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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 13, 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 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: 5 - Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Natalie Birnie, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Mayor Allan Gamble

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kristina Kowalski

Council Member Kowalski attend the meeting virtually at 9:01 a.m.

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

Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services

Brian Cornforth, Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services

Craig Froehlich, Director, Finance (In-part)

Ashley Pifko, Senior Financial Analyst (In-part)

Aimy Harris, Financial Analyst III - Budget (In-part)

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

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

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

Natasha De Sandi, Senior Planner, Planning Coordination (In-part)

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

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

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

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

Jim Wood, Development Coordination Specialist (In-part)

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services

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

Deborah Crowder, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Brian Cornforth, Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services, complimented the crews from Fire Services for a job well done on putting out the wildfires last week. Brian Cornforth also welcomed Charlene Hebert who accepted the FireSmart Award for Century Gates Subdivision. This is the first FireSmart recognized neighbourhood in Parkland County.

Council Member Kobasiuk wanted to congratulate the "all female pot hole repair crew" that is currently doing pot hole repairs in Division 3. Council Member Kobasiuk wanted to compliment that crew, as they do a terrific job.

Council Member Wiedeman wanted to compliment the Fire Services Crew that responded to the wildfire in Duffield last week.

Council Member Kucher-Johnson wanted to acknowledge the Fire Services Crews that responded to a fire in Division 1 last week. There was a large structure fire and the fire was put out in a couple hours. A big thank you to Parkland County Fire Services, Devon Fire Services, Stony Plain Fire Services and Leduc County Fire Services.

Council Member Birnie wanted to commend the FireSmart Program and reminded the residents that it is available to everyone.

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kucher-Johnson offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the May 13, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as amended, with the following items added:

- Item 6.D.2 - 2025 TransAlta Linear Appeal Intervenor Status
- Item 11 - Closed Session - 1:00 p.m. Appointment - Growth & Strategy Update

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-019](#)

Adoption of the April 22, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the April 22, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the April 22, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-034](#)

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.

Pastor Brian Coldwell, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to Off-Site Levies, and his Development Permits for the Church and Christian School.

Brian Jackson, Parkland County resident, came forward to present concerns related to the increase of lake activity impacting the local area.

Floyd Young, Parkland County resident, would like to thank Council Members, Administration and the Planning and Development Department for listening to the concerns of the residents regarding the Land Use Bylaw.

[App 25-036](#)

9:30 a.m. Appointment - Town of Stony Plain - Recreation Facility Update
William Choy, Mayor
Tom Goulden, Chief Administrative Officer

Proposed Motion

That the Town of Stony Plain Recreation Facility Update presentation be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the Town of Stony Plain Recreation Facility Update presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:01 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Matters

[BL 25-023](#)

Bylaw 2025-13 - Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-13 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-13 receive second reading.
3. That Bylaw 2025-13 be presented at this meeting for third reading.
4. That Bylaw 2025-13 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-13 receive first reading.

Council Member Kobasiuk replaced the motion that Bylaw 2025-13 receive first reading, with the following motion:

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-13 be tabled to the June 24, 2025 Council Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Administrative Officer

[RFD 25-106](#)

Sturgeon County's Mayor's Golf Tournament Registration

Proposed Motion

That Council accept Councillor Kobasiuk's request to register for the Sturgeon County Mayor's Golf Tournament to be held on June 19th, 2025, at a cost of \$299.00 from Division 3 Community Relations Budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council accept Councillor Kobasiuk's request to register for the Sturgeon County Mayor's Golf Tournament to be held on June 19th, 2025, at a cost of \$299.00 from Division 3 Community Relations Budget.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Operating Officer**RFD 25-102**

2026 Budget Philosophy, Tax Rate Target and Five-Year Financial Plan

Proposed Motions

1. That the 2026 Budget Philosophy be approved, as presented.
2. That the Five-Year Financial Plan be received as information, as presented.

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that the 2026 Budget Philosophy be approved, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the Five-Year Financial Plan be received as information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RFD 25-115

2025 TransAlta Linear Appeal Intervenor Status

Proposed Motion(s)

That Council authorize Parkland County to become an intervenor before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal in relation to the TransAlta Linear Property Assessment Complaint number L25/TRAN/WILS-0.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council authorize Parkland County to become an intervenor before the Land and Property Rights Tribunal in relation to the TransAlta Linear Property Assessment Complaint number L25/TRAN/WILS-0.

The motion carried unanimously.

Operation Services**RFD 25-093**

Appointment of 2025 Weed and Pest Inspectors

Proposed Motion

That Council appoint the listed inspectors for the year 2025 pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Weed Control Act and Section 10(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council appoint the listed inspectors for the year 2025 pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Weed Control Act and Section 10(1) of the Agricultural Pests Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS**COM 25-047**

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 25-048

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 25-049

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:

- X Energy Introduction SMR
- Anohka Distillery Meeting
- Science Fair Judging – Holy Trinity Catholic Church
- Acheson Business Association Meeting with Cam Milliken and Jennifer Herrick
- National Volunteer Appreciation Event – Heritage Park
- Pioneer Museum Civic Lunch
- Century Gates Community Fire Smart Accreditation Event
- Skydancer Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People
- Little Warriors Be Brave Luncheon – Edmonton Convention Centre
- Minister Schultz – Wabamun Projects
- Convoy Supply Grand Opening – Acheson
- Edmonton Airports Annual Appointers and Public Event – NAIT
- Heavy Metal Place – Grand Opening
- Darkness into Light Suicide Awareness Event – Edmonton
- Tri-Municipal Emergency Preparedness Day Event – Stony Plain
- Heavy Metal Place – Grand Opening Public Event
- Developer Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-050](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

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

1. Council Member Kowalski

- Land Use Bylaw Public Hearing
- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance
- Volunteer of the Year Event - Wabamun
- Yellowhead Regional Library HQ Trustee Tour
- Parkland Village Meeting
- Foundation of Administrative Justice Graduation
- Parkland Big Lake Community Association – land matter meeting
- Pioneer Museum Civic Lunch
- Century Gates – Fire Smart Community Awards
- Community meeting – Wastewater lagoon usage
- Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's Conference
- Convoy Supply – Grand Opening
- Agricultural Services Board Meeting
- Yellowhead Region Library Executive Meeting
- Yellowhead Region Library Finance Committee Meeting

2. Council Member Birnie

- Ride Along with Enforcement – Constable Sarah Madore
- Wabamun Museum Meeting
- Wild Water Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting
- Agricultural Services Board Meeting
- Wabamun Museum Meeting

3. Council Member Wiedeman

- Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association's Conference
- Pioneer Museum Meeting
- Century Gates
- Cyber Security Training
- MDP on line, rate payer discussions re: taxes
- Meeting with Minister Schultz
- Convoy opening Acheson
- Heavy Metal Place Opening
- Wabamun, Trestle Creek, Gainford
- Meridian Strategic Planning

4. Council Member Kobasiuk

- Villeneuve Airport Annual General Meeting
- Volunteer of the Year - Wabamun
- Tri Region National Volunteer Week
- Parkland Pioneer Museum Civic Lunch
- Skydancer Dianne Melli YWCA Distinction
- Century Gates Firesmart achievement
- Multiculture Centre fundraiser
- Crime Prevention (ACCPA) workshop

- Edmonton International Airport Annual General Meeting
- Spruce Grove Heavy Metal opening
- resident meeting re subdivision deb

5. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- RMA Risk Pro conference
- River Valley Alliance Annual General Meeting
- Volunteer of the year event at Jubilee Hall in Wabamun
- Parkland County Library tour
- Pioneer Museum Civic lunch
- Century Gate certificate presentation by Parkland County's FireSmart program
- Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association
- Heavy Metal Place Opening
- Tri Municipal Emergency Preparedness Day at Stony Plain Town Hall

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 25-100](#)

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 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 11:23 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:23 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Kristina Kowalski

Council Member Kowalski attended the meeting virtually at 11:40 a.m.

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

[PRE 25-041](#)

Nature Policy Framework Part 2
Guy Greenaway, Executive Director, Corvus Centre
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials
FOIP Section 27 - Legal privilege

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

Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 11:53 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

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

[RFD 25-101](#)

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 12:35 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 25-041](#)

Nature Policy Framework Part 2
Guy Greenaway, Executive Director, Corvus Centre
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials
FOIP Section 27 - Legal privilege

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that administration be directed to bring the Nature Policy Framework and policies to the June 10, 2025 Council meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:36 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Present: 4 - Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Mayor Allan Gamble

Absent: 2 - Council Member Natalie Birnie and Council Member Kristina Kowalski

[RFD 25-118](#)

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 1:03 p.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.

[PRE 25-046](#)

1:00 p.m. Appointment - Growth & Strategy Matter
FOIP Section 16 - Harmful to business interests of third party
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

Council Member Kowalski returned to the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

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

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 1:58 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

[PRE 25-043](#)

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

[RFD 25-108](#)

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 3:12 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services