



# Parkland County

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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*

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### 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  
Brian Cornforth, Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services  
Brandon Sidhu, Interim Director, Community Services (In-part)  
Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services (In-part)  
Aman Jhawer, Senior Planner, Development Planning (In-part)  
Nick Zazula, Planner I, Planning Coordination (In-part)  
Jared Candlish, Planner II, Planning Coordination (In-part)  
Laura Godin, Senior Advisor, Strategy & Engagement (In-part)  
Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture & Environment Services (In-part)  
Simon Yackulic, Director, Communications & Customer Service (In-part)  
Lois Tyerman, Acting Manager, Strategy & Engagement (In-part)

Daniel Santucci, Project Manager (In-part)  
Rob Coon, Consultant (In-part)  
Sean Cunningham, Acting Fire Chief (In-part)  
April Gallays, Manager, Subdivision & Planning Coordination (In-part)  
Ric Gibbons, Chief Information Officer (In-part)  
Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services  
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

## **CELEBRATING SUCCESSES**

Mayor Gamble congratulated Council Member Kucher-Johnson for completing her Elected Officials Education Program Certification.

A resident from Patricia Hills had asked Council Member Kobasiuk to inform our staff of the excellent work they get for snow removal in Patricia Hills. They wanted to say thank you for the good work.

## **INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION**

Council Member Kobasiuk offered a short inspirational reflection.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the March 25, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

### [MIN 25-012](#)

Adoption of the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the March 11, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

### [MIN 25-014](#)

Adoption of the March 13, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Proposed Motion**

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

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the March 13, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

## DELEGATIONS

### [App 25-019](#)

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.

Cliff Spicer, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to road construction on Range Road 14.

Manny Leithoff, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to roadway damages in Acheson Business Park. Mr. Leithoff also provided his experience with obtaining a Development Permit.

Pat Bichel, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to Bylaw 2025-12 - Parkland County Land Use Bylaw. Mr. Bichel shared his concerns with the term Substandard Lot, used within the Bylaw.

Floyd Young, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to Bylaw 2025-12 - Parkland County Land Use Bylaw. Mr. Young shared his concerns with the term Substandard Lot, used within the Bylaw. Mr. Young also stated that he does not support the proposed motion that Council approve Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club (PPPC) funding request for facility development in the amount of \$300,000.

### [App 25-015](#)

9:30 a.m. Appointment - Hasse Lake Redevelopment Concept Plan Presentation  
John Buchko, Authenticity

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the Hasse Lake Redevelopment Concept Plan be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the Hasse Lake Redevelopment Concept Plan be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Legislative Matters**

### [BL 25-016](#)

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2025-07 - Road Closure - Sale (Meridian 5 Range 6 Township 52 Plan 822 1031)

#### **Proposed Motion**

1. That Bylaw 2025-07 receive first reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 9:59 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2025-07 - Road Closure - Sale (Meridian 5 Range 6 Township 52 Plan 822 1031), and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-07 - Road Closure - Sale (Meridian 5 Range 6 Township 52 Plan 822 1031).

Verbal Submissions  
None

Written Submissions  
None

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:09 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-07 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

## RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:11 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

### [BL 25-017](#)

Bylaw 2025-12 - Parkland County Land Use Bylaw

#### **Proposed Motions**

1. That Bylaw 2025-12 receive first reading.
2. That a Public Hearing be scheduled for April 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Parkland County Centre, Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-12.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that a Public Hearing be scheduled for April 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at Parkland County Centre, Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-12.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **Chief Operating Officer**

### [RFD 25-068](#)

Request for Cancellation of the May 6, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the May 6, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be cancelled, as presented.

**A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the May 6, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be cancelled, as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

[RFD 25-066](#)

Project Update Report - March 2025

**Proposed Motion**

That the Project Update Report - March 2025 be received for information, as presented.

**RECESS**

**Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.**

[RFD 25-066](#)

Project Update Report - March 2025

**Proposed Motion**

That the Project Update Report - March 2025 be received for information, as presented.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the Project Update Report - March 2025 be received for information, as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Community & Development Services**

[RFD 25-070](#)

Request for Decision Parkland Pickleheads, Pickleball Club (PPPC)

**Proposed Motion**

That Council approve Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club (PPPC) funding request for facility development in the amount of \$300,000.

**A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve Parkland Pickleheads Pickleball Club (PPPC) funding request for facility development in the amount of \$300,000.**

**The motion was defeated by the following vote:**

**Against:** 6 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Birnie, Council Member Wiedeman, Mayor Gamble and Council Member Kowalski

**COMMUNICATIONS**

[COM 25-029](#)

Proclamations - April 2025

**Proposed Motion**

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

Pitch-In Canada Week  
Earth Day  
National Volunteer Week  
International Day of Mourning

**A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the following proclamations for April 2025 be received for information:**

**Pitch-In Canada Week  
Earth Day  
National Volunteer Week  
International Day of Mourning**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

[COM 25-031](#)

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 Kucher-Johnson that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta newsletter be received for information, as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

[COM 25-032](#)

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 25-033](#)

Mayor's Report

**Proposed Motion**

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

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

- Acheson Business Association Annual General Meeting
- Public Committee Interview ALUS
- Fire Services Recruit Grad and Service Award
- Council Meeting Debrief – Land Use Bylaw
- Elected Officials Education Program Course
- Brownlee Event
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention
- Ministers Reception
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting, Regional Collaboration Meeting

- State of the Region
- Tri-Municipal Candidate Information Session
- Battle of the Badges

The motion carried unanimously.

#### [COM 25-034](#)

#### Committee Reports

#### **Proposed Motion**

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

**A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that the Committee Reports be received for information, as follows:**

##### **1. Council Member Birnie**

- Public Committee Member Interview for ALUS
- Agricultural Services Board Meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention
- Wabamun Museum Meeting

##### **2. Council Member Kowalski**

- Public Committee Member Interviews – ALUS
- Virtual Town Hall: The Edmonton Region's Trade Reality & Tariff Implications
- Fire Services 2024 Recruit Graduation and 2025 Service Award Ceremony
- Culinary Tasting Event – The Party Planners (Acheson)
- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance Joint Board & Technical Committee Meeting Planning
- Special Council Land Use Bylaw briefing
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention
- Brownlee Synergize Conference
- The Premier's Annual Leader's Dinner
- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance - Joint Committee Working Meeting
- Tri Region State of Region
- University of Alberta Botanical Garden Tea

##### **3. Council Member Kobasiuk**

- Fire Services graduating class
- Special Council Land Use Bylaw briefing
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention
- Brownlee Synergize Conference
- Tri Region State of Region
- Evergreens Seniors' Foundation Meeting

##### **4. Council Member Kucher-Johnson**

- Fire Services Graduation Ceremony
- Special Council Land Use Bylaw Briefing
- Tri-Leisure Centre Board Meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Convention
- Parkland County Library Board Meeting.
- Brownlee Synergize Conference
- River Valley Alliance Board Meeting
- Tri Region State of Region

The motion carried unanimously.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

**Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 12:08 p.m.**

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**Mayor**

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**Manager, Legislative Services**