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Meeting Minutes

Council

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

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Gamble called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Gamble 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 the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux Nations and members of the Metis Nation of Alberta, Inuit and all first Nations sharing in this land for generations.

We recognize the long history and contributions of Indigenous peoples who have 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”.

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

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer

Jeff Dyck, Chief Operating Officer

Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services

Geoff Heritage, Acting Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services

Sean Cunningham, Acting Fire Chief, Fire Services (In-part)

Clarence Wong, Director, Growth & Strategy, Growth & Strategy (In-part)

Kaylee Haynes, Economic Growth Specialist, Growth & Strategy (In-part)

Neil Jamieson, Director Public Works Services Department, Public Works (In-part)

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services

Deb Crowder, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Recognize Lifetime Achievements in Fire Services - Brian Cornforth

Sean Cunningham, Acting Fire Chief - presented the Kings Coronation Medal
Randy Schroeder, AFCA President & Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Chief,
presented the AFCA President's Commendation
Bill Purdy attended to say a few words

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Wiedeman offered a short inspirational reflection.

DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Gamble welcomed Council Member Kobasiuk as the new Deputy Mayor
and thanked Council Member Wiedeman for his service as Deputy Mayor.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the July 8, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as amended, with the following items added:

Item 6.A.4 - Notice of Motion - The Evergreen Foundation Review; and

Item 6.A.5 - Notice of Motion - Taxation Rate Options

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-026](#)

Adoption of the June 17, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the June 17, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the June 17, 2025 Special Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[MIN 25-025](#)

Adoption of the June 24, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the June 24, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the June 24, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-048](#)

9:05 a.m. - Public Input (15 minutes)

Mayor Gamble asked the gallery if there were any matters that the public wishes to bring to the attention of Parkland County.

Peter Noting, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to a concluded enforcement matter.

Brenda Neville, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to the Lagoon East of Range Road 272, and why there is no advanced election polls in Parkland Village.

Janann Blanchard, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to no parking signs in Clearwater Estates, and public accessing Allen Beach through private property.

Eric Stanier, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to no parking signs in Clearwater Estates, and public accessing Allen Beach through private property.

Gary O'Shaughnessy, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to no parking signs in Clearwater Estates, and public accessing Allen Beach through private property.

RECESS

Recess- Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:49 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

[RFD 25-152](#)

10:00 a.m. Appointment: Economic Diversification Committee
Presenter: Kate Polkovsky

Proposed Motion

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

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the Economic Diversification Committee presentation be received for information as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[RFD 25-155](#)

Greater Parkland Chamber of Commerce (GPRC) - Chamber on Tap Registration

Proposed Motion

That Council approves registration costs for the July 15th GPRC Chamber on Tap event to be paid with individual Elected Official Community Relations Budgets.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council approves registration costs for the July 15th GPRC Chamber on Tap event to be paid with individual Elected Official Community Relations Budget.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-156](#)

Acheson Business Association (ABA) 2025 Acheson Business Awards Gala Registration

Proposed Motion

That Council approves registration costs for the ABA 2025 Acheson Business Awards Gala on September 20th to be paid with individual Elected Official Community Relations Budgets.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Council approves registration costs for the ABA 2025 Acheson Business Awards Gala on September 20th to be paid with individual Elected Official Community Relations Budgets.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the motion be amended that Council approves registration costs for the ABA 2025 Acheson Business Awards Gala on September 20th to be paid with Council Admin Budget.

The motion was defeated.

For: 2 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson and Council Member Kowalski

Against: 4 - Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Birnie, Council Member Wiedeman and Mayor Gamble

Mayor Gamble called the question to the original motion as follows:

That Council approves registration costs for the ABA 2025 Acheson Business Awards Gala on September 20th to be paid with individual Elected Official Community Relations Budgets.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-157](#)

Edmonton Regional Airports Authority Board Director Reappointment

Proposed Motion

That Council reappoint Robert Bennett to the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority Board for a four-year term commencing January 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council reappoint Robert Bennett to the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority Board for a four-year term commencing on January 1, 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

[NM 25-006](#)

The Evergreens Foundation Review**Notice of Motion**

Take notice that at the regular meeting of Council on September 9, 2025, Councillor Kobasiuk will move that administration be directed to complete a review of Parkland County's membership and contributions to The Evergreens Foundation.

[NM 25-007](#)

Taxation Rate Options**Notice of Motion**

Take Notice that at the regular meeting of Council on September 9, 2025 Councillor Kobasiuk will move that administration be directed to bring back information on senior deferral and property tax rebate program options for seniors within Parkland County.

[RFD 25-144](#)

Wastewater Transfer Station Pre-Treatment Facility**Proposed Motion**

That Council approve \$150,000 from the Water and Wastewater Restricted Surplus to complete a detailed design and cost estimate for the construction of a wastewater pre-treatment facility at the Stony Plain Wastewater Transfer Station, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve \$150,000 from the Water and Wastewater Restricted Reserve to complete a detailed design and cost estimate for construction of a wastewater pre-treatment facility at the Stony Plain Wastewater Transfer Station, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 25-062](#)

Proclamation - August 2025**Proposed Motion**

That the following proclamation for August 2025 be received for information:

National Peacekeepers' Day

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the proclamation for August 2025 be received for information:

National Peacekeepers' Day.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-073](#)

Proclamations - September 2025

Proposed Motion

That the following proclamations for September 2025 be received for information:

Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month
Alberta Culture Days
Suicide Prevention Week
National Grandparents Day
Responsible Pet Ownership Day
Terry Fox Week
Rail Safety Week
International Right to Know Day
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the proclamation for September 2025 be received for information:

**Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month
Alberta Culture Days
Suicide Prevention Week
National Grandparents Day
Responsible Pet Ownership Day
Terry Fox Week
Rail Safety Week
International Right to Know Day
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-069](#)

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Newsletter Update

Proposed Motion

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

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta newsletter be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-070](#)

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 Council Member Birnie that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-071](#)

Mayor's Report

Proposed Motion

That the Mayor's Report be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman the Mayor's Report be received for information, as follows:

June 25, 2025 - Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation (ANSN) Strategic Plan sharing with Parkland County
June 27, 2025 - Member of Parliament (MP) Lloyd's Canada Day Barbeque
June 27, 2025 - Stony Plain Memorial Composite High School Graduation Ceremony – Expo Centre
June 29, 2025 - Official Ground Breaking Event – Parkland Pickleball at Golf Biz
July 01, 2025 - Canada Day Parade participation in Entwistle
July 01, 2025 - Canada Day Events at Jubilee Park in Spruce Grove
July 02, 2025 - Meeting with Minister Nally, Alberta Legislature, with Anohka and Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis to advocate for local distillers

July 4 – July 7, 2025

- Crestview Event
- Counsel Public Affairs Event
- Canadian Strategy Event
- Transportation and Economic Corridors Minister Dreeshen's Reception
- TransAlta Stampede Event
- Advocacy Brief prepared by administration was exceptional!
- TransAlta, Data Centres, Highway 60 – 628, First Nations Consultations, Government of Alberta Budget

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-072](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

That the Committee Reports be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the Committee Reports be received for information, as follows:

1. Council Member Birnie

June 5, 2025 - Public Committee Meeting Dinner
June 13, 2025 - Agricultural Services Board Meeting
June 16, 2025 - Parkland Library Board Meeting
June 19, 2025 - Stony Plain Seed Cleaning Plant Meeting
June 19, 2025 - Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Getson Town Hall
June 25, 2025 - Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Meeting

2. Council Member Kowalski

June 25, 2025
- Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Parkland Partnership Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA) Annual General Meeting
- Community Sustainability Committee meeting
June 26, 2025
- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (SRWA) Meeting - Virtual

- Introduction of interim Watershed Coordinator - Erin Wassing
- Review 2025-26 Workplan

3. Council Member Wiedeman

- June 24, 2025 - Council meeting
- June 26, 2025 - Meridian Foundation
- June 30, 2025 - Meeting County office tour Acheson and Keephills with out of town guests
- July 2, 2025 - Meeting at Legislature - Minister Nally
- July 3, 2025 - Online presentation Urban Blu
- July 4, 2025 - Meeting landowner at Wabamun
- July 4, 2025 - Residents meeting at Wabamun re: washrooms/crime
- July 8, 2025 - Council meeting

4. Council Member Kobasiuk

- June 25, 2025
- Community Sustainability Committee (CSC) presentations promotion Solar 101, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and child luring awareness
- June 27, 2025
- Member of Parliament (MP), Dane Lloyd barbeque in Stony Plain
- July 4 - 6, 2025
- Calgary Stampede: Alberta Counsel
- Public Affairs, Canada Strategy Group, Transportation of Economic Corridors (TEC), Minister Dresshen reception, TransAlta event.
- Opportunities to direct lobby for targeted County projects based on detailed administration briefing on Council positions relative to: Highways 60/628, data centres, First Nations consultation, Government of Alberta budget and ministerial bios/responsibility files.
- July 8, 2025
- Resident safety concerns related to Government of Alberta mowing contracts where timely cutting of high growth clover is an issue. Compliments to Dana and Councillor Action Request (CAR) response engaging provincial contract mowing Wabamun to Stony Plain

5. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- June 25, 2025
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance
- We are planning a river float and a film in the next coming weeks
- I was elected to the Board of Directors

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 10:57 a.m..

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services