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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, January 21, 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 we are located on the lands of Treaty 6 which is the traditional home of the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux nations, members of the Metis nations of Alberta, Inuit and all First Nations sharing this land for generations. We recognize the long history and contributions of Indigenous peoples who've cared for this land from time immemorial to the present. 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
Dave Cross, 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
Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services (In-part)
Matthew Good, Manager, Land Development Engineering, Engineering Services (In-part)
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services
Odessa Bartel, Senior Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Committee Member Councillor Kowalski requested to add the following:

- Item 6.A.1 - Notice of Motion - Land Use Bylaw Public Engagement

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

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-003](#)

Adoption of December 3, 2024 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the December 4, 2024 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the December 3, 2024 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-001](#)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

General Manager, Operations Services

[RFD 25-007](#)

Hwy 16A Acheson Intersection Construction Update

Proposed Motion

That the Hwy 16A Acheson Intersection Construction update be received for information, as presented.

Jody Hancock and Matthew Good presented the Hwy 16A Acheson Intersection Construction update.

Committee Member Birnie left the meeting at 9:25 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

[RFD 25-007](#)

Hwy 16A Acheson Intersection Construction Update

Proposed Motion

That the Hwy 16A Acheson Intersection Construction update be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Wiedeman that the Hwy 16 Acheson Intersection Construction update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 25-007](#)

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 Kobasiuk that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-006](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[NM 25-002](#)

Notice of Motion - Land Use Bylaw Public Engagement

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Council on January 28, 2025 Council Member Kowalski will move that administration be directed to include public engagement opportunities in Division 1, 2 and Acheson to properly fulfill public engagement County wide.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 25-008](#)

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 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Committee Member Birnie that the Committee convene in closed session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

[PRE 25-007](#)

Media Relations

FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

FOIP Section 27 - Legal Privilege

Administration presented Media Relations.

[RFD 25-009](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That the Committee revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Committee revert to regular meeting session at 10:08 a.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Kowalski recessed the meeting at 10:08 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-003](#)

11:30 a.m. Appointment - RCMP Quarterly Update
Drayton Valley - S/Sgt. Ryan Hoetmer
Evansburg - Sgt. Jeff Sutherland
Parkland Detachment - Inspector Kevin McGillivray

Proposed Motion

That the RCMP Quarterly update be received for information, as presented.

S/Sgt. Ryan Hoetmer, Sgt. Jeff Sutherland, and Inspector Kevin McGillivray presented the RCMP Quarterly update.

Committee Member Birnie left the meeting at 11:52 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

[App 25-003](#)

11:30 a.m. Appointment - RCMP Quarterly Update
Drayton Valley - S/Sgt. Ryan Hoetmer
Evansburg - Sgt. Jeff Sutherland
Parkland Detachment - Inspector Kevin McGillivray

Proposed Motion

That the RCMP Quarterly update be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the RCMP Quarterly update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Committee Chairperson Kowalski closed the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Committee Chair

Recording Secretary