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Meeting Minutes

Council

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

Tuesday, May 27, 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 the homeland of the many diverse First Nations and Metis people whose ancestors have walked this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to work, live, and learn on the traditional territory of Treaty 6.

Present: 5 - Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Rob Wiedeman, Mayor Allan Gamble and Council Member Kristina Kowalski

Absent: 1 - Council Member Natalie Birnie

Administration:

Jeff Dyck, Chief Operating Officer

Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services

Brian Cornforth, Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services

Aman Jhaver, Senior Planner, Development Planning (In-part)

Jared Candlish, Planner II, Planning Coordination (In-part)

Michelle Kirchmayer, Director, Assessment & Tax (In-part)

Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture & Environment Services (In-part)

Jessica Harnden, Senior Planner, Subdivision (In-part)

Prithom Talukder, Levies & Agreement Specialist (In-part)

Brandon Sidhu, Interim Director, Community Services (In-part)

Karen Clark, Manager, Emergency Communications Services (In-part)

April Gallays, Manager, Subdivision & Planning Coordination (In-part)

Braden Slemko, Manager, Development Planning & Safety Codes (In-part)

Joel Wilson, Manager, Economic Growth (In-part)

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

Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services (In-part)

Rob Coon, Consultant (In-part)

Daniel Santucci, Project Manager (In-part)

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services

Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Council Member Kucher-Johnson was very impressed with the Parkland County Road Maintenance Crews who worked diligently after the storm last night to clean up the fallen trees that were on the roads.

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kowalski offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MIN 25-021

Adoption of the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the May 13, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

An amending motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the May 13, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, with the following amendment:

- Item 7.4 - Correcting the name of the conference that Council Member Kucher-Johnson attended in her Committee Report. The Conference name should read, as follows:
- Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's Conference

The motion carried unanimously

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the May 27, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as amended, with the following item added:

- Item 6.B.3 - Road Infrastructure - Atim Road and Hwy 60

The motion carried unanimously.

Administration has no additions or deletions to the Agenda today. I would however; like to make a note in relation to Code of Conduct Matters tabled by Council to today's meeting.

Effective May 15, 2025, Bill 50, the majority of Municipal Affairs Statutes Amendment Act, 2025 was proclaimed in force. As a result, section 146.1 of the Municipal Government Act that previously required Council to adopt a Code of Conduct Bylaw has been repealed - this means Councils in Alberta are no longer required to have a Code of Conduct Bylaw. In addition, Bill 50 prohibits any Council in Alberta from addressing the behaviour or conduct of a

councillor by bylaw or resolution and any bylaws or resolutions about councillor conduct or behaviour adopted prior to Bill 50 are also repealed - this means the County's Code of Conduct Bylaw needs to be repealed, and we will bring this back for rescinding.

In light of this, Councils in Alberta no longer have the jurisdiction to address any outstanding or new complaints under the Code of Conduct Bylaw.

As such, all complaints filed prior to May 15, 2025, which Council has not decided on, have not been included in today's agenda.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-038](#)

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

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

Dean Maurier, Business Owner in Parkland County (Fath Group), came forward to indicate that Fath Group is in support of the ongoing discussions for Infrastructure development in Acheson Zone 6.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Matters

[BL 25-025](#)

Bylaw 2025-12 - Parkland County Land Use Bylaw

Proposed Motion

That Bylaw 2025-12 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-12 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:28 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

[BL 25-026](#)

Bylaw 2025-19 - Amending Bylaw 2024-19 - 2025 Fees and Charges - Schedules H.2, H.5, H.6, H.10

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-19 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-19 receive second reading.
3. That Bylaw 2025-19 be presented at this meeting for third reading.
4. That Bylaw 2025-19 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2025-19 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-19 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-19 be presented at this meeting for third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-19 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-136](#)

Road Infrastructure - Atim Road and Highway 60

Proposed Motion

That Council direct administration to review and report back to Council at the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting on June 17, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council direct administration to review the road infrastructure regarding Atim Road and Highway 60 and report back to Council at the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting on June 17, 2025.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Operating Officer

[RFD 25-111](#)

2025 Tax Recovery Public Auction Terms and Conditions of Sale

Proposed Motion

That Council approve the Terms and Conditions of Sale for the 2025 Public Auction, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council approve the Terms and Conditions of Sale for the 2025 Public Auction, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Operation Services

[RFD 25-128](#)

Emerging Capital Project - Acheson Intersections - 2025 Funding Request

Proposed Motion

That Council approve up to \$4,500,000 in expenditures for the Emerging Capital Project - Acheson Intersections project to be funded by Developer Recoveries Restricted Surplus.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council approve up to \$4,500,000 in expenditures for the Emerging Capital Project - Acheson Intersections project to be funded by Developer Recoveries Restricted Surplus.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-116](#)

Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Grant Update

Proposed Motion

That Council approve the addition of \$80,000 to the 2025 Agriculture and Environment Services budget for the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Inter Municipal Watershed Planning Project to be funded from the Alberta Community Partnership grant, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council approve the addition of \$80,000 to the 2025 Agriculture and Environment Services budget for the Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Inter Municipal Watershed Planning Project to be funded from the Alberta Community Partnership grant, as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 4 - Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman, Mayor Gamble and Council Member Kowalski

Against: 1 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson

Community & Development Services

[RFD 25-127](#)

2025 Off-Site Levy Rates and Annual Report (Bylaw 2015-07)

Proposed Motion

That the 2025 Off-Site Levy Rates and Annual Report for Bylaw 2015-07 containing updated Schedules "C" through "G" be tabled to a regular scheduled Council meeting no later than June 24, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the 2025 Off-Site Levy Rates and Annual Report for Bylaw 2015-07 containing updated Schedules "C" through "G" be tabled to a regular scheduled Council meeting no later than June 24, 2025.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-099](#)

Parkland County Trails Master Plan

Proposed Motion

That Council approve the funding of up to \$65,000 from the Recreation Restricted Surplus for the creation of a Trails Master Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve the funding of up to \$65,000 from the Recreation Restricted Surplus for the creation of a Trails Master Plan.

Council Member Wiedeman made a motion to table the Parkland County Trails Master Plan to be included in the 2026 Budgeting Process Timeline.

The motion was defeated by the following vote:

For: 2 - Council Member Wiedeman and Mayor Gamble

Against: 3 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk and Council Member Kowalski

Mayor Gamble called on the original motion that Council approve the funding of up to \$65,000 from the Recreation Restricted Surplus for the creation of a Trails Master Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 3 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk and Council Member Kowalski

Against: 2 - Council Member Wiedeman and Mayor Gamble

[RFD 25-117](#)

Emergency Communications Center - 911 Grant Funding Request for NG911 Phase 2 Project

Proposed Motion

That Council approve funding for up to \$120,000 from the 911 grant Deferred Revenue - Operating Government Grants account to fund to completion the NG911 Phase 2 project.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council approve funding for up to \$120,000 from the 911 grant Deferred Revenue - Operating Government Grants account to fund to completion the NG911 Phase 2 project.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 25-061](#)

Proclamations - June 2025

Proposed Motion

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

National Indigenous History Month
National Health and Fitness Day
Seniors Week
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
National Indigenous Peoples Day

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that the following proclamations for June 2025 be received for information:

- National Indigenous History Month
- National Health and Fitness Day
- Seniors Week
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
- National Indigenous Peoples Day

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-053](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-054](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-055](#)

Mayor's Report

Proposed Motion

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

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

- Fireside Chat with Premier Smith and Minister Turton – Heritage Park
- Regional Collaboration Meeting – Morinville
- Memorial Composite High School 75th Anniversary
- Monthly Meeting with Radio and Stony Plain Reporter
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in Ottawa (May 28 – June 01)

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-056](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

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

1. Council Member Kowalski
 - Parkland Big Lake Area Community Association (PBLACA) Meeting
 - Acheson Business Association Woman in Leadership Conference
 - Public Engagement Refresher Workshop
 - Rural Municipalities of Alberta - Bill 59 Townhall
 - Parkland Big Lake Area Community Association (PBLACA) Annual General Meeting

- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Joint Committee Planning Session
- Drayton Valley 4-H Beef Interclub Show and Sale

2. Council Member Wiedeman

- Memorial Composite High School 75th Anniversary
- ARROW Utilities Retreat
- Drove through the south side of Wabamun Lake on Saturday and observed the boat launch

3. Council Member Kobasiuk

- Memorial Composite High School 75th Anniversary
- Acheson Business Association Woman in Leadership Conference
- Pembina Agricultural Recreational Society Meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Webinar
- The Evergreens Foundation Board Meeting/Audit
- Red Brick Common Board Meeting

4. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- Acheson Business Association Woman in Leadership Conference
- TriLeisure Centre Board Meeting
- Public Engagement Refresher
- Pioneer Museum Society Meeting
- River Valley Alliance Meeting
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Training Session
- Spring BBQ at Clymont Hall
- Parkland County Library Board Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 25-120](#)

Closed Session

Proposed Motion

That Council 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 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council convene in closed session at 10:57 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 16 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:57 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

[PRE 25-047](#)

Planning & Development Update
FOIP Section 16 - Harmful to business interests of third party
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

[RFD 25-121](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to regular Meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council revert to regular meeting session at 11:46 a.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION[RFD 25-124](#)

Closed Session

Proposed Motion

That Council 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, 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council convene in closed session at 11:48 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 16, 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

[PRE 25-049](#)

Engineering Matter
FOIP Section 16 - Harmful to business interests of third party
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials
FOIP Section 27 - Legal privilege

[RFD 25-125](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to regular Meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council revert to regular meeting session at 12:08 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**PRE 25-049**

Engineering Matter
FOIP Section 16 - Harmful to business interests of third party
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials
FOIP Section 27 - Legal privilege

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council direct Administration to return to the June 17, 2025 Council meeting with a funding request for \$1,000,000 from the Major Business Attraction Fund for infrastructure investments in Acheson Zone 6.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that Council direct Administration to prepare a Debenture Borrowing Bylaw for consideration by Council on June 17, 2025 in the amount of \$3,500,000 for infrastructure investments in Acheson Zone 6.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:12 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION**RFD 25-122**

Closed Session

Proposed Motion

That Council convene in closed session pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council convene in closed session at 1:01 p.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

PRE 25-048

Wabamun Update
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

[RFD 25-123](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to regular Meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council revert to regular meeting session at 1:41 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 1:43 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

[PRE 25-048](#)

Wabamun Update
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve the allocation of \$2.66M from Long-Term Sustainability Restricted Surplus to supplement the \$9.44 million of approved Prairies Canada grant funding for the completion of the Wabamun Marina and Swim Pond project.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services