PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

June 8, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Council Chamber
401 Festival Lane
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Rod Frank, Mayor
Robert Parks, Ward 1 *(attended via teleconference)*
Dave Anderson, Ward 2 *(attended via teleconference)*
Brian Botterill, Ward 3 *(attended via teleconference)*
Bill Tonita, Ward 4 *(attended via teleconference)*
Paul Smith, Ward 5 *(attended via teleconference)*
Linton Delainey, Ward 6 *(attended via teleconference)*
Glen Lawrence, Ward 7 *(attended via teleconference)*
Katie Berghofer, Ward 8 *(attended via teleconference)*

Administration Present: Darrell Reid, Chief Commissioner
Don Legge, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Wade Coombs, Acting Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services
Grant Heer, Acting Assoc. Commissioner, Corporate Services
Stacy Fedechko, Assoc. Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services
Sandy Bugeja, Manager, Governance Services & Deputy Clerk
Joanne Onciul, Legislative Officer

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1. CALL TO ORDER & TREATY 6 AND METIS NATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Parks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following acknowledgement:

Today, I am on Treaty Six Territory and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Four. As such, we recognize there are Indigenous Peoples who walk amongst us who have been tragically affected by residential schools. As the remains of 215 children were uncovered in Kamloops, we realize had it not been for residential schools these children would now be Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and change makers in our communities; but they never came home. This is not just history but a legacy of wrong doings that are still prevalent today. We realize, that as we mourn, we must not be satisfied by the current systems but push to implement the Truth and Reconciliations Calls to Action.

All those in attendance took 215 seconds (3 minutes 35 seconds) to mourn the 215 Indigenous children and the others that never came home.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2021/ P 21
Moved by: B. Tonita

THAT the June 8, 2021 Priorities Committee agenda be adopted as presented.

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

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 May 11, 2021 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

2021/ P 22
Moved by: G. Lawrence

THAT the May 11, 2021 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be approved.

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

Carried

Councillor Smith joined the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

4. EMERGING ITEMS

4.1 Chief Commissioner Darrell Reid made a statement about the importance of the County's corporate values of respect and safety in response to a letter to the editor published in the May 28, 2021 Sherwood Park News.

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 COVID-19 Status Update for June 8, 2021

The Priorities Committee received an update on the current COVID-19 situation and other related matters.

5.3 2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Priorities Committee received the 2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report.

External Presenters:
John Vrolijk, Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Kim McDonald, Vice-Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee

5.2 Assessment and Tax Department Business Plan Update 2021

The Priorities Committee received an update on the Assessment and Tax Department Business Plan.

5.4 Legislative and Legal Services - Department Business Plan Update 2021

The Priorities Committee received an update on the Legislative and Legal Services Department Business Plan.

5.5 Neighbourhood Dog Off-leash Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on neighbourhood dog off-leash areas in Strathcona County.

5.6 Agriculture Master Plan 2021 Implementation Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the implementation of the Agriculture Master Plan and its associated strategies.

Councillors Smith and Berghofer left the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

5.7 Regional Smart Fare Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the Regional Smart Fare project including implementation dates and information on required bylaw changes.

Councillor Berghofer returned to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION / PROGRAM REQUESTS)

6.1 Councillor Request Report

To add or remove items from the Councillor Request Report.

There were no Councillor Requests for Information or Program Requests.

7. OPEN HOUSE

There were no registered speakers for Open House.

8. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Priorities Committee is provided with the listed reports in this section for information only. Presentations are not heard at the meeting.

8.1 2021 Consolidated Budget presented in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor

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Deputy Clerk, Legislative & Legal Services