



Meeting Minutes

Council

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

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

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 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

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

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Cross, General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services
Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services
Jeff Dyck, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services
Tasha Blumenthal, General Manager, Development Services
Geoff Heritage, Director, Enforcement Services
Dawna Woytowich, Municipal Land Specialist, Planning & Development Services
Craig Froehlich, Director, Finance
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services
Odessa Bartel, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Wiedeman offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 24-001](#)

Adoption of the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the January 9, 2024 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the January 23, 2024 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as amended, with the following items added:

- Item 6.A.4 - Code of Conduct Letter

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 24-000](#)

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

Mayor Gamble asked the gallery if there were any issues that the public wishes to bring to the attention of Parkland County.

Gordon Janssen, came forward to present information regarding the reclamation of Whitewood Mine Lands.

Council Member Kowalski joined the meeting virtually at 9:07 a.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

Absent: 1 - Council Member Natalie Birnie

[App 24-000](#)

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

Gordon Janssen concluded his presentation to Council regarding the reclamation of the Whitewood Mine Lands.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[RFD 24-007](#)

Whitewood Mine Lands

Proposed Motion

That administration be directed to report to Council on the Whitewood Mine lands north of the Hamlet of Wabamun on the North Side of highway 16.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that administration be directed open up talks about Parkland County acquiring the Whitewood Mine lands north of the Hamlet of Wabamun on the north side of Highway 16 and report to Council.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[BL 24-003](#)

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2023-19 - Community Standards

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive third and final reading.

Administration provided an introduction for the Public Hearing of Bylaw 2023-19 - Community Standards.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:28 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

DELEGATIONS

[BL 24-003](#)

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2023-19 - Community Standards

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive third and final reading.

Mayor Gamble called the public hearing to order at 9:39 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2023-18, and explained the process of the public hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2023-19.

Verbal Submissions:

No verbal submissions.

Written Submissions:

No written submissions.

Mayor Gamble closed the public hearing at 9:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2023-19 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2023-19 section 54 be amended by deleting the words "...in a residential area during the night-time" from section 54 (4); and add to section 54 the words "during the night-time" before the words "no person shall operate:", so that section 54 now reads "During the Night-time, no person shall operate:...".

The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Birnie joined the meeting virtually at 9:54 a.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Natalie Birnie, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

[BL 24-003](#)

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2023-19 - Community Standards

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk That Bylaw 2023-19 be amended by adding the heading "Disposal of Deceased Livestock" after section 78; and

add section 79 (1), the definition of "Farm" means an area of land and its buildings used for growing crops and rearing animals; and,

add section 79 (2), the definition of "Livestock", also known as "Farm Animals", means domesticated animals raised by humans for food, fiber, draft, and pleasure. This category of animal includes but is not limited to cattle, bison, sheep, swine, goats, horses, donkeys, mules, ostriches, emus, lamas, ratites and does not include dogs or cats; and,

delete the definition of "Residential Parcel" from section 2(27) and renumbering sections 2(28) to 2(30) to be 2(27) to 2(29); and,

add section 79(3), the definition of "Residential Parcel" means a parcel of land outside of a multiparcel residential subdivision, four point one hectares (ten acres) in size or less, which has been created for, or is being principally used

for residential purposes; and,

add section 80, the disposal of deceased Livestock on a Farm or Residential Parcel shall follow the conditions set out in the Alberta Disposal of Dead Animals Regulation, RSA 132 / 2014; and,

add section 81, no person shall bury deceased Livestock in any multiparcel residential subdivision; and,

that sections 79-81 be renumbered to be sections 82-84.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kowalski, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Council Member Hoefsloot

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Birnie

Councillor Birnie abstained from voting pursuant to section 184 (a) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26.

[BL 24-003](#)

9:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2023-19 - Community Standards

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-19 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Hoefsloot that Bylaw 2023-19 receive third and final reading, as amended.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

For: 6 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kowalski, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Council Member Hoefsloot

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Birnie

Councillor Birnie abstained from voting pursuant to section 184 (a) of the Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c M-26.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[RFD 24-005](#)

Proposed 2024-2025 Council Committee Work Plans
Agriculture Service Board (ASB), Community Sustainability Committee
(CSC), Economic Diversification Committee (EDC)

Proposed Motion

That the 2024-2025 Agricultural Service Board, Community Sustainability
Committee and Economic Diversification Committee Work Plans be
approved, as presented.

**A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the 2024-2025
Agricultural Service Board, Community Sustainability Committee and
Economic Diversification Committee Work Plans be approved, as presented.**

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m., and reconvened the
meeting at 10:22 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[RFD 24-004](#)

Request to Schedule Council Strategic Planning Meeting on March 6 and 7,
2024

Proposed Motion

That Council schedule a Strategic Planning meeting to be held on March 6
and 7, 2024, as presented.

**A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council schedule a
Strategic Planning meeting to be held on March 6 and 7, 2024, as presented.**

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 24-016](#)

Code of Conduct - January 16, 2024 Letter

**A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the January 16,
2024 Code of Conduct letter be referred to Council for discussion and any other
action as required.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the Code of Conduct -
January 16, 2024 be tabled to the second week of February 2024.**

The motion failed by the following vote:

For: 2 - Council Member Kowalski and Council Member Birnie

Against: 5 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Council Member Hoefsloot

Mayor Gamble called on the original motion made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the January 16, 2024 Code of Conduct letter be referred to Council for discussion and any other action as required.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Council Member Hoefsloot

Against: 2 - Council Member Kowalski and Council Member Birnie

A motion was made that Council hold a Special Council Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 26, 2024 to discuss the Council Code of Conduct Letter.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Council Member Hoefsloot

Against: 2 - Council Member Kowalski and Council Member Birnie

Legislative Matters

[BL 23-042](#)

Bylaw 2024-04- Text Amendment to Bylaw 2023-15 Use of County Land

Proposed Motion

1. That Bylaw 2024-04 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2024-04 receive second reading.
3. That Bylaw 2024-04 be presented at this meeting for third reading.
4. That Bylaw 2024-04 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2024-04 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Hoefsloot that Bylaw 2024-04 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-04 be presented at this meeting for third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2024-04 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 24-002](#)

Bylaw 2024-05 - Amending Bylaw 2023-11 - 2024 Fees and Charges

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2024-05 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2024-05 receive second reading.
3. That Bylaw 2024-05 be presented at this meeting for third reading.
4. That Bylaw 2024-05 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2024-05 receive first reading, as amended as follows:

That Schedule F.2 – Community Standards Bylaw Penalties be amended by adding after offense section 79, the heading Disposal of Deceased Livestock; and adding section 80 – failure to appropriately dispose of livestock (minimum penalty \$1,000.00/specified penalty \$3,000.00); and adding section 81 – bury deceased livestock in multiparcel subdivision (minimum penalty \$1,000.00/specified penalty \$3,000.00); and

that the formatting be edited as required on schedules.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Hoefsloot that Bylaw 2024-05 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:47 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Matters

[BL 24-002](#)

Bylaw 2024-05 - Amending Bylaw 2023-11 - 2024 Fees and Charges

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2024-05 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2024-05 receive second reading.
3. That Bylaw 2024-05 be presented at this meeting for third reading.
4. That Bylaw 2024-05 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-05 be presented at this meeting for third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-05 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

Absent: 1 - Council Member Natalie Birnie

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 24-004](#) Proclamations - February 2024

Proposed Motion

That the following proclamation for February 2024 be received for information:

World Interfaith Harmony Week

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the following proclamation for February 2024 be received for information:

World Interfaith Harmony Week

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-000](#) Mayor's Report

Proposed Motion

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

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

- Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
- Planning Engagement Session (BRR) in the Hamlet of Wabamun
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board 5 Year Growth Plan Interim Review Task Force Meeting
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Urban Development Institute (UDI) Lunch at the Royal Glenora
- Pembina River District 3 Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-001](#) 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:

Council Member Hoefsloot
- No update

Council Member Kobasiuk

- Community Sustainability Committee Meeting
- Pembina Zone District 3 Meeting

Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- Parkland County Library Board Meeting
- Pioneer Museum Society Meeting
- River Valley Alliance Meeting
- Pembina Zone District 3 Meeting

Council Member Wiedeman

- Pembina Zone District 3 Meeting
- Complete ICD Course
- Wabamun Lake Stewardship Meeting
- River Valley Alliance Meeting
- Wabamun Watershed Meeting
- Parkland County Library Board Meeting
- CBC Interview regarding Coal Transition

Council Member Kowalski

- Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing
- Economic Diversification Committee Meeting
- Urban Development Institute Lunch
- Pembina Zone District 3 Meeting

On behalf of Council, Deputy Mayor Kobasiuk, acknowledged the passing of Mr. Peter Bakker, former Councillor, and recognize the contributions he made in the County.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-002](#)

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 Hoefsloot that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta newsletter be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-003](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services