



Meeting Minutes

Council

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

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER/TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Gamble called the meeting to order at 9:01 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”.

Council Member Birnie attended the meeting virtually.

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

Administration:

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

Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services

Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services

Brian Cornforth, Fire Chief

April Gallays, Manager, Subdivision & Planning Coordination (In-part)

Julia Leduc, Subdivision Planner II (In-part)

Aman Jhawer, Senior Planner, Development Planning (In-part)

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

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

Neil Jamieson, Director Public Works Services Department (In-part)

Kyle Sherman, FireSmart Coordinator (In-part)

Sean Cunningham, Deputy Fire Chief (In-part)
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)
Geoff Heritage, Director, Enforcement Services (In-part)
Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative and Legal Services
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative and Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Jeff Dyck, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services introduced the new Manager of Legislative and Legal Services, Odessa Bartel.

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Wiedeman offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the February 11, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-006](#)

Adoption of the January 28, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the January 28, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the January 28, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[MIN 25-009](#)

Adoption of the January 29, 2025 Council Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the January 29, 2025 Council Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the January 29, 2025 Council Strategic Planning meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[MIN 25-010](#)

Adoption of the January 30, 2025 Council Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the January 30, 2025 Council Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the January 30, 2025 Council Strategic Planning meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-007](#)

9:05 a.m. - Public Input (15 minutes)

Mayor Gamble asked the gallery if there were any concerns that the public wishes to bring to the attention of Parkland County.

Rod Shaigec, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to the Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Rob Eykelbeysh, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to present concerns related to the Land Use Bylaw.

Carmen Ramstead, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to ask Members of Council when was the last time they reviewed all Bylaws. Carmen Ramstead also requested that Council consider having one evening meeting per month.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:26 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

[BL 25-004](#)

9:30 a.m. - Public Hearing Bylaw 2025-02

Proposed Amendment to the Acheson Industrial Area Structure Plan Bylaw 2020-13

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-02 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-02 receive third and final 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 2025-02, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-02.

Verbal Submissions

1. Zane Davey - B & A Studios, provided a presentation and is in support of Bylaw 2025-02.
2. Ken Venner - B & A Studios, provided a presentation and is in support of Bylaw 2025-02.
3. Jordan Walker, from Remington Development Corporation provided Council with information in response to their questions.

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-02 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-02 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 25-005](#)

10:00 a.m. - Public Hearing Bylaw 2025-03
Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 - Redistricting Pt.
SW-33-52-26-W4M.

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-03 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-03 receive third and final reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 10:15 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2025-03, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2025-03.

Verbal Submissions

1. Zane Davey - B & A Studios, provided a presentation and is in support of Bylaw 2025-03.
2. Ken Venner - B & A Studios, provided a presentation and is in support of Bylaw 2025-03.

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:22 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Bylaw 2025-03 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2025-03 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

Development Services Matters

[RFD 25-019](#)

SW-33-52-26-W4M Conceptual Scheme within Acheson Zone 5

Proposed Motion

That Council accept the SW-33-52-26-W4M (Remington Acheson Zone 5) Conceptual Scheme.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council accept the SW-33-52-26-W4M (Remington Acheson Zone 5) Conceptual Scheme.

The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Matters

[BL 25-003](#)

Bylaw 2025-05 - Proposed Amendment to the Acheson Industrial Area Structure Bylaw 2020-13 for S.W. 29-52-26-4 and Lot 1 and 2, Block 1, Plan 032 1486

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-05 receive first reading.
2. That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 9:30 am in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-05.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-05 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-05.

The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 25-007](#)

Bylaw 2025-06 - Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 Redistricting for S.W. 29-52-26-4 and Lot 1 and 2, Block 1, Plan 032 1486

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-06 receive first reading.
2. That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 10:00 am in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-06.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Bylaw 2025-06 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-06.

The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 25-008](#)

Bylaw 2025-08 - Proposed Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 2017-18 - Highvale End Land Use Direct Control District Regulations (AC Area 2) and Schedule 'C' Highvale Mine End Direct Control District Map

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-08 receive first reading.
2. That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 11:00 am in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-08.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-08 receive

first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-08.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[RFD 25-034](#)

Parkland Dragonboat Racing Club Storage

Proposed Motion

That administration be directed to present a plan to facilitate the storage of Dragonboats at Wabamun for the Parkland Dragonboat Racing Club by March 11, 2025, including space available, timing, and cost.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that administration be directed to present a plan to facilitate the storage of Dragonboats at Wabamun for the Parkland Dragonboat Racing Club by March 11, 2025, including space availability, timing and cost.

The motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Matters

[RFD 25-012](#)

Bylaw 2025-04 - Amendment to Fire Services Bylaw 2023-17

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-04 receive first reading.
2. That a public hearing be scheduled on March 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Parkland County Centre, Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-04.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-04 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that a public hearing be scheduled on March 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Parkland County Centre, Council Chambers to hear public comment on Bylaw 2025-04.

The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 25-006](#)

Bylaw 2025-09 - Solid Waste Utility

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-09 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-09 receive second reading.

3. That Bylaw 2025-09 be presented at this meeting for third reading.

4. That Bylaw 2025-09 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2025-09 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-09 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-09 be presented at this meeting for third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-09 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 25-009](#)

Bylaw 2025-10 - Amending Bylaw 2024-19 - 2025 Fees and Charges - Schedule C.1

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-10 receive first reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-10 receive second reading.
3. That Bylaw 2025-10 be presented at this meeting for third reading.
4. That Bylaw 2025-10 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Bylaw 2025-10 receive first reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2025-10 receive second reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2025-10 be presented at this meeting for third reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-10 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried unanimously.

Agriculture, Community and Protective Services Matters

[RFD 25-011](#)

Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta 2025 Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Project

Proposed Motions

1. That Council direct administration to complete the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy project, as presented.
2. That Council approve the addition of \$150,000 for a one-year Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Project to be funded from Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta FireSmart Grant, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Council direct administration to complete the Wildfire Mitigation Strategy project, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council approve the addition of \$150,000 for a one-year Wildfire Mitigation Strategy Project to be funded from Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta FireSmart Grant, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-018](#)

Community Disaster Social Recovery Framework

Proposed Motions

1. That Council direct administration to complete the Community Disaster Social Recovery Framework project, as presented.
2. That Council approve the addition of \$96,800 funded by the Alberta Wildfires 2023 Community Recovery and Resilience Grant for the Community Disaster Social Recovery Framework project to the 2025 Budget, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council direct administration to complete the Community Disaster Social Recovery Framework project, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council approve the addition of \$96,800 funded by the Alberta Wildfires 2023 Community Recovery and Resilience Grant for the Community Disaster Social Recovery Framework project to the 2025 Budget, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[RFD 25-032](#)

Request for Funding Wabamun Pier Surface Rehabilitation

Proposed Motion

That Council approve an amount up to \$280,000.00 for the revitalization of the Wabamun Pier to be funded from County Facilities Restricted Surplus.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Council approve an amount up to \$280,000.00 for the revitalization of the Wabamun Pier to be funded from County Facilities Restricted Surplus.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:29 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Legislative Matters**[BL 25-010](#)**

Code of Conduct Bylaw 2025-01

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2025-01 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2025-01 receive third and final reading.

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that Bylaw 2025-01 receive second reading.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Bylaw 2025-01 be tabled until the next term.

The motion was defeated by the following vote:

For: 2 - Council Member Birnie and Council Member Kowalski

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

Mayor Gamble called on the original motion that Bylaw 2025-01 receive second reading.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 2 - Council Member Birnie and Council Member Kowalski

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2025-01 receive third and final reading.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Against: 2 - Council Member Birnie and Council Member Kowalski

RECESS

Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 25-015](#)

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 25-016](#)

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 Kowalski that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities update be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-017](#)

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:

- Strategic Planning Session
- Coffee in the Park – Acheson Business Association Questions & Answers
- Yellowhead West 2025 Paddles Up Celebration – Heritage Park
- Light Up Your Life Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon – Spruce Grove
- Reimagined Energy Podcast – How Parkland County is Exploring Energy Solutions
- Virtual Town Hall – Tariffs – MP Lloyd

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-018](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

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

1. Council Member Kowalski
 - Council Strategic Planning Session

- Agricultural Services Board Meeting
- ATCO Hydrogen Clean Energy Display Centre Tour -Sherwood Park
- Yellowhead Regional Library – Executive Committee Meeting

2. Council Member Birnie

- Agricultural Services Board Meeting
- Wild Water Commission New Business Plan Approval

3. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- Council Strategic Planning Session
- ATCO Hydrogen House and Clean Energy Display Centre Tour
- Parkland County Library Board Meeting

4. Council Member Kobasiuk

- Council Strategic Planning Session
- Attended the Acheson Podcast
- Villeneuve Landing Network Partnership Meeting
- Parkland/Evansburg 4-H District public speaking event in Wabamun as judge for junior, intermediate and senior levels.

5. Council Member Wiedeman

- Council Strategic Planning Session
- Toured around Wabamun with our MLA
- ARROW Summary
- Duffield Meeting - Educational process by some residence regarding the Land Use Bylaws
- ATCO Hydrogen Open House
- Keephills Association Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION[RFD 25-030](#)

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 17 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 1:11 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.

[PRE 25-013](#)

Enforcement Matter

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

[RFD 25-031](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that Council revert to regular meeting session at 1:17 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 25-013](#)

Enforcement Matter

FOIP Section 17 - Harmful to personal privacy

FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that the costs incurred for the municipality to remedy the contraventions of the property identified by Tax Roll # 1191009 be applied to the same Tax Roll number.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services