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Meeting Minutes

Governance and Priorities Committee

Mayor Allan Gamble
Deputy Mayor Kristina Kowalski
Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson
Council Member Natalie Birnie
Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk
Council Member Rob Wiedeman

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairperson Kowalski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

On behalf of the Committee, Chairperson Kowalski offered the following Treaty 6 lands acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that our meeting today convenes on the lands of Treaty 6, which is the traditional home of Cree, Dene Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux Nations and members of the Metis Nation of Alberta, Inuit and all First Nations sharing this land for generations.

We recognize the long history and contributions of Indigenous peoples who have cared for these lands for generations. We acknowledge that we are all Treaty people, bound to one another by the spirit and intent of Treaty "as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the river flows".

Committee Member Birnie attended the meeting virtually.

Present: 6 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Natalie Birnie and Council Member Rob Wiedeman

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer
Brian Cornforth, Acting General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services
Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services
Jeff Dyck, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services
Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services
Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture and Environment Services (In-part)
Karen Kormos, Acting Director, Planning and Development Services (In-part)
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services
Odessa Bartel, Senior Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Parkland County celebrated Manfred Kanehl who was inducted into the Alberta Agricultural Hall of Fame. Manfred Kanehl's daughter, Susan Schafers, was in attendance on behalf of her family.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Committee Member Wiedeman requested to add the following:

- Item 6.A.1 - Notice of Motion

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the February 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-005](#)

Adoption of January 21, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the January 21, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Birnie that the January 21, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-004](#)

9:05 a.m. Public Input (15 mins.)

Committee Chairperson Kowalski asked the gallery if there were any issues that the public wished to bring to the attention of Parkland County. No one came forward.

[App 25-006](#)

9:30 a.m. Appointment - Community Sustainability Committee Update
Julie Burger, Committee Chair, Community Sustainability Committee
Cindy Iverson, Committee Member, Community Sustainability Committee

Proposed Motions

That the Community Sustainability Committee update be received for information, as presented.

Julie Burger presented the Community Sustainability Committee update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kobasiuk that the Community Sustainability update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[App 25-008](#)

10:00 a.m. Appointment - Agricultural Services Board Committee Update
Susan Schafers, Committee Chair, Agricultural Services Board

Proposed Motions

That the Agricultural Services Board update be received for information, as presented.

Krista Quesnel and Susan Schafers presented the Agricultural Services Board Committee update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Birnie that the Agricultural Services Board update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[App 25-009](#)

10:30 a.m. Appointment - Economic Diversification Committee Update
Jeffrey Hansen-Carlson, Vice Committee Chair, Economic Diversification Committee

Proposed Motions

That the Economic Diversification Committee update be received for information, as presented.

Jeffrey Hanson-Carlson presented the Economic Diversification Committee update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the Economic Diversification Committee update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Kowalski recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

NM 25-004

Notice of Motion

Take notice that at a regular meeting of Council on February 11, 2025, Council Member Wiedeman will move that Council direct administration to present a plan to facilitate the storage of Dragonboats at Wabamun for the Parkland Dragonboat Racing Club by March 11, 2025, including space available, timing, and cost.

General Manager, Development Services

RFD 25-023

Planning and Development Update

Proposed Motion

That the Governance and Priorities Committee accept the Planning and Development Update for information, as presented.

Karen Kormos and Nancy Domijan presented the Planning and Development update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Wiedeman that the Governance and Priorities Committee accept the Planning and Development update for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM 25-012

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter

Proposed Motion

That the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

COM 25-013

Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update

Proposed Motion

That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

RFD 25-004

Closed Session

Proposed Motion

That the Committee convene in closed session pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 16, 17, 24 and 26 of the Freedom

of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kobasiuk that the Committee convene in closed session at 10:48 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 16, 17, 24 and 26 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Kowalski recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 25-012](#)

11:00 a.m. Appointment - Economic Update
FOIP Section 16 - Harmful to business interest of third party
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

Economic update was presented.

RECESS

Chairperson Kowalski recessed the meeting at 11:47 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 25-003](#)

11:30 a.m. Appointment - Chief Financial Office
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials
FOIP Section 26 - Testing procedures, tests and audits

Chief Financial Office presentation was presented.

RECESS

Chairperson Kowalski recessed the meeting at 12:26 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 25-002](#)

Planning and Development Update
FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

Planning and Development update was presented.

[RFD 25-005](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That the Committee revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Committee Member Weideman that the Committee revert to regular meeting session at 1:20 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Committee Chairperson Kowalski closed the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Committee Chair

Recording Secretary