



Parkland County

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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, October 24, 2023

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

VISION

Parkland County: gifted by nature, inspired by innovation, powerfully connected, and home to opportunity.

CALL TO ORDER/TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Gamble called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 Cree, Dene Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux Nations and members of the Metis Nation of Alberta, Inuit and all First Nations sharing 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: 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

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer (In-part)
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 (In-part)
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)
Nancy Domijan, Director, Planning and Development Services (In-part)
Dawna Woytowich, Municipal Land Specialist (In-part)

Michelle Kirchmayer, Director, Assessment, Tax and Financial Systems (In-part)
Brian Cornforth, Fire Chief (In-part)
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)
Odessa Bartel, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services (In-part)

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the new General Manager to Parkland County. Parkland County welcomed Tasha Blumenthal, General Manager of Development Services.

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kucher-Johnson offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the October 10, 2023 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 23-037](#)

Adoption of the October 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the October 10, 2023 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the October 10, 2023 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 23-074](#)

10:05 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.

- Aleem Kanji, attended virtually to present concerns related to 2023-17 Fire Services Bylaw.
- Floyd Young, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to 2024 Recreation and Culture Capital Cost Share Request.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:26 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

[BL 23-027](#)

10:30 a.m. - Public Hearing
Bylaw 2023-16 - Parks Bylaw

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-16 receive second reading
2. That Bylaw 2023-16 receive third and final reading

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 10:32 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2023-16, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2023-16.

Verbal Submissions

No verbal submissions presented.

Written Submissions

No written submissions presented.

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 11:09 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2023-16 receive second reading.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

[BL 23-027](#)

10:30 a.m. - Public Hearing
Bylaw 2023-16 - Parks Bylaw

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-16 receive second reading
2. That Bylaw 2023-16 receive third and final reading

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie to amend Bylaw 2023-16 to move Section 9 that reads: "No person shall defecate or urinate in a Park except in designated facilities: to the end of the Safe and Courteous Behaviour section and to renumber previous sections accordingly. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie to amend Bylaw 2023-16 Section 17(2) to add: "within the parameters of the approved permit" to the end of the sentence, and that it now reads: "An event with a Permit for the consumption of alcohol within the parameters of the approved permit." The motion was defeated by the following vote:

For: 3 - Council Member Kowalski, Council Member Birnie and Council Member Wiedeman

Against: 4 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk and Council Member Hoefsloot

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie to amend Bylaw 2023-16 Section 29 to add: "with the exception of certified partner dogs accompanying people with disabilities" after the word responsible, so that it now reads: "Unless otherwise allowed by the Bylaw no person shall allow any animal under their control, or for which they are responsible, with the exception of certified partner dogs accompanying people with disabilities to be in a park, including but not limited to:...". The motion was defeated by the following vote:

For: 1 - Council Member Birnie

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

Mayor Gamble called on the original motion that Bylaw 2023-16 receive second reading, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2023-16 receive third and final reading, and that it be declared finally passed. The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 23-026](#)

11:30 a.m. Public Hearing
Bylaw 2023-15 Unauthorized Use of County Land

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-15 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-15 receive third and final reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 11:38 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2023-15, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2023-15.

Verbal Submissions

1. Tina Bichel
2. Floyd Young

Written Submissions

1. Tina Bichel presented a handout that was referred to in her Verbal Submissions.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:45 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

[BL 23-026](#)

11:30 a.m. Public Hearing
Bylaw 2023-15 Unauthorized Use of County Land

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-15 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2023-15 receive third and final reading.

Mayor Gamble reconvened the Public Hearing at 11:55 a.m.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2023-15.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the Public Hearing be adjourned to November 28, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 12:42 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:42 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Council Member Kowalski and Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

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

[App 23-075](#)

1:00 p.m. - Appointment
Town of Stony Plain - Recreation Facility Update
William Choy, Mayor, Town of Stony Plain
Tom Goulden, Town Manager, Town of Stony Plain

Proposed Motion

That the Town of Stony Plain's recreation facility update be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council member Kobasiuk that the Town of Stony Plain's recreation facility update be received for information, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Legislative Matters

[BL 23-029](#)

Bylaw 2023-17 Fire Services

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2023-17 receive first reading.
2. That a public hearing be scheduled on November 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at Parkland County Center, Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2023-17.

A motion was made by Council Member Hoefsloot that Bylaw 2023-17 receive first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that a Public Hearing be

scheduled on November 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at Parkland County Center, Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2023-17. The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 23-285](#)

Public Member Appointments to the Community Sustainability Committee

Proposed Motion

That the following public member appointments to the Community Sustainability Committee be approved effective October 24, 2023, as follows:

- Tyler Marlatt, 2 Year Term
- Graeme Dawes, 3 Year Term
- Cindy Iverson, 3 Year Term
- Sherry Buttrey, 3 Year Term
- Cameron Appelt, 2 Year Term

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the following public member appointments to the Community Sustainability Committee be approved effective October 24, 2023, as follows:

- Tyler Marlatt, 2 Year Term
- Graeme Dawes, 3 Year Term
- Cindy Iverson, 3 Year Term
- Sherry Buttrey, 3 Year Term
- Cameron Appelt, 2 Year Term

Council Member Kucher-Johnson left the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Present: 4 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk, Council Member Rob Wiedeman and Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

Absent: 3 - Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson and Council Member Natalie Birnie

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 1:49 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Council Member Kucher-Johnson returned to the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

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

[RFD 23-285](#)

Public Member Appointments to the Community Sustainability Committee

Proposed Motion

That the following public member appointments to the Community

Sustainability Committee be approved effective October 24, 2023, as follows:

- Tyler Marlatt, 2 Year Term
- Graeme Dawes, 3 Year Term
- Cindy Iverson, 3 Year Term
- Sherry Buttrey, 3 Year Term
- Cameron Appelt, 2 Year Term

Mayor Gamble called on the motion moved by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the following public member appointments to the Community Sustainability Committee be approved effective October 24, 2023, as follows:

- Tyler Marlatt, 2 Year Term
- Graeme Dawes, 3 Year Term
- Cindy Iverson, 3 Year Term
- Sherry Buttrey, 3 Year Term
- Cameron Appelt, 2 Year Term

The motion carried unanimously.

Agriculture, Community and Protective Services Matters

[RFD 23-277](#)

2024 Recreation and Culture Capital Cost Share Request

Proposed Motions

1. That Council approve up to \$ 285,878 for the City of Spruce Grove's 2023 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.
2. That Council approve up to \$ 18,305 for the Town of Stony Plain's 2023 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.
3. That Council approve up to \$ 97,853 for the Town of Devon's County's 2023 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented.
4. That Council approve up to \$ 75,000 for the Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve up to \$ 285,878 for the City of Spruce Grove's 2023 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve up to \$ 18,305 for the Town of Stony Plain's 2023 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve up to \$ 97,853 for the Town of Devon's County's 2023 Capital Cost Share Request, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve up to \$ 75,000 for the Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 23-280](#)

Transit Update - Rural Transit Solutions Fund and Regional Transit

Proposed Motions

1. That Council receive the Rural Transit Solutions Fund and Regional Transit

update for information, as presented.

2. That Council direct Administration to include the purchase of a Transit Bus in the 2024 Budget, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Hoefsloot that Council receive the Rural Transit Solutions Fund and Regional Transit update for information, as presented. The motion was carried.

For: 4 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk and Council Member Hoefsloot

Against: 1 - Council Member Wiedeman

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council direct Administration to include the purchase of a Transit Bus in the 2024 Budget, as presented. The motion was carried.

For: 4 - Mayor Gamble, Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Kobasiuk and Council Member Hoefsloot

Against: 1 - Council Member Wiedeman

Chief Financial Officer

RFD 23-274

2023 Tax Recovery Public Auction Revised Reserve Bids

Proposed Motion

That Council approve the Revised Reserve Bids for properties being offered for sale at the public auction on Wednesday November 8th, 2023 at 2:30 p.m., as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve the Revised Reserve Bids for properties being offered for sale at the public auction on Wednesday November 8, 2023 at 2:30 p.m., as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

COM 23-102

Proclamations - November 2023

Proposed Motion

That the following proclamations for November 2023 be received for information:

Family Violence Prevention Month
Seniors' Fall Prevention Month
Restorative Justice Week
GIS Day
World Pancreatic Cancer Day

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the following proclamations for November 2023 be received for information:

**Family Violence Prevention Month
Seniors' Fall Prevention Month**

Restorative Justice Week
GIS Day
World Pancreatic Cancer Day

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 23-103](#)

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 23-104](#)

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

[COM 23-105](#)

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:

- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting
- Villeneuve Landing Network Meeting Updates
- Community Leagues Fall Forum
- Edmonton Global Shareholders Meeting Update
- Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce Awards

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 23-106](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

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

1. Council Member Hoefsloot
 - No report.
2. Council Member Kobasiuk
 - Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting

- Villeneuve Landing Network Meeting Update
- Greater Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce Awards

3. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- Council Rural and Public Engagement
- Truth and Reconciliation, meeting with FCSS Worker
- Yellowhead Regional Library Board Budget Review
- Parkland County Library Board Meeting
- Pioneer Museum Meeting
- RMA Public Engagement Session
- River Valley Alliance Meeting
- Tri-Municipal Leisure Facility Board

4. Council Member Wiedeman

- Wabamun Watershed Management Council Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 23-286](#)

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 17 and 24 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 3:01 p.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 17 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 3:01 p.m., and reconvened the meeting in Closed Session at 3:12 p.m.

[PRE 23-071](#)

Planning and Development Update
FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

**Planning and Development Update
FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials**

[RFD 23-288](#)

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 3:44 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services