



Meeting Minutes

Governance and Priorities Committee

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairperson Wiedeman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson Wiedeman provided a tribute to the farmers in Parkland County and to thank all of the farmers for what they do and for settling these land many years ago to produce the food that we eat.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Phyllis Kobasiuk

Administration:

Rob McGowan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager, Operations Services

Brian Cornforth, Interim General Manager, Community & Development Services

Craig Froehlich, Director, Finance

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

Odessa Bartel, Manager, Legislative & Legal Services (Recording Secretary)

Rachel Coupal, Legislative Officer, Legislative & Legal Services

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Councillor Kucher-Johnson celebrated Parkland County snow-plow operators who successfully cleared Parkland County roadways in dangerous conditions during the snow storm last week.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the April 1, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

[MIN 25-013](#)

Adoption of February 18, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

Proposed Motion

That the February 18, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be adopted, as presented.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the February 18, 2025 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-020](#)

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

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

[App 24-076](#)

9:30 a.m. Appointment - STARS In Your Community
Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison

Proposed Motion

That the STARS presentation be received for information, as presented.

Glenda Farnden presented the STARS presentation.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the STARS presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Wiedeman recessed the meeting at 9:39 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-016](#)

10:00 a.m. Appointment - Culture Partners Year in Review - 2024
David Fielhaber Pioneer Museum
Melissa Hartley, RedBrick Common
Reg Faulkner, Wabamun Museum

Proposed Motion

That the Culture Partners Year in Review presentation be received for

information, as presented.

David Fielhaber and Roger Peterson presented the Pioneer Museum update.

Melissa Hartley presented the RedBrick Common update.

Committee Member Mayor Gamble left the meeting at 10:19 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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Proposed Motion

That the Culture Partners Year in Review presentation be received for information, as presented.

Melissa Hartley concluded the RedBrick Common update.

Fred Lindsay presented the Wabamun Museum update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kucher-Johnson that the Culture Partners Year in Review presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

RECESS

Chairperson Wiedeman recessed the meeting at 10:33 a.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

[COM 25-035](#)

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 Kowalski that the Rural Municipalities of Alberta Contact Newsletter be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[COM 25-036](#)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

DELEGATIONS

[App 25-017](#)

11:00 a.m. - Appointment - Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) 2024 Year in Review

Sarah Nipshank, FCSS Coordinator, Parkland County

Scott Roda, Director Community Social Development for the City of Spruce Grove

Emily Neilson, Manager of FCSS for the City of Spruce Grove

Wendy Robinson, FCSS Supervisor, Yellowhead County

Lisa Gilchrist, GM Community and Social Development for the Town of Stony Plain

Lola Strand, Community Services Manager for Town of Drayton Valley

Proposed Motion

That the Family and Community Support Services presentation be received for information, as presented.

Brandon Sidhu provided information about Family and Community Support Services in Parkland County.

Sarah Nipshank presented the Family and Community Support Services in 2024 update for Parkland County.

Wendy Robinson, presented the Family and Community Support in 2024 update for Yellowhead County.

Committee Member Birnie left the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

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Emily Neilson, Manager of FCSS for the City of Spruce Grove

Wendy Robinson, FCSS Supervisor, Yellowhead County

Lisa Gilchrist, GM Community and Social Development for the Town of Stony Plain

Lola Strand, Community Services Manager for Town of Drayton Valley

Proposed Motion

That the Family and Community Support Services presentation be received for information, as presented.

Danielle Peyton presented the Family and Community Support Services in 2024 update for the City of Spruce Grove.

Lola Strand presented the Family and Community Support Services in 2024 update for the Town of Town of Drayton Valley.

Committee Member Mayor Gamble left the meeting at 11:34 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Committee Member Kowalski left the meeting at 11:36 a.m. and returned to the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

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Lisa Gilchrist, GM Community and Social Development for the Town of Stony Plain

Lola Strand, Community Services Manager for Town of Drayton Valley

Proposed Motion

That the Family and Community Support Services presentation be received for information, as presented.

Lisa Gilchrist presented the Family and Community Support Services in 2024 update for the Town of Town of Stony Plain.

A motion was made by Committee Member Mayor Gamble that the Family and Community Support Services presentation be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

[App 25-018](#)

11:30 a.m. Appointment - Economic Update

James Hobson, CIBC Wood Gundy

Charet Chahal, CIBC Wood Gundy

Proposed Motion

That the Economic Update presentation by CIBC Wood Gundy be received for information, as presented.

James Hobson and Jake Cranham presented the Economic Update.

A motion was made by Committee Member Kowalski that the Economic Update presentation by CIBC Wood Gundy be received for information, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next Governance and Priorities Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Committee Chairperson Wiedeman closed the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Committee Chair

Recording Secretary