

# Regular Council Meeting Notes - November 12, 2019

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## **Métis Week in Beaumont**

Gary Gagnon, vice president of Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4, presented the mayor and council with the Métis flag to commemorate the proclamation of Métis Week in Beaumont. The flag will be raised at City Hall on November 14 and flown until November 18.

## **Electric Distribution Agreement**

Council defeated a proposed bylaw that would have extended the city's agreement with FortisAlberta to supply electricity to areas annexed by Beaumont in 2017. FortisAlberta currently has an agreement as the exclusive distributor of electricity within city limits.

Residents in the affected areas will continue to receive electricity distribution services from the Battle River Power Coop, though the Coop's general manager told council that residents may choose to switch to FortisAlberta themselves.

## **Lakeview Area Structure Plan and Redistricting**

Council approved changes to the Lakeview Area Structure Plan and zoning districts in Lakeview. The approved Area Structure Plan changes include adjustments to high density areas, school sites and open space. The approved redistricting changes the south half of the Lakeview neighbourhood from the current Agricultural Holding District to a combination of Conventional Neighbourhood and Integrated Neighbourhood Districts.

## **Beaumont Blues and Roots Festival (0:35)**

Jeremy Kornel from the Beaumont Blues and Roots Festival gave council a report on the outcome of this year's event. The 2019 festival, held June 21 and 22, broke previous attendance records, with more than 7,000 guests. Council heard that festival organizers are expanding youth and family programming for 2020 and have targeted attendance at 5,000 people per day.

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Kornel informed council that financial support from the city helps the festival secure artists early in the year, which then helps promote the event and sell tickets.

### **Beaumont Society for the Arts (20:44)**

Chantal Yardley, president of the Beaumont Society for the Arts, submitted the organization's 2020 budget request to the city. The society requested additional funding next year and asked for approval in principal for funds to conduct a feasibility study for a performing arts centre.

### **Municipal Strategic Plan (50:32)**

Council approved several updates to Our Beaumont: Municipal Strategic Plan 2017-2021. Updates included new goals for council and the city, including increasing volunteerism and the availability of fibre optic internet.

The strategic plan sets the direction to achieve the vision for the City of Beaumont in 2044: *"Together we make life better in Beaumont. We are the community of choice for livability and economic innovation. We have a vibrant arts community, ample recreational opportunities, and a healthy environment. We are culturally diverse and celebrate our indigenous, agricultural, and French heritage."*

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