

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 13, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber
401 Festival Lane
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Rod Frank, Mayor
Robert Parks, Ward 1
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
Katie Berghofer, Ward 8 (*attended via teleconference*)

Administration Present: Darrell Reid, Chief Commissioner
Jennifer Cannon, Chief Financial Officer
Gord Johnston, 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
Susanne Semchuk, Legislative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Parks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the acknowledgement that Strathcona County is located on Treaty Six Territory and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Two and Four. Strathcona County honours the First Peoples of this land. We recognize that we stand upon land that carries the footsteps of Cree, Métis, and Blackfoot amongst many other Nations, who have been here for thousands of years. Therefore, Strathcona County has an inherent responsibility to foster healthier relationships with First Peoples and further the Calls to Action as outlined by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by: G. Lawrence

THAT the July 13, 2021 Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favour (7): R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 June 22, 2021 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

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Moved by: G. Lawrence

THAT the June 22, 2021 Priorities Committee meeting minutes be approved.

In Favour (7): R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, L. Delainey, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Carried

4. EMERGING ITEMS

There were no emerging items.

Mayor Frank joined the meeting at 9:04 am

Councillor Smith joined the meeting at 9:05 am

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Facility Services Department - Business Plan Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the progress of the Department Plan for Facility Services.

5.2 Sustainable Rural Roads Master Plan Progress Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the Sustainable Rural Roads Master Plan.

External Presenters:

Fred Greenough, Senior Transportation Engineer, Al-Terra Engineering Ltd.

Sheldon Hudson, President and CEO, Al-Terra Engineering Ltd.

5.3 Stagewest Hospitality Presentation

The Priorities Committee received a presentation from Stagewest Hospitality on a possible entertainment venue in Strathcona County.

External Presenters:

Jason Pechet, President, Stagewest Hospitality
Scott Varga, Senior Project Manager, Avison Young

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Moved by: G. Lawrence

THAT the July 13, 2021 report Stagewest Hospitality be referred to Administration for further work and report on options for repealing the Casino Bylaw, including opportunities for public engagement on the repeal of the bylaw; and that the report be provided to Council by end of Q4 2021.

In Favour (7): R. Frank, R. Parks, B. Botterill, B. Tonita, P. Smith, G. Lawrence,
and K. Berghofer

Opposed (2): D. Anderson, and L. Delainey

Carried

ACTION: Legislative and Legal Services and Communications

DUE: Q4 2021

5.5 2020 Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report to Priorities Committee

The Priorities Committee received an annual update from the Seniors Advisory Committee.

External Presenter:

Bob Leman, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee

5.4 Human Resources - Department Business Plan Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the progress of the Human Resources Department Business Plan and current initiatives.

5.7 2021 Employee Engagement Survey Results

To provide the Priorities Committee an update on the 2021 employee engagement survey results and next steps.

External Presenters:

Dave Tang, Client Operations, WorkTango
Nadir Ebrahim, Co-founder, WorkTango

5.6 COVID 19 Recovery Task Forces Quarterly Update

The Priorities Committee received a quarterly update on the County's COVID 19 recovery efforts as well as an interim communications framework report.

5.8 Planning and Development Services - Department Business Plan Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the Planning and Development Services Department Business Plan.

5.9 Transportation Planning and Engineering - Department Business Plan Update

To provide the Priorities Committee an update on the Department Business Plan for Transportation Planning and Engineering.

Councillor Smith left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

5.10 Traffic Safety Strategic Plan Update 2021

The Priorities Committee received an update on the implementation of the Traffic Safety Strategic Plan 2021 in Strathcona County.

5.11 Strategic Energy Management Plan Update

The Priorities Committee received an update on the status of the Facility Service's Strategic Energy Management Plan (SEMP) and support received from the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre for the Municipal Energy Manager (MEM) program.

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION / PROGRAM REQUESTS)

6.1 Councillor Request Report

Ward	Category	Request	Department	Due Date
Mayor R. Frank	Information Request	COVID-19 Costs Within County Facilities Please provide information on whether the increased costs related to COVID protocols for facilities and loss of revenue associated with a decrease in facilities bookings have been absorbed by government grants.	ACTION: Facility Services	DUE: July 27, 2021

7. OPEN HOUSE

Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee once on a given topic, with some exceptions under the Priorities Committee Bylaw.

L. Tarapaski Outdoor Fire Bylaw 4-2021

8. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Committee was provided with the listed reports in this section for information only. Presentations were not heard at the meeting.

- 8.1 Seniors' Supports and Services Project Update July 2021
- 8.2 Canadian Award for Financial Reporting (2019 Annual Report)
- 8.3 Ward 6 Councillor's Report

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Parks declared the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

Deputy Clerk, Legislative & Legal Services