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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, September 24, 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 - 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

Administration:

Jeff Dyck, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Cross, General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services
Craig Froehlich, Interim General Manager Corporate & Shared Services
Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services
Geoff Heritage, Director, Enforcement Services
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)
Brandon Sidhu, Manager, Community Programs (In-part)
Matthew Good, Manager, Land Development Engineering (In-part)
Brett Rawluk, Engineering Officer (In-part)
Brian Cornforth, Fire Chief (In-part)
Kyle Sherman, FireSmart Coordinator (In-part)
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services
Odessa Bartel, Sr. Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (In-part)
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording)

Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Mayor Gamble and Council presented a plaque and flowers to Council Member Hoefsloot's family.

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kucher-Johnson offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the September 24, 2024 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as amended, with the following item added:

- Item 6.D.2 Farm Family Awards Resolution

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 24-031](#)

Adoption of the September 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the September 10, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the September 10, 2024 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 1 - Council Member Birnie

DELEGATIONS

[App 24-054](#)

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.

Floyd Young, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to address the 2024 Fall addition of Your Parkland magazine.

Gordon Janssen, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to discuss the former Whitewood Mine Lands that were reclaimed to recreational specifications.

Agriculture, Community and Protective Services Matters**RFD 24-272****Farm Family Awards Resolution**

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council support the resolution that Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation and/or the Alberta Association of Agricultural Societies work to ensure a Farm Family Awards Program is available for all communities in Alberta. The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS**BL 24-034**

9:30 a.m. - Public Hearing - Bylaw 2024-16 Restricted Use of Fertilizers by Waterbodies

Proposed Motion

That Bylaw 2024-16 receive second reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 9:35 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2024-16 - Restricted Use of Fertilizers by Waterbodies, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2024-16 - Restricted Use of Fertilizers by Waterbodies.

Verbal Submissions

1. Tina Bichel, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 as it limits use on her property.
2. Keith Slobodian, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 as further research is required to include information about agricultural fertilizing.
3. Brody Shilka, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 as it limits use on his property.
4. Walt Neilson, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 as it limits use on his property.
5. Mike Spelliscy, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 and concerned if water body testing has been done.
6. Floyd Young, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 and concerned how the bylaw was developed.
7. Carmen Ramstead, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 for same concerns already presented at this public hearing.

Written Submissions

1. Nikole Foster, opposed to Bylaw 2024-16 as enforcement is difficult to manage, limited to only certain Parkland County residents, and soil management.

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:58 a.m.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:58 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

[BL 24-034](#)

9:30 a.m. - Public Hearing - Bylaw 2024-16 Restricted Use of Fertilizers by Waterbodies

Proposed Motion

That Bylaw 2024-16 receive second reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-16 receive second reading.

The motion was defeated by the following vote:

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

[App 24-056](#)

11:00 a.m. - Appointment Community Sustainability Committee 2025 Not for Profit Organization Grant Funding Allocation
Julie Burger - Chairperson, Community Sustainability Committee

Proposed Motion

1. That the 2025 Not for Profit Organization Grant Funding Allocation in the amount of \$113,455.81 be approved for inclusion in the 2025 Budget, as presented.

2. That funding for STARS in the amount of \$25,000.00 be approved for inclusion in the 2025 Budget, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the 2025 Not for Profit Organization Grant Funding Allocation in the amount of \$113,455.81 be approved for inclusion in the 2025 Budget, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that funding for STARS in the amount of \$25,000.00 be approved for inclusion in the 2025 Budget, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

[App 24-057](#)

11:30 a.m. - Appointment - TransAlta TriLeisure Centre 2025 Annual Budget
Lenny Richer, General Manager
Rob Hagg, Board Chair and PC County Representative

Proposed Motions

1. That TransAlta TriLeisure Centre 2025 Annual Budget presentation be accepted for information, as presented.

2. That the TransAlta TriLeisure Centre 2023 Annual Report presentation be accepted for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that TransAlta TriLeisure Centre 2025 Annual Budget presentation be accepted for information, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the TransAlta TriLeisure Centre 2023 annual Report presentation be accepted for information, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING[BL 24-033](#)

Bylaw 2024-15 - Road Closure - Sale - Portions of Sections 20, 28, 29, and 30, 53-4-W5M

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2024-15 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2024-15 receive third reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-15 receive second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Bylaw 2024-15 receive third and final reading, and that it be declared finally passed. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**Chief Administrative Officer**[RFD 24-266](#)

Proclamation - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Proposed Motion

That Council approve the proclamation to declare September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve the proclamation to declare September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The motion carried unanimously.

Agriculture, Community and Protective Services Matters[RFD 24-260](#)

2024 Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta FireSmart Grants

Proposed Motion

That administration be directed to submit to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) two applications for grant funding totaling \$250,000 for the FireSmart program in Parkland County.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that administration be directed to submit to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) two applications for grant funding totaling \$250,000 for the FireSmart program in Parkland County. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS[COM 24-069](#)

Proclamations - October 2024

Proposed Motion

That the following proclamations for October 2024 be received for information:

National Seniors Day
Fire Prevention Week
Circular Economy Month
Conflict Resolution Day

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the following proclamations for October 2024 be received for information:

**National Seniors Day
Fire Prevention Week
Circular Economy Month
Conflict Resolution Day**

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-079](#)

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 24-080](#)

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 24-081](#)

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:

**- Mayor Bills Charity Golf Tournament in Beaumont
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Governance and HR Committee meeting in Edmonton**

- Meeting with Developer for Acheson – Confidential
- Board of Governors and Senior Leadership Reception University of Alberta in Edmonton
- City of St. Albert State of the City
- KFC Customer Appreciation Day in Parkland County
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Committee of the Whole – Morinville
- Financial Sustainability and Housing and Social needs discussion lead by the City of Edmonton

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 24-082](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that the Committee Reports be received for information, as follows:

1. Council Member Birnie

- Seed Cleaning Plant Meeting
- Capital REgion Water Board Meeting - Phase 3
- Agricultural Service Board Meeting

2. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- TriLeisure Board Meeting
- Twin Arena Grand Opening in Devon
- Pioneer Museum Board Meeting
- State of Town - Devon
- River Valley Alliance Meeting
- Received the Trail Blazer Award
- Edmonton Strathcona footbridge is complete

3. Council Member Kobasiuk

- Evergreen Foundation Board Meeting in Hinton
- Joined Deputy Mayor Kucher-Johnson, MLA Andrew Boitchenko, Mayor Jeff Craddock, staff and community for Devon arena opening. Parkland County residents, Judy and Ken Zender and family joined for naming of their son, the Shayne Zender Memorial Arena.
- Joined Deputy Mayor Kucher-Johnson, Stony Plain/Spruce Grove Mayor's and community for opening of the connecting trail along Hwy 16
- Pembina Agricultural and Recreational Society meeting in Evansburg to review arena financial update
- Institute of Corporate Directors program

4. Council Member Wiedeman

- West Inter Lake District (WILD) Regional Water Services Commission Meeting
- Library Meeting
- Alberta League Management Society Meeting
- Wabamun Watershed Meeting
- Toured a coal mine site in Hinton
- Developer Meetings

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services