



# 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 11, 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 (In-part)

Brian Cornforth, Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services (In-part)

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

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

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

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

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services

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

## CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Mayor Gamble welcomed Council Member Wiedeman as the new Deputy Mayor and thanked Council Member Kowalski for serving as Deputy Mayor for the last 4 months.

Jeff Dyck, Chief Operating Officer, was very excited to share that Parkland County has received the Canadian award for Financial Reporting from the Government of Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada towards Annual Financial Reporting.

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer, proudly acknowledged that Parkland County participated in Employee Appreciation Day. Throughout the week employees were given an opportunity to submit STARS awards to acknowledge their fellow employees for a job well done. Parkland County received a total of 1237 STAR Awards for the week.

Council Member Birnie wanted to acknowledge Council Member Kowalski for completing her Administrative Justice Course.

## INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kowalski offered a short inspirational reflection.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the March 11, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as amended, with the following items added:

- Item 6.A.1. - Wabamun Community Association

The motion carried unanimously.

## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### [MIN 25-011](#)

Adoption of the February 25, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

#### **Proposed Motion**

That the February 25, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the February 25, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

## DELEGATIONS

[App 25-014](#)

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.

Jason Doucette, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to rezoning and restructuring in the Acheson area.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Corporate Services Matters

[RFD 25-053](#)

Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board - Appointment of Parkland County as Trustee

#### **Proposed Motion**

That Parkland County advise the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) that it is prepared to act as trustee for the EMRB's assets and custodian of the EMRB's records post-dissolution, on terms and conditions agreeable to the parties, effective April 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that Parkland County advise the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board (EMRB) that it is prepared to act as trustee for the EMRB's assets and custodian of the EMRB's records post-dissolution, on terms and conditions agreeable to the parties, effective April 1, 2025.

The motion carried unanimously.

## RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:27 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

## DELEGATIONS

[BL 25-012](#)

9:30 am Public Hearing- Bylaw 2025-05 Acheson Industrial Area Structure Plan Amendment

#### **Proposed Motion**

1. That Bylaw 2025-05 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-05 receive third reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 9:33 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2025-05 - Acheson Industrial Area Structure Plan Amendment, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-05 - Acheson Industrial Area Structure Plan Amendment.

**Verbal Submissions**

1. Holly Mikkelsen, Principal Planner, Planning Lead, Stantec
2. Joseph Shovelin, Co-founder and CEO of Beacon AI Centers
3. Bonnie Goodwin, Parkland County resident
4. Louise Alchurch, Brazeau County, Metis Citizen

**Written Submissions**

None

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:21 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-05 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2025-05 receive third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:24 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

**[BL 25-013](#)**

10:00 am Public Hearing- Bylaw 2025-06 Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18- Redistricting

**Proposed Motion**

1. That Bylaw 2025-06 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-06 receive third reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 10:40 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2025-06 - Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 - Redistricting, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-06 - Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 - Redistricting.

**Verbal Submissions**

1. Holly Mikkelsen, Principal Planner, Planning Lead, Stantec
2. Joseph Shovelin, Co-founder and CEO of Beacon AI Centers
3. Bonnie Goodwin, Parkland County resident
4. Tammy Smith, Parkland County resident

**Written Submissions**

None

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:59 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Bylaw 2025-06 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-06 receive third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

10:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2025-04-Amending Fire Services Bylaw 2023-17

#### **Proposed Motions**

1. That Bylaw 2025-04 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-04 receive third reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 11:02 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2025-04 - Amending Fire Services Bylaw 2023-17, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-04 - Amending Fire Services Bylaw 2023-17.

#### **Verbal Submissions**

1. Aleem Kanji - not present

#### **Written Submissions**

None

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 11:05 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-04 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2025-04 receive third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:06 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

[BL 25-014](#)

11:00 am Public Hearing - Bylaw 2025-08 - Highvale End Land Use Direct Control District Regulations

**Proposed Motion**

1. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive third reading.

**Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 11:16 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2025-08 - Highvale End Land Use Direct Control District Regulations, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.**

**Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-08 - Highvale End Land Use Direct Control District Regulations.**

**Verbal Submissions**

1. John McNab, Designated Director for Committee on Keephills Environment
2. Joanne Vanderwell, Parkland County resident
3. Peter Willott, Parkland County resident
4. Craig Merrills, Parkland County resident

**RECESS**

**Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:28 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 12:41 p.m.**

[BL 25-014](#)

11:00 am Public Hearing - Bylaw 2025-08 - Highvale End Land Use Direct Control District Regulations

**Proposed Motion**

1. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive third reading.

**Verbal Submissions**

5. Sue Styles, Board Chair of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council
6. Neil Fleming, Director of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council
7. Dennis Thomas, Director of the Wabamun Watershed Management Council, attended virtually
8. Logan Hiatt, Michelle Hiatt and family, Parkland County residents
9. Jeremy Cooper, Parkland County resident
10. Kasara Cooper, Parkland County resident
11. Tammi Lee, Parkland County resident
12. Greg Robins, Parkland County resident

**Written Submissions**

1. Amanda Wall, Parkland County resident
2. Stewart and Irene Vanderwell, Parkland County resident
3. Gordon Blake, Parkland County resident

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 1:54 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

[BL 25-014](#)

11:00 am Public Hearing - Bylaw 2025-08 - Highvale End Land Use Direct Control District Regulations

**Proposed Motion**

1. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive third reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that a Special Council meeting be scheduled on March 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Parkland County Council Chambers for the purpose of Public Hearing for Bylaw 2025-08.

The motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:03 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS****Mayor and Council Member Matters**[RFD 25-069](#)

Wabamun Community Association

**Proposed Motion**

That administration be directed to plan a meeting in Wabamun at Jubilee Hall on April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of bringing the community together to establish a Community Association.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that administration be directed to plan a meeting in Wabamun at Jubilee Hall on April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of bringing the community together to establish a Community Association.

The motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**[COM 25-025](#)

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 25-026](#)

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 25-027](#)

Mayor's Report

**Proposed Motion**

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

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

- Faith Breakfast
- Edmonton Global – Strategy Review
- Alberta Budget with Premier Smith – Acheson Supreme Steel
- Elected Officials Education Program Course Service Delivery
- SMR Canada Summit – Strathcona County
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting with CEO and Vice Chair – Dissolution update
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-028](#)

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 Kucher-Johnson
  - Tri-Regional Faith breakfast
  - SMR Canada Summit Conference
  - Alberta Municipal Leader Conference
  - Attended the GraceLife Church Appeal
2. Council Member Kobasiuk
  - Tri-Regional Faith breakfast
  - SMR Canada Summit Conference
  - ABMunis Spring Update
  - RCMP K Division tour Real Time Operations Centre
3. Council Member Wiedeman
  - Tri-Regional Faith breakfast



- Meridian Board Meeting
- Elected Officials Education Program
- Acheson Pod Cast
- SMR Canada Summit Conference
- Met with parties related to data center project
- ABMunis Spring Update
- Meeting in Wabamun regarding Community Association
- Meeting with Rate Payer – Wabamun
- Bright Bank Community Supper
- Deputy Mayor Meeting

**4. Council Member Kowalski**

- Tri-Regional Faith breakfast
- Edmonton Global Strategy Review Shareholder Consultation Session
- Acheson Business Association – Premier Budget Review
- SMR Canada Summit Conference
- ABMunis Spring Update
- Yellowhead Regional Library Board of Trustees Meeting

**5. Council Member Birnie**

- SMR Canada Summit Conference
- RCMP K Division Real Time Operations Tour

The motion carried unanimously.

## CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 25-056](#)

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 17, 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council convene in closed session at 3:09 p.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 17, 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

[PRE 25-021](#)

Council Code of Conduct Matter  
FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy  
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials  
FOIP Section 27 - Legal Privilege

[RFD 25-060](#)

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 3:33 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

## RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 3:33 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

### [PRE 25-021](#)

Council Code of Conduct Matter  
FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy  
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials  
FOIP Section 27 - Legal Privilege

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that the Code of Conduct matters on the agenda be tabled to the regular meeting of Council on April 22, 2025.

The motion carried by the following vote:

- For:** 4 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Mayor Gamble
- Against:** 2 - Council Member Birnie and Council Member Kowalski

## CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager, Legislative Services