



Meeting Minutes

Governance and Priorities Committee

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, November 21, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

On behalf of the Committee, Chairperson Kobasiuk 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.

Committee Member Kucher-Johnson attended the meeting virtually.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer

Dave Cross, General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services

Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services

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

Craig Froehlich, Director, Finance, Chief Financial Office (In-part)

Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture & Environment Services, Agriculture & Environmental Services (In-part)

April Gallays, Manager, Current & Long Range Planning, Planning & Development Services (In-part)

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

Derek Macdonald, Long Range Planner, Planning & Development Services (In-part)

Robynn Holstein, Manager, Economic Diversification, Growth & Strategy (In-part)

Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services

Odessa Bartel, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Birnie that the November 21, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 23-038](#)

Adoption of October 17, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the October 17, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the October 17, 2023 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 23-084](#)

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Financial Officer

[RFD 23-302](#)

2023 Q3 Financial Update

Proposed Motion

That the Financial update be received for information, as presented.

Craig Froehlich presented the 2023 Q3 Financial update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the Financial update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 23-107](#)

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 23-108](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 23-086](#)

9:30 a.m. Appointment - Acheson Business Association (ABA)
Delly McEwan, Board Chair
Jennifer Herrick, Acheson Business Association Executive Director

Proposed Motion

That the Acheson Business Association (ABA) presentation be received for information, as presented.

Delly McEwan and Jennifer Herrick presented the Acheson Business Association presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Birnie that the Acheson Business Association presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Kobasiuk recessed the meeting at 9:53 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

[App 23-090](#)

10:00 a.m. Appointment - Big Lake Environmental Support Society (BLESS)

Proposed Motion

That the Big Lake Environmental Support Society presentation be received for information, as presented.

Kevin Aschim and Tony Druett presented the Big Lake Environmental Support Society presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the Big Lake Environmental Support Society presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Kobasiuk recessed the meeting at 10:25 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

[App 23-089](#)

10:30 a.m. Appointment - Agricultural Service Board (ASB) Annual Update

Proposed Motion

That the Agricultural Service Board annual update be received for information, as presented.

Ben Jespersen and George Greenhough presented the Agricultural Services Board annual update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Agricultural Service Board annual update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

General Manager, Development Services

[RFD 23-297](#)

Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement (RAMP RCS) Project

Proposed Motion

That the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement Project Administration Report for information, as presented.

Derek Macdonald, Natasha De Sandi and April Gallays presented the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement (RAMP RCS) Project.

A motion was made by Committee Member Wiedeman that the Committee receive the Regional Agriculture Master Plan Regional Context Statement Project Administration Report for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 23-290](#)

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 17 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the Committee convene in closed session at 11:17 a.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

Chairperson Kobasiuk recessed the meeting at 11:17 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 23-072](#)

Economic Diversification Update
FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

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[RFD 23-291](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That the Committee revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the Committee revert to regular meeting session at 11:57 a.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Committee Chairperson Kobasiuk closed the meeting at 11:57 p.m.

Committee Chair

Recording Secretary