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Meeting Minutes

Council

Mayor Rod Shaigec
Deputy Mayor Sally Kucher Johnson
Council Member Jason Doucette
Council Member Ben Jespersen
Council Member Corey Kyle
Council Member Kristine Olson
Council Member John McNab

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Budget Presentations

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaigec called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Present: 6 - Ben Jespersen, Corey Kyle, Sally Kucher Johnson, Jason Doucette, John McNab and Rod Shaigec

Absent: 1 - Kristine Olson

Administration:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer

Jeff Dyck, Chief Operating Officer

Ashley Pifko, Senior Financial Analyst (In-part)

Aimy Harris, Financial Analyst III - Budget (In-part)

Laura Godin, Acting Manager, Strategy & Engagement (In-part)

Abdul Abdihalim, Financial Analyst II (In-part)

Illiya Ansar, Financial Analyst III (In-part)

Jody Hancock, Director, Engineering Services (In-part)

Trent Tompkins, Director, Road Maintenance & Drainage (In-part)

Matt Good, Director, Public Works (In-part)

Braden Slemko, Manager, Development Planning & Safety Codes (In-part)

Ryan Enright, Manager, Fleet & Facilities Services (In-part)

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

Brandon Sidhu, Director, Community Services (In-part)

Dawn Jenkins, Interim Chief Information Officer (In-part)

Lisa Chomyn, Service Management Lead (In-part)

Clarence Wong, Director, Strategic Growth (In-part)

Lois Tyerman, Director, Governance & Engagement (In-part)

Simon Yackulic, Director, Communications & Customer Service (In-part)

Kara Woolsey, Director, Employee Services (In-part)

Brad Backstrom, Supervisor, Operations (In-part)

Brian Cornforth, Fire Chief (In-part)

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services (In-part)

Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording)

Secretary) (In-part)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher Johnson that the November 26, 2025 Budget Presentations agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

[RFD 25-231](#)

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 28 and 29 of the Access to Information Act.

A motion was made by Council Member Jespersen that Council convene in closed session at 9:03 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 28 and 29 of the Access to Information Act.

The motion carried unanimously.

[PRE 25-111](#)

2026 Budget
ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences
ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials

[RFD 25-232](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to the regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Jespersen that Council revert to regular meeting session at 11:21 a.m.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

[App 25-080](#)

2026 Budget Answers and Closing Remarks

Mayor Shaigec and Members of Council asked follow up questions of the Directors from the following departments:

- Community Services
- Agriculture & Environment Services
- Enforcement Services
- Technology & Digital Services
- Public Works

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

[PRE 25-111](#)

2026 Budget
ATIA Section 28 - Local public body confidences
ATIA Section 29 - Advice from Officials

A motion was made by Council Member Doucette that Council direct Administration to review Council Compensation for budget 2027.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Jespersen that Council direct Administration to add a service level project to the 2026 budget in the amount of \$300,000 funded by future operating restricted surplus.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher Johnson that Council direct Administration to request that the Town of Stony Plain provide a presentation to Council on the proposed Aquatic Centre Project and on the Arena Project, in Q1 of 2026 and that Council direct Administration to contact the Town of Stony Plain to gather further information on the proposed Aquatic Centre and any associated funding requests.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kyle that Council direct Administration to defer the New Staff Building at the Kapasiwin Transfer Station and bring options back to Council, in Q2 of 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member McNab that Council direct Administration to remove the New Parkland County Transfer Station Toolcat from budget 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Doucette that Council direct Administration to defer the Tandem Snowplow Truck purchase and bring options back to Council with budget 2027.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Jespersen that Council direct Administration to remove all new temporary position requests, the Business Technical Analyst, the Supervisor Environment, and the Community Liaison casual position from budget 2026.

An amending motion was made by Mayor Shaigec, that Council direct Administration to keep the Municipal Land Specialist in the 2026 budget.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Jespersen, Kyle, Kucher Johnson, McNab and Shaigec

Against: 1 - Doucette

Mayor Shaigec called on the original motion as amended:
A motion was made by Council Member Jespersen that Council direct Administration to remove all new temporary position requests, the Business Technical Analyst, the Supervisor Environment, and the Community Liaison casual position from budget 2026; the municipal land specialist will be kept in the budget for 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher Johnson that Council direct Administration to defer the Street Light Installation in Acheson to the budget 2027.

The motion was defeated unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kyle that Council direct Administration to defer the street lights at Parkland County Transfer Station and bring back options to Council for 2026 Q1.

The motion carried by the following vote:

For: 5 - Jespersen, Kyle, Kucher Johnson, Doucette and McNab

Against: 1 - Shaigec

A motion was made by Council Member McNab that the regular meeting of Council that is currently scheduled for December 2, 2025 for Council Budget Approval be cancelled.

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Shaigec closed the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services