

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
Sandy Bugeja, Manager, Governance Support Services & Deputy Clerk
Susanne Semchuk, Legislative Officer

- 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

Name	Reason/ Purpose
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. Delainey, 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. Delainey, 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. Delaine, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Defeated**2019/ CB20****Moved by:** L. Delaine

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. Delaine, 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. Delaine, 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

Mayor

Director, Legislative & Legal Services