

THE FOOTHILLS COUNTY AND TOWN OF OKOTOKS
INTERMUNICIPAL COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA



Thursday, May 30, 2024
1:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
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5. **CLOSED SESSION**

(This portion of the meeting may be closed to the public if a matter to be discussed is within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part I of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act.*)

 - 5.1 Foothills / Okotoks Regional Water Project (FOIP s. 24(1)(a)(g))
 - 5.2 Intermunicipal Planning (FOIP s. 21(1), 24(1)(a)(c)) (verbal report)
6. **MOTIONS ARISING**
7. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Intermunicipal Committee is June 25, 2024 in High River at 1:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION: By Mayor Thorn that the minutes of the Intermunicipal Committee held January 23, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Foothills / Okotoks Regional Raw Water Project Update

Leigh Chmilar, Project Manager with Urban Systems, provided an update on the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Raw Water Project.

MOTION: By Councillor Robinson that the Foothills / Okotoks Regional Raw Water Project Update be received as information.

Carried Unanimously

4.2 Update on Discussion Regarding Joint Planning Area 3 Boundary

Foothills County Director of Planning Heather Hemingway presented updates regarding the Joint Planning Area 3.

MOTION: By Deputy Reeve Waldorf that the Intermunicipal Committee accept the updates as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4.3 What We Heard Report - Joint Planning Area 3

Town of Okotoks Senior Planner Colin Gainer, and Foothills County Deputy Director of Planning Julie McLean, provided feedback received through the public engagement process conducted regarding the Joint Planning Area 3 Context Study Community Engagement Phases 1 and 2.

MOTION: By Mayor Thorn that the Intermunicipal Committee accept for information the Joint Planning Area 3 Context Study Community Engagement Phases 1 and 2 What We Heard Report and endorse posting the report on each municipality's website.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION: By Councillor McHugh that in light of the feedback received regarding the November 2, 2023 open house event, once the draft context study is completed and the final boundaries of the Joint Planning Area 3 are determined, the Intermunicipal Committee consider endorsing a second public engagement event.

Carried Unanimously

5. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: By Deputy Reeve Waldorf that the meeting go into Closed Session as the matters to be discussed during this portion of the meeting are within one of the exceptions to disclosure in Division 2 of Part I of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* at 2:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

5.1 Champion Park (*FOIP* s. 24(1)(a)(c))

In Attendance

All Elected Officials and municipal staff present, remained in the room for the discussion.

Town of Okotoks Special Projects, Events & Library Liaison Manager Janette Messer left the meeting following the presentation.

5.2 Green Haven Discussion (*FOIP* s. 21(1)(a)(c))

In Attendance

All Elected Officials and municipal staff present, remained in the room for the discussion.

MOTION: By Mayor Thorn that the meeting come out of Closed Session at 3:33 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

6. MOTIONS ARISING

5.2 Champion Park

MOTION: By Deputy Reeve Waldorf to refer the Intermunicipal Committee discussion regarding Champion Park to the respective Councils for consideration

Carried Unanimously

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Intermunicipal Committee is Thursday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Reeve Miller adjourned the March 26, 2024 Intermunicipal Committee Meeting at 3:36 p.m.

FRIENDS OF CHAMPION PARK UPDATE

Issue

A verbal update will be provided on the Friends of Champion Park (FOCP).

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Friends of Champion Park Update be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

The auditor has provided the Friends of Champion Park and joint administrations with the year-end audited financial statements for 2023 and the FOCP treasurer and caretaker are currently reviewing the documents to determine alignment with expenses.


Once joint administrations have received the treasurer and caretaker's review a meeting will be scheduled; to be included will be the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Champion Park Society and a Regular meeting of the Society. After which a summary report will be provided to joint Councils as information.

Attachment(s)

n/a

Prepared by:
Jeff Porter
Foothills County, Manager of Parks and Recreation
May 22, 2024

MISCELLANEOUS MUNICIPAL ITEM
REPORT TO TOWN OF OKOTOKS / FOOTHILLS COUNTY IMC
DATE: May 29, 2024

DEPARTMENT: LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	
	TOPIC: Highway 2 and 338 Avenue Interchange
REPORT SUBMITTED BY: Manager of Legislative Services, Sherri Barrett	

PURPOSE OF REQUEST

To provide information to the Town of Okotoks / Foothills County IMC

BACKGROUND

Foothills County has presented the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors with a letter outlining our ongoing concerns surrounding safety at the intersection of Highway 2 and 338 Avenue, requesting that they take immediate action to move forward with measures to reduce the risk of serious injury accidents at that location.

The letter is attached for the committees review and information.

REQUEST OF COUNCIL

No action required.

APPENDICES

Appendix A:
Letter to the Honourable Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors



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May 15, 2024

Honourable Devin Dreeshen
 Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors
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Sent via email to: transportation.minister@gov.ab.ca

RE: Highway 2 and 338 Avenue Interchange

On May 2, 2024, several Emergency Services departments responded to yet another serious accident at the intersection of Highway 2 and 338 Avenue in Foothills County. The accident occurred when a passenger vehicle traveling east crossed the southbound lanes of Highway 2, directly into the path of a tanker truck that was fully loaded with diesel fuel. The incident resulted in serious injury requiring STARS air ambulance transport. Additionally, a significant fuel spill occurred when the tractor-trailer overturned, requiring containment and substantial cleanup effort.

As you are aware, the number of accidents that occur at this intersection involving serious injury and loss of life is concerning. The latest event further highlights how urgently we need construction of an overpass at this busy intersection to begin.

We recognize that as part of its 2024 budget, the Government of Alberta had announced funding for preliminary analysis of the future overpass. Foothills County urges the province to expedite necessary review and engineering, and prioritize construction of this vital infrastructure.

The vast majority of accidents that have occurred at that intersection are caused by vehicles accessing Highway 2 from 338 Avenue. We are asking that the Province reconsider their decision to allow the median to remain open at this location. Closure of the median while waiting for construction of the overpass to commence will help ensure the safety of area residents and motorists traveling this major Provincial corridor.

Foothills County Council would like to request a meeting with at your convenience to discuss our concerns surrounding the safety of this intersection and possible solutions and measures we can take to reduce any obstacles standing in the way of a successful outcome.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,



Delilah Miller, Reeve

CC: Minister R.J. Sigurdson - AGRIC.Minister@gov.ab.ca

FOOTHILLS/OKOTOKS REGIONAL WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Issue

An update on the Foothills/Okotoks Regional Water Project is provided for information.

Motion Proposed by Administration

That the Foothills/Okotoks Regional Water Project Update be received as information.

Report, Analysis and Financial Implications

Major updates include:

Intake Hydro-geotechnical Investigations

- Geotechnical and test well drilling at the intake site has been completed.
- Pump Testing of the test wells was completed with PW-001 producing 3.2 MLD and PW-002 producing 2.5 MLD. PW-001 pumping was limited by the size of pump and hosing available onsite. Analysis is underway to validate the production capacity and sizing requirements of the intake for the site.

Procurement and Design

- Procurement for design and construction of the intake works is ongoing. A Request for Proposals (RFP) submission document is expected to be completed imminently with draft contract documents to follow.
- Detailed design activities for the pipelines, reservoir and pump stations is underway.
- A draft RFP is expected to be complete for the rural section of Pipe C in June/early July. Pipeline design and procurement has been recommended to be phased into sections. Benefits of this approach include increased schedule and work efficiencies, earlier cost validation and potential increased market competition due to smaller work packages.

Attachment(s)

n/a

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May 27, 2024