



## Meeting Minutes

### Council

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

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### Budget Presentations

#### CALL TO ORDER/TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*Council Member Wiedeman attended the meeting virtually.*

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 recognize that we are on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional lands of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Dene and Nakota Sioux Nations. We acknowledge all the First Nations, Metis and Inuit, whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.

**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:

Jeff Dyck, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
Dave Cross, General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services  
Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services  
Craig Froehlich, Interim General Manager Corporate & Shared Services  
Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services (In-part)  
Brian Cornforth, Fire Chief (In-part)  
Robert Malchow, Deputy Fire Chief, Strategic Services (In-part)  
Karen Clark, Manager, Emergency Communications Services (In-part)  
Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture & Environment Services (In-part)  
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)  
Geoff Heritage, Director, Enforcement Services (In-part)  
Simon Yackulic, Director, Communications & Customer Service (In-part)  
Ric Gibbons, Chief Information Officer (In-part)  
Dawn Jenkins, Programs and Services Manager (In-part)  
Lisa Chomyn, Service Management Lead (In-part)  
Michelle Kirchmayer, Director, Assessment, Tax & Financial Systems (In-part)  
Darvin Evans, Chief Assessor (In-part)

Carolyn Zenko, Interim Director, Finance (In-part)  
Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services (In-part)  
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative and Legal Services  
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative and Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the November 19, 2024 Budget Presentations Agenda be adopted, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

[App 24-072](#) 2025 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services

Administration presented the 2025 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services as follows:

- Fire Services
- Agriculture & Environment Services

*Council Member Kowalski left the meeting at 9:28 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:31 a.m.*

*Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 9:52 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 10:12 a.m.*

## RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

[App 24-072](#) 2025 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services

Administration presented the 2025 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services budget as follows:

- Community Services
- Enforcement Services

## RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:08 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

[App 24-073](#) 2025 Budget Corporate and Shared Services

Administration presented the 2025 Budget Corporate and Shared Services budget as follows:

- Legislative & Legal Services
- Communications & Customer Service
- Technology & Digital Services

*Council Member Wiedeman left the meeting at 11:36 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:40 a.m.*

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

[App 24-073](#)

2025 Budget Corporate and Shared Services

Administration presented the 2025 Budget Corporate and Shared Services budget as follows:

- Assessment & Tax Services
- Finance

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 1:30 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

**CLOSING COMMENTS**

[RFD 24-315](#)

Budget Matter

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that administration be directed to defer the Storm Water Master Plan, Storm Water Bylaw and the associated FTE with a tax impact of \$304,500 to be included in the 2026 budget.

*Council Member Kobasiuk left the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 2:19 p.m.*

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:07 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

[RFD 24-316](#) 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 23 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council convene in Closed Session at 2:20 p.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 23 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The motion carried unanimously.**

[PRE 24-106](#) Budget Matters  
FOIP Section 23 - Local public body confidences  
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

[RFD 24-317](#) 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 2:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:28 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

[RFD 24-315](#) Budget Matter

An amending motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the word "defer" be removed and replaced with "include" and that "2026" be replaced with "2025," and that the motion now read: "That administration be directed to include the Storm Water Master Plan, Storm Water Bylaw and the associated FTE with a tax impact of \$304,500 to be included in the 2025 budget." The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gamble called on the original motion by Council Member Kucher-Johnson as amended, that administration be directed to include the Storm Water Master Plan, Storm Water Bylaw and the associated FTE with a tax impact of \$304,500 to be included in the 2025 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 24-318](#)

Budget Matter

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that administration be directed to defer the \$400,000 restricted surplus transfer for Trail Development until Council approves administration's Trail Implementation Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 24-319](#)

Budget Matter

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that Council direct administration to convert the Temporary Development Officer to a permanent position with a tax impact of \$9,800 in the 2025 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 24-320](#)

Budget Matter

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that Council direct administration to increase each elected official's 2025 mileage budget by \$1,000 to reflect 2024 expenditures. The motion carried unanimously.

**RECESS**

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:45 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

*Council Member Wiedeman left the meeting due to virtual connectivity at 2:45 p.m.*

**Present:** 5 - Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Natalie Birnie, Mayor Allan Gamble and Council Member Kristina Kowalski

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Rob Wiedeman

[RFD 24-321](#)

Budget Matter

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that Council direct administration to reduce the budget by \$320,300 through the following:

1. Increasing projected Licenses and Permits revenue - Planning & Development Services by \$100,000.
2. Decreasing Transfer to Restricted Surplus – Fleet by \$47,700 and Recreation by \$47,600.
3. Utilize \$125,000 of County Facilities Restricted Surplus to fund the Agriculture & Environment Services Chemical Storage Building.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 24-322](#)

Cancellation of the November 20, 2024 - 2025 Council Budget Presentations

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the scheduled November 20, 2024 - 2025 Council Budget Presentations be cancelled, being that the 2025 Council Budget Presentations have concluded on November 18 and 19, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

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Mayor

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Manager, Legislative Services