

Town of High River - Foothills County
Intermunicipal Committee Meeting

October 5, 2023

1:00 pm

Foothills County Administration Office

309 Macleod Trail South – High River



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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA
3. REVIEW/CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES
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4. BUSINESS ITEMS
 - 4.1 Foothills County - Waste Water Treatment Plant
Requested by: High River Council representatives
 - 4.2 High River Airport - Transfer
Requested by: Deputy Reeve Rob Siewert
5. FLOOD MITIGATION UPDATE
 - 5.1 Flooding Mitigation Funding - Update
Requested by Reeve, Delilah Miller
6. GENERAL MUNICIPAL UPDATES
7. CLOSED SESSION
 - 7.1 Advice from Officials - FOIP s. 24
8. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION
9. NEXT MEETING DATE - December 7, 2023
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MEETING NOTES
TOWN OF HIGH RIVER and Foothills County
INTERMUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MEETING

March 9, 2023
1:00p.m.
Joint Council Chambers

In Attendance:
Town of High River

Mayor Craig Snodgrass - Chair
Councillor Jamie Kinghorn
Councillor Michael Nychyk
Councillor Kelly Smit (alternate)

Chris Prosser, CAO
Khalid Mohammed, Manager of Planning, and
Development Services
Sarah Peck, Senior Planner
Jody Hipkin, Manager of Legislative Services
Kirin Wrzosek, Legislative Services Administrator

Regrets:
Town of High River

In Attendance:
Foothills County

Reeve Delilah Miller
Deputy Reeve Rob Siewert
Councillor Suzanne Oel
Councillor Don Waldorf (alternate)

Ryan Payne, CAO
Harry Riva Cambrin, Municipal Manager
Heather Hemingway, Director of Planning
Jeff Edgington, Manager of Infrastructure
Julie McLean, Senior Planner
Mary Ellen Beck, Legislative Services Assistant

Regrets:
Foothills County

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

1. Call to Order

The Intermunicipal Committee meeting for the Foothills County and Town of High River, on March 9, 2023, was called to order by Mayor Craig Snodgrass at 1:00 p.m.

2. Additions / Changes to the Agenda

Motion: by Councillor Michael Nychyk to adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

3. Review / Confirmation of Previous Meeting Notes (September 29, 2022)

Motion: by Reeve Delilah Miller to approve the meeting notes from the September 29, 2022, meeting of the Intermunicipal Committee as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business Items

a. Joint Planning Area (JPA) 4 Context Study Terms of Reference

Foothills County, Senior Planner, Julie McLean explained that the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board's (CMRB) Growth Plan identified 4 (four) Joint Planning Areas (JPA 4) whereby two or more municipalities would be involved and where intermunicipal collaboration would be beneficial.

The Town of High River and the Foothills County are involved in one of these identified Joint Planning Areas.

Policy in the growth plan requires that the municipalities involved need to develop a Context Study that will inform future planning and address matters pertaining to land use, transportation, environmental issues, development sequencing, servicing, and the associated costs and benefits.

J. McLean continued to further explain that the growth plan policy also requires a Terms of Reference that guides the development of the Context Study which is to be accomplished within 6 months of the approval of the growth plan, however, due to delays an extension was granted and April 28, 2023, is the deadline.

A draft Terms of Reference was included in the agenda. IMC – High River and Foothills County was asked to review and suggest any changes whereby the Terms of Reference can be endorsed and presented to both Councils for approval.

After deliberations, no changes or revisions were noted to the Terms of Reference and a vote ensued.

Motion: by Reeve Delilah Miller that the Intermunicipal Committee accept the Terms of Reference for the Context Study for JPA 4 and direct both administrations to present the Terms of Reference as presented to their respective Councils with a recommendation for approval and for subsequent filing with the CMRB administration.

CARRIED

b. Town of High River Recreation Plans

Councillor Suzanne Oel inquired about updates regarding the Town's Aquatic Expansion.

Councillor Rob Siewert inquired about a regional pool.

Mayor Craig Snodgrass responded, saying that due to accessibility for the residents of the town, a regional pool would not be feasible.

Councillor Michael Nychyk spoke to the appreciation of collaboration, but that they want the aquatics expansion to cater to the Town of High River residents.

c. Imagine High River 2042

Councillor Suzanne Oel inquired about the 2024 Town Plan.

Mayor Snodgrass shared that the Town is in the process of finalizing the first draft of the final document.

d. Tidewater/Rimrock Update

Reeve Delilah Miller shared that she has been in contact with Tidewater and Rimrock and that they are in the middle of their updates, and hoping they will have that out soon.

Councillor Michael Nychyk shared his thoughts on the biodigester odour reduction and looked for more clarification on what it would look like to have an odour reduction.

Mayor Craig Snodgrass shared that he is open to utilizing anything that reduces the existing smell.

Reeve Delilah Reeve shared that AEP may have a public hearing where people can share their opinions before approval.

e. Flood Funding Financial Update

The Town of High River provided a flood funding financial update.

f. General Flood Updates

The Town of High River provided general flood updates.

5. General Municipal Updates

There were no further municipal updates.

6. Next Meeting Date

The next Town of High River and Foothills County Intermunicipal Committee is to be determined with Reeve Delilah Miller as Chair.

7. Adjournment

The Intermunicipal Committee adjourned the meeting on March 9, 2023, at 2:02 p.m.