

## COUNCIL MEETING - BUDGET MINUTES

November 18, 1:00 p.m.,  
November 25, 28 & December 3 & 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Chamber  
401 Festival Lane  
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Rod Frank, Mayor  
Robert Parks, Ward 1 (absent November 25, a.m.)  
Dave Anderson, Ward 2  
Brian Botterill, Ward 3  
Bill Tonita, Ward 4 (absent November 25, a.m.)  
Paul Smith, Ward 5 (absent November 25, p.m.)  
Linton Delaine, Ward 6  
Glen Lawrence, Ward 7  
Katie Berghofer, Ward 8

Administration Present: Kevin Glebe, Interim Chief Commissioner  
Greg Yeomans, Chief Financial Officer  
Gord Johnston, Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services  
Jeff Hutton, Acting Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services (November 18)  
Lori Cooper, Assoc. Commissioner, Corporate Services  
Stacy Fedechko, Acting Assoc. Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services  
Mavis Nathoo, Director, Legislative and Legal Services  
Sandy Bugeja, Manager, Governance Support Services & Deputy Clerk  
Susanne Semchuk, Legislative Officer

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### - November 18, 2019 -

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER & TREATY 6 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with an acknowledgement that Strathcona County Council meets on the traditional lands of Treaty 6 nations – including the Blackfoot, Cree, Dene, Gros Ventres, Métis, Nakota Sioux and Saulteaux, and that the indigenous people were joined by settlers and pioneers who together built this great community of Strathcona County.

**2019/ CB6**

**Moved by:** P. Smith

THAT the rules be suspended for the duration of the Council Budget Meeting pursuant to section 8.13 of the Meeting Procedures Bylaw to allow for addition of budget material, replacement pages and presentations by way of consensus; and that the Clerk be directed to note all such changes in an appendix to the minutes and to provide an update of all such changes each time the meeting is called to order, to assist members of Council and the public.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delaine, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2019/ CB7**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT the November 18, 2019 Council Budget Meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delaine, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**3. INTRODUCTION**

**3.1 Overview of 2020-2023 Operating Budgets and 2020-2024 Capital Budgets**

Council was provided with an overview of the 2020-2023 Operating Budgets and the 2020-2024 Capital budgets.

**4. OVERVIEW OF FLAGGED ITEMS PROCESS**

**4.1 Flagged Items Process**

Council was provided with an overview of the flagged items process.

*Council recessed at 2:05 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. November 25, 2019.*

**- November 25, 2019 -**

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Councillors Parks and Tonita were absent.

The Clerk read the additional materials into the record. *See Appendix A – Additional and Replacement Material.*

**5. DIVISION PRESENTATIONS**

**5.1 Community Services Division**

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Community Services Division.

*Councillor Lawrence left the meeting at 9:15.*

5.2 Corporate Services Division

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Corporate Services Division.

*Councillor Lawrence rejoined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.*

5.3 Infrastructure and Planning Services Division

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Infrastructure and Planning Services Division.

5.3.1 Utilities

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Utilities Department.

5.4 Financial and Strategic Management Division

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Financial and Strategic Management Division.

5.4.1 Fiscal Services

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Fiscal Services.

5.5 Senior Administration Division and Elected Officials

Council was provided with a budget presentation from the Senior Administration Division and Elected Officials.

**4. OVERVIEW OF FLAGGED ITEMS PROCESS**

4.2 Flagged Items Votes

Flagged Item #1

**2019/ CB8**

**Moved by:** D. Anderson

THAT RCMP and Enforcement Services provide information on the options and implications of adding an RCMP Domestic Violence full-time position in the operating budget for 2020.

In Favor (7): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

Flagged Item #2

**2019/ CB9**

**Moved by:** B. Botterill

THAT Legislative and Legal Services provide information on the implications of changing the proposed SIR-61 – Legal Counsel – Bylaw Enforcement and General Legal Matters from a fulltime term 2-year position to a fulltime permanent position.

In Favor (7): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

*Councillor Smith left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.*

*Councillors Parks and Tonita rejoined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.*

**6. COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

6.1 Heartland Housing Foundation

Council was provided with a presentation from the Heartland Housing Foundation.

6.2 Strathcona County Library

Council was provided with a presentation from the Strathcona County Library.

*Council recessed at 4:34 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. November 28, 2019.*

**- November 28, 2019 -**

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with all of Council present. The Clerk read the additional materials into the record. *See Appendix A – Additional and Replacement Material.*

**7. BUDGET DISCUSSION CONTINUATION**

7.2 Human Resources Presentation

FOIP Section 24, advice from officials  
FOIP Section 25, economic interests of the municipality

**2019/ CB10**

**Moved by:** P. Smith

THAT Council meet in private to discuss employment-related budget matters, protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* sections 24 and 25 at 9:03 a.m.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason/ Purpose</b>
Kevin Glebe	Strategic Leader of the Organization/ Presenter
Lori Cooper	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Gord Johnston	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Greg Yeomans	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Stacy Fedechko	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Sandy Bugeja	Legislative Advice/ Clerk
Debra Smith	Presenter
Sherry Sowiak	Presenter
Jay Bohachyk	Necessary to perform role
Don Legge	Necessary to perform role

**2019/ CB11**

**Moved by:** R. Frank

THAT Council revert to open session at 9:59 a.m. and recess until 10:15 a.m.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delaine, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

7.1 Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw Introduction

Council was provided with an introduction to the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

**8. CAPITAL BUDGET**

8.1 Capital Budget Presentation

Council was provided a presentation on the Capital Budget.

**4. OVERVIEW OF FLAGGED ITEMS PROCESS**

4.3 Flagged Items Votes

Flagged Item #3

**2019/ CB12**

**Moved by:** R. Frank

THAT Transportation and Agricultural Services provide information on the feasibility of limiting the capital budget for the initial Multi-Purpose Agricultural Facility at 31 million for land, servicing, building while still allowing for opportunities to stage additional capital costs to expand the facility in future years.

In Favor (3): R. Frank, R. Parks, and G. Lawrence

Opposed (6): D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delaine, and K. Berghofer

**Defeated**

*Council recessed at 11:36 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. December 3, 2019.*

**- December 3, 2019 -**

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

The Clerk read the additional materials into the record. *See Appendix A – Additional and Replacement Material.*

**10. BUDGET AND RELATED APPROVALS**

10.1 Budget Discussion and Approval

Council was provided with information regarding the updated documents provided.

**9. FLAGGED ITEMS RESPONSES**

9.1 Flagged Items Responses

**2018/ CB13**

**Moved by:** D. Anderson

THAT \$156,084 to fund an RCMP Constable, full-time position be added to the proposed RCMP and Enforcement Services operation budget for 2020, and that the source of funds be identified.

In Favor (3): D. Anderson, P. Smith, and L. Delainey

Opposed (6): R. Frank, R. Parks, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Defeated**

**2018/ CB14**

**Moved by:** B. Botterill

THAT the proposed SIR-61 – Legal Counsel – Bylaw Enforcement and General Legal Matters position be changed from a fulltime term 2-year position to a fulltime permanent position, and that the 2022 and 2023 operating budget for Legislative and Legal Services be adjusted accordingly.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**10. BUDGET AND RELATED APPROVALS**

10.1 Budget Discussion and Approval

**2018/ CB15**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT the Area Redevelopment Plan and funding in the amount of \$550,000 required for Campbelltown Heights, Wye Road Gardens and Ordze Park be deferred for consideration in 2021.

In Favor (4): R. Parks, B. Tonita, P. Smith, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (5): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, L. Delainey, and G. Lawrence

**Defeated**

#### **4. OVERVIEW OF FLAGGED ITEMS PROCESS**

##### 4.4 Flagged Items Votes

###### **2018/ CB16**

**Moved by:** L. Delainey

Flagged Item #4

THAT Administration provide information on what is included in the utility water rates, and address whether industrial and commercial usage was included in the calculations for the water rate increase.

In Favor (8): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (1): P. Smith

**Carried**

#### **10. BUDGET AND RELATED APPROVALS**

##### 10.1 Budget Discussion and Approval

###### **2018/ CB17**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT the 2020 Operating Budget be amended by deleting \$1.5 million allocated for rural policing changes.

In Favor (3): R. Parks, B. Tonita, and G. Lawrence

Opposed (6): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, P. Smith, L. Delainey, and K. Berghofer

**Defeated**

*Council recessed at 10:54 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. December 5, 2019.*

#### **- December 5 -**

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The Clerk read the additional materials into the record. *See Appendix A – Additional and Replacement Material.*

#### **10. BUDGET AND RELATED APPROVALS**

##### 10.1 Budget Discussion and Approval

###### **2019/ CB18**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT the 2020 Operating Budget be amended by reducing the allocation from 1.5 million to 760,000 for rural policing charges.

In Favor (7): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Tonita, P. Smith, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (2): B. Botterill, and L. Delainey

**Carried**

**2019/ CB19**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT the 2020 Capital Budget be amended by removing \$595,000 for the Sidewalk Missing Links program (line items 1355, 1414, 1415, 1416).

In Favor (3): R. Parks, B. Tonita, and P. Smith

Opposed (6): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Defeated**

**2019/ CB20**

**Moved by:** L. Delainey

THAT the 2020 Consolidated Operating Budget (including a 1.21 per cent municipal tax revenue increase, a 2.78 per cent Utility rate increase, and a 0.81 per cent Library increase) with revenues matching expenses at \$377M, be adopted;

THAT the 2020 Consolidated Capital Budget (including a consolidated capital approval of \$111M) be adopted;

THAT the proposed annual Consolidated Operating Budgets for the years 2021-2023 (including projected 1.98%, 1.88% and 1.61% per cent tax revenue increases respectively) be approved to be brought forward for Council's consideration at the Council Budget Meeting for the 2021 budget; and

THAT the proposed annual Consolidated Capital Budgets for the years 2021-2024 (including projected consolidated capital budgets of \$51M, \$92M, \$52M, and \$85M respectively) be approved to be brought forward for Council's consideration at the Council Budget Meeting for the 2021 budget.

In Favor (7): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (2): R. Parks, and B. Tonita

**Carried**

10.2 Bylaw 37 - 2019: 2020 Fees, Rates and Charges (Repeals Bylaw 37-2018)

**2019/ CB21**

**Amendment Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT the Schedule to the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw be amended by increasing the fee for External Fitness Trainer (Annual Payment plus admission) from \$200 to \$400.

In Favor (2): R. Parks, and G. Lawrence

Opposed (7): R. Frank, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, and K. Berghofer

**Defeated**



**2019/ CB22**

**Moved by:** D. Anderson

THAT Bylaw 37-2019 to establish 2020 Fees, Rates and Charges for the provision of Municipal, Utility and Library Services be given first reading.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**2019/ CB23**

**Moved by:** B. Botterill

THAT Bylaw 37-2019 be given second reading.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**2019/ CB24**

**Moved by:** K. Berghofer

THAT Bylaw 37-2019 be considered for third reading.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**2019/ CB25**

**Moved by:** B. Botterill

THAT Bylaw 37-2019 be given third reading

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

10.3 Borrowing Bylaw 41-2019

**2019/ CB26**

**Moved by:** B. Botterill

THAT Bylaw 41-2019, a bylaw to approve the incurrence of debt for the development of the Multi-Use Agriculture Facility, be given first reading.

In Favor (7): D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (2): R. Frank, and R. Parks

**Carried**

10.4 Subsequent Motions

**2019/ CB27**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Administration request the Strathcona County RCMP detachment to prepare a report for Council by the end of the first quarter of 2020 on how funds are allocated within the Detachment to address community policing priorities, as well as the process for and history of funding School Resource Officers.

In Favor (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**  
**ACTION: RCMP and Enforcement Services**  
**DUE: Q1 2020**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Frank declared the meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m., December 5, 2019

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Mayor

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Director, Legislative & Legal Services