



Parkland County

53109A Highway 779
Parkland County, Alberta
T7Z 1R1
Parklandcounty.com

Meeting Minutes

Governance and Priorities Committee

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairperson Kowalski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Absent: 2 - Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson and Council Member Natalie Birnie

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer

Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services

Jeff Dyck, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services

Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services

Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)

Brandon Sidhu, Manager, Community Programs, Community Services (In-part)

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

Nick Zazula, Planner I, Planning Coordination, Planning & Development Services (In-part)

Aman Jhaver, Senior Planner, Development Planning, Planning & Development Services (In-part)

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

Karen Kormos, Acting Director, Planning & Development Services (In-part)

Stephanie Harris, Legal Services Coordinator, Legislative & Legal Services

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

On behalf of the Committee, Chairperson Kowalski recognized and celebrated Laura Swain for her 3 years of service as Parkland County's Chief Administrative Officer.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

On behalf of the Committee, Mayor Gamble provided the following message:

"It is with profound sadness that we recognize that over the weekend our community suffered a tragic loss of a precious young life due to an incident with a dog attack. Our hearts go out to the family and our community and we ask for everyone's understanding and compassion as we collectively navigate this painful situation."

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Councillor Wiedeman requested to add the following:

- Item 6.A.1 - Notice of Motion - Land Trusts

A motion was made by Committee Member Wiedman that the February 18, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted, as amended.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-007](#)

Adoption of February 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the February 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kobasiuk that the February 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Committee, Chairperson Kowalski 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, members of the Metis nations 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 these lands for thousands of years. 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.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-010](#)

9:05 a.m. Public Input (15 mins.)

Committee Chairperson Kowalski asked the gallery if there were any matters that the public wished to bring to the attention of Parkland County. No one came forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

NM 25-005

Notice of Motion - Land Trusts

Take notice that at the next regular meeting of Council on February 25, 2025 Council Member Wiedeman will move that administration be directed to review the methods Parkland County has to receive lands as a gift.

General Manager, Agriculture, Community and Protective Services

[RFD 25-043](#)

Kickstand Project

Proposed Motions

That the Kickstand presentation be received for information, as presented.

Brandon Sidhu and Suzanne Merrills presented the Kickstand presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Kickstand presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 25-019](#)

Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter

Proposed Motion

That the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Wiedeman that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-020](#)

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 Committee Member Kobasiuk that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Kowalski recessed the meeting at 9:24 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

[RFD 25-041](#)

10:00 a.m. Appointment - Royal Canadian Legion
Gord Morrison, President, Branch #256 Stony Plain

Proposed Motion

That the Royal Canadian Legion presentation be received for information, as presented.

Gord Morrison and Pat Hale presented the Royal Canadian Legion presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Royal Canadian Legion presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 25-021](#)

Closed Session

Proposed Motion

That the Committee 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 Committee Member Kobasiuk that the Committee convene in closed session at 10:10 a.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 25-009](#)

Planning and Development - Land Use Bylaw Update
FOIP Section 23 - Local public body confidences
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

Administration present Land Use Bylaw Update

[RFD 25-022](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That the Committee revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Committee revert to regular meeting session at 1:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Committee Chairperson Kowalski closed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Chair

Recording Secretary