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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, January 28, 2025

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."

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:

Laura Swain, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Cross, General Manager, Agriculture, Community & Protective Services (In-part)
Rob McGowan, General Manager, Operations Services (In-part)
Jeff Dyck, Chief Financial Officer/General Manager, Corporate & Shared Services
Nancy Domijan, Interim General Manager, Development Services (In-part)
Julia Leduc, Current Planner II (In-part)
Jessica Harnden, Senior Planner, Current Planning (In-part)
Suzanne Merrills, Director, Community Services (In-part)
Barb Williams, Manager, Legislative and Legal Services
Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative and Legal Services (Recording)

Secretary)

CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Mayor Gamble congratulated Council Member Kobasiuk for completing her ICD training course and obtaining a certificate.

INSPIRATIONAL REFLECTION

Council Member Kowalski offered a short inspirational reflection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the January 28, 2025 Council meeting agenda be adopted, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-004](#)

Adoption of the January 14, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the January 14, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that the January 14, 2025 Council meeting minutes be adopted, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-002](#)

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.

Pastor Brian Coldwell, a resident of Parkland County, came forward to discuss the School Board Development Permits.

Mayor and Council Member Matters

[RFD 25-017](#)

Land Use Bylaw Public Engagement

Proposed Motion

That administration be directed to include Land Use Bylaw public engagement opportunities in Division 1, 2 and Acheson to properly fulfill public engagement County wide. .

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that administration be directed to include Land Use Bylaw public engagement opportunities in Division 1, 2 and Acheson to properly fulfill public engagement County wide.

The motion was defeated by the following vote:

For: 3 - Council Member Kucher-Johnson, Council Member Birnie and Council Member Kowalski

Against: 3 - Council Member Kobasiuk, Council Member Wiedeman and Mayor Gamble

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 9:44 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

[BL 25-002](#)

9:30 a.m. - Public Hearing - Bylaw 2024-25
Village of Wabamun Land Use Bylaw 07-2010 Amendment - Redistricting

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2024-25 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2024-25 receive third reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 9:57 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2024-25, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2024-25.

1. Verbal Submissions

None

2. Written Submissions

None

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:02 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-25 receive second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Bylaw 2024-25 receive third and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

[BL 25-001](#)

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Bylaw 2024-24
Osprey Bay Direct Control District Land Use Bylaw Amendment & Redistricting

Proposed Motions

1. That Bylaw 2024-24 receive second reading.
2. That Bylaw 2024-24 receive third reading.

Mayor Gamble called the Public Hearing to order at 10:03 a.m., in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, to provide an opportunity for public input and comment regarding proposed Bylaw 2024-24, and explained the process of the Public Hearing.

Administration presented proposed Bylaw 2024-24.

1. Verbal Submissions

None

2. Written Submissions

- Larry Duchesne, Parkland County resident, in support of Bylaw 2024-24.
- Catherine Duchesne, Parkland County resident, in support of Bylaw 2024-24.

Mayor Gamble closed the Public Hearing at 10:13 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Kucher-Johnson that Bylaw 2024-24 receive second reading. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that Bylaw 2024-24 receive third and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 10:14 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Legislative Matters

[RFD 24-340](#)

Request for Cancellation of March 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting

Proposed Motion

That the March 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be cancelled, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the March 4, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be cancelled, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Agriculture, Community and Protective Services Matters

[RFD 25-010](#)

Request for Funding Entwistle Community Recreation Centre Pool Boiler

Proposed Motion

That Council approve an amount up to \$230,000 for boiler replacement at the Entwistle Community Recreation Centre to be funded from Recreation Restricted Surplus.

A motion was made by Council Member Birnie that Council approve an amount of up to \$230,000 for boiler replacement at the Entwistle Community Recreation Centre to be funded from Recreation Restricted Surplus. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS[COM 25-001](#)

Proclamation - February 2025

Proposed Motion

That the following proclamation for February 2025 be received for information:

World Interfaith Harmony Week

A motion was made by Council Member Wiedeman that the following proclamation for February 2025 be received for information:

- World Interfaith Harmony Week

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-008](#)

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 Kobasiuk that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta newsletter be received for information, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-009](#)

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

[COM 25-010](#)

Mayor's Report

Proposed Motion

That the Mayor's Report be received for information, as presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Kowalski that the Mayor's Report be received for information, as follows:

- Lake Stewardship Community of Practice Meeting by Zoom**
- Wabamun Area Stewardship Association Meeting in Fallis**
- Pembina Zone District 3 Meeting in Edmonton**
- Wabamun Community Information Fair – Jubilee Hall**
- Muir Lake Community Annual General Meeting at Muir Lake Hall**
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting**
- Developer led engagement Area Structure Plan Amendment and Redistricting for a Data Centre at Elks Hall**
- Lighthouse Church 30th Anniversary in Stony Plain**

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-011](#)

Committee Reports

Proposed Motion

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

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

1. Council Member Kowalski

- Agricultural Services Board Meeting
- Ducks Unlimited Meeting
- Internet Project Meeting for Big Lake area
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta District 3 Pembina River Meeting
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Annual Training Session
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting
- Yellowhead Regional Library Meeting
- Highvale Meeting
- Area Structure Plan Open House Event

2. Council Member Kucher-Johnson

- River Valley Alliance Meeting
- Pembina River District Meeting
- Parkland County Library Board Meeting
- Pioneer Museum Meeting
- Economic Diversification Committee Meeting
- Attended Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing as an observer

3. Council Member Kobasiuk

- Community Sustainability Committee Meeting
- Pembina River Zone Meeting
- Pembina Agricultural and Recreational Society Meeting
- Completion of ICD Training and Graduation
- Multicultural Centre Meeting
- Muir Lake Meeting

4. Council Member Wiedeman

- County Office Meeting
- Meeting with Division 6 Ratepayer
- Lake Stewardship Meeting
- Wabamun Watershed Meeting
- Phone Meeting with Division 5 Ratepayer
- Wabamun meeting with Ratepayer
- WASA Meeting in Fallis
- Pembina Zone Meeting
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Annual Training
- Wabamun Meeting - Information Session
- Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Meeting
- ARROW Utilities Meeting
- Division 5 Ratepayer Meeting

The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION[RFD 25-013](#)

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 24 and 27 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 11:05 a.m. pursuant to Section 197 of the Municipal Government Act to meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure by Sections 24 and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Gamble recessed the meeting at 11:05 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

[PRE 25-008](#)

Council Code of Conduct Matter
FOIP Section 24 - Advice from officials
FOIP Section 27 - Legal Privilege

[RFD 25-014](#)

Regular Session

Proposed Motion

That Council revert to regular meeting session.

A motion was made by Council Member Kobasiuk that Council revert to regular meeting session at 11:28 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mayor Gamble closed the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Mayor

Manager, Legislative Services