at the direction of the owners of the facility through the Recreation Master Plan and possibly in conjunction with a recreation planning consultant. Director Laurin provided information that the Recreation Master Plan will be updated in the Fall of 2022.

Director Laurin provided further information that Nustadia is currently conducting a survey of the facility users as to what amenities they would use if provided at the Field House. Nustadia will be coming to the next Foothills/Okotoks Recreation Society meeting to present their forecast models for the best uses of the facility based on this feedback and to help with capital project planning.

Director Laurin also provided information that the monies received from the building and sport field naming contracts is directed into reserves to fund major lifecycle replacement of infrastructure at the facility.

Councillor Alger requested that the process of determining future uses of the facility have a public engagement component; Director Laurin explained the three pronged approach to public engagement that will be used to help determine what residents and facility users would like to see at the Field House.

Mayor Thorn suggested that in early 2023 each municipality could bring to the Committee meeting a list of amenities and ideas for future growth at the Field House and then the Committee could discuss next steps.

MOTION: By Deputy Reeve Siewert that the Field House Long Range Plan discussion be postponed to an Intermunicipal Committee Meeting in early 2023.

Carried

4.4 32 Street East Pathway

Jeff Edgington, Foothills County Manager of Infrastructure, led a discussion regarding a request received for a multi-use pathway on 32 Street East, from 306 Avenue to 338 Avenue and requested input from the Town of Okotoks.

Committee Members discussed the regional interconnectivity of a pathway at this location and how it could/should tie into plans for new pathways in the region or existing pathways.

Committee Members provided Administration with the direction that determining actual usage of a pathway in this location is vital. Foothills County Administration provided the response that an upcoming mail-out to residents regarding 32 Street will include a question regarding support for this pathway and could include questions regarding the usage of, surface preference, and possible other routes.

Manager Huet provided information that the Town of Okotoks has begun its Active Transportation Implementation Strategy and that there could be an opportunity to broaden that to include inter-regional connectivity. Foothills County Administration indicated that active transportation network considerations are resident driven and at this time there isn't an overarching active transportation network plan.

5. **CLOSED SESSION**

None

6. **MOTIONS ARISING**

None

7. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Intermunicipal Committee is June 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in High River.

Committee Members determined that Intermunicipal Committee Meetings will occur every second month beginning in September 2022.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Councillor Robinson that the May 31, 2022 Intermunicipal Committee Meeting adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

Carried