



# Regular Meeting Highlights

APRIL 14, 2025

*Council Meeting Highlights are provided for the benefit of residents with the intent of providing a short, informal report on what occurred at Council meetings. Council discussion and decisions are available for viewing on the Town of Okotoks website at [okotoks.ca](http://okotoks.ca).*

Council received the following reports as information:

- **Public Safety Survey Results – What We Learned**
- **Okotoks Pickleball and Tennis Centre Update**
- **Chief Administrative Officer Approvals**

**Considerations for Wedderburn High School Theatre Option** - Council approved the addition of a theatre at the Wedderburn High School as an addition to the 2027 capital budget up to \$6.5M, comprising of \$4.7M from Arts and Culture Reserves and \$1.8M from General Reserves. Further, Council directed Administration to bring back theatre options and costing that includes lobby enhancements, a loading dock, and outlines the acoustic and operating differences between theatre option 1 and theatre option 2 for consideration at the April 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting; and to bring a report to the February 2026 Regular Council Meeting outlining the community access agreement and asset ownership structure.

**2024 Draft Audited Financial Statements** - Council approved the 2024 Draft Audited Financial Statements as presented.

**Social Needs Assessment and Strategy** - due to time constraints the Social Needs Assessment and Strategy was postponed to the April 28, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

**2025 Operating Budget Amendment for Project 72056** - Council approved an amendment to the 2025 Operating Budget Amendment by adding the approved one-time operating Project 72056 with a budget of \$0.252M, comprising of \$0.195M from Grants and \$0.057M from the Current Operating Budget.

**Bylaw 14-25 – Borrowing Bylaw 25-24 Amendments** - a bylaw to amend Bylaw 25-24 Borrowing Bylaw for the Foothills-Okotoks Regional Water Project by increasing the borrowing from \$30.0M to \$50.0M was given first reading. This Bylaw is available for public consultation on the Town's website prior to consideration of second and third reading at the May 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

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**Bylaw 17-25 – Repeal Ambulance Services Bylaw 06-98** - a bylaw to repeal Ambulance Services Bylaw 06-98, which regulates the provision of ambulance services in the Town of Okotoks was passed.

**Bylaw 16-25 – Municipal Assessor** - a bylaw to establish the position of Municipal Assessor as a Designated Officer for the Town as required by the *Municipal Government Act* was passed.

**Bylaw 15-25 – Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw Amendment** - a bylaw to amend the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Bylaw 16-24 to remove the appointment of the CAO as the Municipal Assessor for the Town was passed.

**Bylaw 12-25 – Southwest Okotoks Area Structure Plan Bylaw Amendment** - a public hearing was held and Bylaw 12-25 which amends the Southwest Okotoks Area Structure Plan Bylaw 22-02 to facilitate the redesignation of Lot 11, Block 1, Plan 051 3261 from General Commercial District to Neighbourhood Core District, was passed.

**Bylaw 08-25 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment 800-200 Southridge Drive** - a public hearing was held and Bylaw 08-25 which amends Land Use Bylaw 17-21 by redesignating approximately 2.85 ha (7.04 ac) of land comprising Lot 11, Block 1, Plan 051 3261 from the General Commercial District to the Neighbourhood Core District, was given second reading.

**Motions Arising from Closed Session** - Council approved the requests for 2025 Capital Budget amendments as contained in Closed Session items 3.2 to 3.5 as follows:

Agenda item 3.2 Project Budget Review:

- Reducing the 2025 forecasted budget amount for Project 305 – Dedicated Main to Zone 4N (WX) Placeholder;
- Increasing the forecasted budget amount for Project 356 - Zone 3N Water Lifecycle Replacements and Reservoir Sanitary connection.

Agenda item 3.3 Project Budget Review:

- Moving Project 261 – Downtown Art Gallery Parking to Project 266 and cancelling Project 261;
- Moving Project 352 – Pisttoo Park to Project 266 and cancelling Project 352;
- Moving Project 354 – Triangle Park Improvements to Project 266 and cancelling Project 354;
- Increasing the forecasted budget amount for Project 266 – Downtown Enhancement (North Railway – McRae to Poplar).

Agenda item 3.4 Project Budget Review:

- Advancing the forecasted budget amount for Project 8 – Riverside Drive Sanitary Upgrade (Northridge Drive to Veterans Way) (SAN 6-7);
- Advancing the forecasted budget amount for Project 10 – South Railway Street Sanitary Upgrade (Veterans Way to Oak Avenue) (SAN 8);
- Transferring and advancing the budget and forecasted budget amount for Project 269 – Downtown Enhancement Program Riverside Drive to Project 280 – South Railway Street Development Placeholder;
- Advancing the 2026 portion and then increasing the forecasted budget amount for Project 280 – South Railway Street Development Placeholder.

Agenda item 3.5 Project Budget Review:

- Advancing the 2026 portion and then increasing the forecasted budget amount for Project 298 – Foothills-Okotoks Regional Water Project.

### **Delegations**

- Okotoks resident Gordon Petersen was in attendance to provide his concerns about mining on the Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains and the protection of watersheds in Southern Alberta.
- Members and coaches of the Foothills Artistic Swimming Club were in attendance to be recognized for their recent athletic accomplishments.