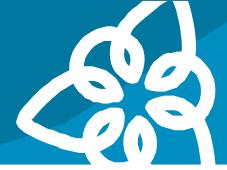
# Regular Council Meeting Notes



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## Open Forum - Adult Slo-Pitch (3:52)

Cory Chasse, president of the adult slo-pitch league in Beaumont, asked council to reconsider the configuration and size of the ball diamonds to be constructed at the west recreation site. Chasse told council the current size of the two larger diamonds would restrict the ability of adult slo-pitch players to use the site and should be increased from 275 feet to 300 feet.

## Multi-use Fieldhouse Proposal (7:52)

Dan McKinnon and Todd Carwell from Beaumont Minor Football <u>outlined a proposal</u> to raise funding for and build a fieldhouse at the site of the multi-use field being constructed in Four Seasons Park. As proposed, the organization would raise the funds and lead construction of the project, then donate the building to the city. Council directed administration to explore the feasibility of including utility tie ins for the fieldhouse during construction of the multi-use field this year, and to begin working with Beaumont Minor Football on a Memorandum of Understanding for the proposal.

## **Deputy Mayor Rotation (50:35)**

Coun. Bill Daneluik <u>was sworn in as Deputy Mayor</u> for an eight-month term. Councillors serve as Deputy Mayor on a rotational basis, with duties including chairing Committee of the Whole meetings and representing the Mayor when he is not available.

## Year-End Financial Report (54:44)

Council <u>received the preliminary 2020 year-end financial report</u>, which forecasts an operating surplus of approximately \$1.2 million. Council also approved carrying funding from a number of projects approved in 2020 over to 2021. Audited financial statements for 2020 will be provided to council later in the year.

## Tax Penalty Deferral Proposal (1:10:18)

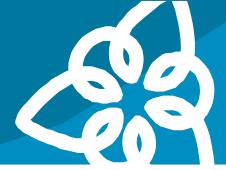
In response to a motion by Mayor John Stewart, administration provided a <u>report analyzing the effectiveness</u> of the city's property tax deferral program last year. The program was intended to provide businesses and residents with relief during the pandemic in 2020.

The report noted that tax penalties were lower in 2020, suggesting the program was successful.

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## Yellowhead Regional Library Appointment (1:22:08)

Council <u>approved the appointment</u> of Robert Robinson as Beaumont's representative on the Yellowhead Regional Library Board.

## Notice of Motion - Ball Diamonds in West Recreation Site (1:24:50)

Council defeated a <u>motion by Coun. Martin Stout</u> that would direct administration to obtain a cost estimate to build two 300-foot ball diamonds instead of the two 275-foot diamonds planned.

## **Operating Line of Credit (1:48:36)**

Council passed two of the three readings necessary to approve a bylaw allowing the city to <u>establish a line of credit</u> to be used in the event the city required short-term cash flow for operating requirements. Related to the bylaw, the city is also developing a policy for the investment of funds in city reserves that are not required immediately.

City administration noted the line of credit could only be used for expenses already approved by council.

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