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Meeting Minutes

Council

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

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Budget Presentations

VISION

Parkland County: gifted by nature, inspired by innovation, powerfully connected, and home to opportunity.

CALL TO ORDER/TERRITORIAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

On behalf of Council, Mayor Gamble 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 Treat 6.

Present: 6 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, 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, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services
Tasha Blumenthal, General Manager, Development Services
Craig Froehlich, Director, Finance
Lauren Aebig, Director, Legal and Administrative Services (In-part)
Cherice Schribar, Manager, Customer Service (In-part)
Abe Van Dorp, Interim Chief Information Officer (In-part)

Michelle Kirchmayer, Director, Assessment, Tax and Financial Systems (In-part)
Darvin Evans, Chief Assessor (In-part)
Krista Quesnel, Director, Agriculture and Environment Services (In-part)
Avelyn Nicol, Manager, Environment Services (In-part)
James Leskiw, Program Manager Agronomics (In-part)
Chad Moore, Deputy Fire Chief, Strategic Services and Emergency
Management (In-part)
Karen Clark, Manager, Emergency Communications Services (In-part)
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)
Geoff Heritage, Director, Enforcement Services (In-part)
Ashley Pifko, Senior Financial Analyst
Aimy Harris, Financial Analyst III
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative Services
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services (Recording Secretary)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the November 15, 2023 Budget Presentations meeting agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

[App 23-080](#)

2024 Budget Council

Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Present: 5 - Mayor Allan Gamble, Council Member Kristina Kowalski, Council Member Sally Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk and Council Member Rob Wiedeman

Absent: 2 - Council Member Natalie Birnie and Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:48 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Council Member Birnie returned to the meeting.

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

Virtual: 1 - Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

[App 23-081](#)

2024 Budget Corporate & Shared Services

Mayor Gamble left the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:16 a.m.

Council Member Birnie left the meeting at 11:18 a.m. and returned at 11:21 a.m.

[App 23-082](#)

2024 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:27 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

[App 23-082](#)

2024 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 12:21 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

[App 23-082](#)

2024 Budget Agriculture, Community, and Protective Services

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:12 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

CLOSING COMMENTS

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:33 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

CLOSING COMMENTS

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 2:46 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

CLOSING COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mayor Gamble that administration be directed to reduce the Proposed 2024 Final Budget to be presented to Council on November 28, 2023 to include the following amendments:

Reduce Fleet Lifecycle Transfer by \$175,000.00
Reduce Facilities Lifecycle Transfer by \$75,000.00
Reduce Recreation Transfer by \$100,000.00

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble declared the Budget Presentations Meeting closed at 2:56 p.m.

Mayor Gamble reconvened the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that the scheduled Budget Presentation Meeting on November 16, 2023 be cancelled.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Allan Hoefsloot

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services