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Meeting Minutes

Council

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

Tuesday, October 8, 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 the homeland of the many diverse First Nations and Metis people whose ancestors have walked this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to work, live, and learn on the traditional territory of Treaty 6.

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

Administration:

Jeff Dyck, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Cross, General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services
Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services
Craig Froehlich, Interim General Manager Corporate & Shared Services
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)
Ric Gibbons, Chief Information Officer (In-part)
Lisa Chomyn, Service Management Lead (In-part)
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kobasiuk offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the October 8, 2024 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 24-033](#)

Adoption of the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the September 24, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the September 24, 2024 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 24-058](#)

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. No one came forward.

Agriculture, Community and Protective Services Matters

[RFD 24-269](#)

2025 Recreation and Culture Capital Cost Share Request

Proposed Motions

1. That Council approve up to \$115,856 for the City of Spruce Grove's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.
2. That Council approve up to \$36,330 for the Town of Stony Plain's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.
3. That Council approve up to \$16,673 for the Town of Devon's County's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.
4. That Council approve up to \$45,000 for Yellowhead County's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve up to \$115,856 for the City of Spruce Grove's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve up to \$36,330 for the Town of Stony Plain's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council approve up to \$16,673 for the Town of Devon County's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council approve up to \$45,000 for Yellowhead County's 2025 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 24-085](#)

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 24-086](#)

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 Kobasiuk that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities update be received for information, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-087](#)

Mayor's Report

Proposed Motion

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

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

- Grand Opening of Concordia University in Edmonton
- Acheson Business Association Gala
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Heritage Park Stony Plain and Horizon Stage Spruce Grove
- Canadian Finals Rodeo Reception Edmonton
- Westview Health Foundation 40 Year Anniversary Stony Plain
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Audit and Finance Committee Meeting by Zoom
- Canadian Finals Rodeo Event Rogers Place Explore Edmonton
- Edmonton Global Virtual Town Hall
- Kiwi Nurseries Halloween Event Parkland County
- Golf Biz Grand Opening Stony Plain
- Nomadic Networks Connectivity Opportunities in Parkland County
- Pembina River District 3 Meeting
- Pembina Zone MLA Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-088](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

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

1. Council Member Kowalski

- Agricultural Service Board Meeting
- North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance Meeting
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta Zone Meeting

2. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- Alberta Municipal Convention
- Acheson Business Association Gala
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Heritage Park
- Westview Health Foundation 40th Anniversary
- Stronger Together Library Conference
- Stony Plain Recreation Centre groundbreaking event
- Pembina District Meeting

3. Council Member

- Westview Foundation 40th Anniversary
- Sturgeon Mayor's open house/address
- Stony Plain Recreation Facility sod turning
- Kiwi Nursery Halloween Event
- Green Acres Workshop/Land Stewardship Centre
- Pembina Zone Meeting

4. Council Member Wiedeman

- Seba Beach Developer Meeting
- Meeting with a resident in Wabamun
- Alberta Municipalities 2024 Convention and Trade Show
- Whitewood Sands Discussion
- Acheson Business Association Gala
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION[RFD 24-277](#)

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 21 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 9:23 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure

by Sections 21 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:24 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

[PRE 24-088](#)

Information Services
FOIP Section 21 - Harmful to intergovernmental relations
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

[RFD 24-278](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council revert to regular meeting session at 10:11 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:11 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Administrative Officer

[RFD 24-275](#)

Wireless Internet Rebate Program - Broadband Operating Project

Proposed Motion

1. That Administration be directed to reinstate the program to supply a rebate for equipment and installation fees to enable access to high-speed wireless internet service for qualified ratepayers
2. That Council approve funding for up to \$103,000 from the Rural Communications Network Lifecycle Restricted Surplus

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Administration be directed to reinstate the program to supply a rebate for equipment and installation fees to enable access to high-speed wireless internet service for qualified ratepayers. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve funding for up to \$103,000 from the Rural Communications Network Lifecycle Restricted Surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services