



**Meeting Minutes**

**Governance and Priorities Committee**

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

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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**CALL TO ORDER/TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Committee Chairperson Birnie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

On behalf of the Committee, Chairperson Birnie 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 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 - 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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

**Administration:**

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer

Brian Cornforth, Acting General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services, and Fire Chief

Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services

Jeff Dyck, General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services and Chief Financial Officer

Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services

Trent Tompkins, Director, Road Maintenance & Drainage

Neil Jamieson, Director, Public Works

Suzanne Merrills, Interim Director, Parks, Recreation & Culture, Community Services

George Vanberg, Manager, Fleet & Facilities Services, Public Works

Disha Joshi, Manager, Financial Reporting & Operations  
Seghan MacDonald, Development Planner II, Land Use Bylaw, Planning and  
Development Services  
Rachelle Trovato, Senior Planner, Development Planning, Planning and  
Development Services  
Natasha De Sandi, Senior Planner, Long Range Planning, Planning and  
Development Services  
Vada Antonakis, Development Planner I, Planning and Development Services  
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services  
Odessa Bartel, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Committee Member Wiedeman added the following items:

### 6.A.1. - Wabamun Farmer's Market

A motion was made by Committee Member Kobasiuk that the February 21, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### [MIN 23-006](#)

Adoption of the February 7, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the February 7, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Wiedeman that the February 7, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

## DELEGATIONS

### [App 23-014](#)

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

Committee Chairperson Birnie asked the gallery if there were any issues that the public wished to bring to the attention of Parkland County.

Parkland County resident, Bonnie Tessier, attended to speak to Town Hall meetings and the Digital Strategy Executive Summary from Deputy Minister David James.

Trish Oakes, attended to speak on behalf of concerned Parkland County citizens. Trish brought many questions to Council including the topics of Smart Cities challenge, sustainable communities, permitting 5G towers, Agora, and

Global Edmonton.

Chris Martin, attended to speak on supporting employment within Parkland County.

Parkland County resident, Ken Thibeaux, attended to speak to Council regarding his concerns about Agora.

Keegan, attended to speak to Council regarding his concerns about Agora.

Sheldon Ruther, attended to speak to Council regarding his concerns about Agora and non-government organizations (NGO).

## RECESS

Chairperson Birnie recessed the meeting at 9:40 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

## DELEGATIONS

### [App 23-018](#)

9:30 a.m. Appointment - Edmonton Global 2022 In-Review and Looking Forward

Gail Stepanik-Keber, Vice Chair, Edmonton Global

Paul Verhesen, Board Member, Edmonton Global

Chris McLeod, Vice President, Global Marketing & Communication, Edmonton Global

Proposed Motion

That the Edmonton Global presentation be received for information, as presented.

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**Gail Stepanik-Keber, Paul Verhesen and Chris McLeod presented the Edmonton Global presentation.**

**A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Edmonton Global presentation be received for information, as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

### [App 23-001](#)

10:00 a.m. Appointment - River Valley Alliance (RVA) Shareholder Update  
Kristine Archibald, Executive Director

**Proposed Motion**

That the River Valley Alliance presentation be received for information, as presented.

Kristine Archibald presented the River Valley Alliance presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the River Valley Alliance presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[App 23-021](#)

10:30 a.m. Appointment - Trail Strategy Plan Update  
John Buchko, Principal, EDS Group Inc.

**Proposed Motion**

That the Trail Strategy Plan Update presentation be received for information, as presented.

John Buchko presented the Trail Strategy Plan Update presentation.

Committee Member Mayor Gamble left the meeting at 11:11 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Committee Member Birnie left the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Trail Strategy Plan Update presentation concluded.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the Trail Strategy Plan update presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Chairperson Birnie recessed the meeting at 11:49 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**General Manager, Operations Services**

[RFD 23-040](#)

Parkland County Municipal Development Plan Strategic Amendment and Land Use Bylaw ReDesign Update

**Proposed Motion**

That the Municipal Development Plan Strategic Amendment and Land Use Bylaw ReDesign Update be received for information, as presented.

Seghan MacDonald, Rachelle Trovato, Natasha De Sandi and Vada Antonakis presented the Municipal Development Plan Strategic Amendment and Land Use Bylaw ReDesign Update presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kobasiuk that the Municipal Development Plan Strategic Amendment and Land Use Bylaw ReDesign update presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

## RECESS

Chairperson Birnie recessed the meeting at 12:25 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:18 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Chief Administrative Officer

#### [RFD 23-046](#)

2022 Q4 Operating and Capital Project Update

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the Operating and Capital Project update be received for information, as presented.

Disha Joshi presented the Operating and Capital Project update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Operating and Capital Project update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

### General Manager, Operations Services

#### [RFD 23-029](#)

Operations Service Division Report - Update and Overview

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the Operations Services Division - Update and Overview report be received for information, as presented.

Trent Tompkins, Neil Jamieson and Jody Hancock presented the Operations Service Division Report Update and Overview presentation.

Committee Member Mayor Gamble left the meeting at 2:32 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Committee Member Birnie left the meeting at 2:38 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

The Operations Service Division Report Update and Overview presentation concluded.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the Operations Service Division Report Update and Overview be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 23-030](#)

Wabamun Infrastructure Study

**Proposed Motion**

That Council receive the Village of Wabamun Infrastructure Study for information, as presented.

Jody Hancock presented the Wabamun Infrastructure Study presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that Council receive the Village of Wabamun Infrastructure Study for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor and Council Member Matters**

**RFD 23-054**

Wabamun Farmer's Market

Councillor Wiedeman presented the Wabamun Farmer's Market item.

A motion was made by Committee Chairperson Birnie that Administration be directed to bring forward a report on the Wabamun Farmer's Market on March 14, 2023.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

[COM 23-015](#)

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

The motion carried unanimous.

[COM 23-016](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

[PRE 23-009](#)

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

**Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Planning and Development Update closed session matter be tabled to the February 28, 2023 Council meeting.**

The motion carried.

**Against:** 1 - Council Member Wiedeman

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Committee Chairperson Birnie closed the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

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Committee Chair

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Recording Secretary