

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023
9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber
401 Festival Lane
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Aaron Nelson, Deputy Mayor (Chair)
Robert Parks, Ward 1
Dave Anderson, Ward 2
Lorne Harvey, Ward 3
Glen Lawrence, Ward 7
Katie Berghofer, Ward 8
Rod Frank, Mayor

Members Absent: Corey-Ann Hartwick, Ward 6
Bill Tonita, Ward 4 (*attended for items 1-5.4*)

Administration Present: Darrell Reid, Chief Commissioner
Jennifer Cannon, Assoc. Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer
Tom Sutton, Acting Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services
Stacy Fedechko, Assoc. Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services
Sara McKerry, Manager, Governance Services
Mina Barnes, Legislative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with an 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.

Deputy Mayor Nelson conducted roll call and confirmed the remote participation of Councillors Anderson, Berghofer and Tonita.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by: R. Parks

THAT the July 11, 2023 Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

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

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 June 27, 2023 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

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Moved by: G. Lawrence

THAT the June 27, 2023 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes, be approved.

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

Carried

4. EMERGING ITEMS

There were no emerging items.

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Annual Traffic Safety Report 2022

The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the 2022 Annual Traffic Safety Report.

5.2 2024 Budget Survey Results

The Priorities Committee was provided with the results of the 2024 Budget Survey for the upcoming budget cycle.

External Presenters:

Patrick Kyba, Consultant, Advanis Inc.

5.3 North Saskatchewan Heritage River Initiative

Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the Heritage River Concept Plan.

External Presenters:

Kyle Schole, Planning Technician, Smoky Lake County

Leif Olson, Senior Open Space Planner, Land Ecologist, O2 Planning & Design Inc.

5.4 Human Resources Business Model

Priorities Committee was provided with information regarding the Human Resources business model, including services and how they are delivered, staffing levels and use of contracted services.

Councillor Tonita left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

5.5 STARS Update

Priorities Committee was provided with an update on STARS including information on exciting new happenings at STARS, new innovation and technology, completion of a new fleet, missions statistics and information pertinent to Strathcona County residents and a request for continued support.

External Presenters:

Glenda Farnden, Senior Municipal Relations Liaison

5.6 Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol Society

Priorities Committee was provided with an update on Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol Society activities and achievements in 2022.

External Presenters:

Valerie Rusnak, President, Strathcona County Citizens On Patrol Society

5.7 Youth Strategy Initiative - Youth Strategy Update

Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the Strathcona County Next Gen initiative.

External Presenters:

Jessica Proux, BGC

Xander Laird, Next Gen Ambassador

Keegan Kirchen, Youth Leader

Moriah Inyang-out, Next Gen Ambassador

Averie Thompson, Youth Leader

Zahra Sultan, Youth Leader

5.8 Community Presentation Day

Priorities Committee was provided with a report that detailed current engagement and linkages in the County regarding heritage, history, arts and culture.

External Presenters:

Madhan Selvaraj, Executive Director, Edmonton Movie Club

Robyn Blackadar, Wye String Ensemble

Nancy McCalder, Sherwood Park Festival Singers

Bob Steele, Alberta Wildlife Carving Association

Janelle Orr, Sherwood Park Music Festival

Sheela Smith, Festival Place Cultural Arts Foundation

Ken Duncan, Arts and Culture Foundation of Strathcona County

Beth Rowe, Writers Foundation of Strathcona County

Jess Agrell-Smith, Elk Island Regional Honor Choirs Association

Peter Galloway, Josephburg Choral Society

Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION REQUESTS)

6.1 Councillor Request Report

Ward	Category	Request	Department	Due Date
8 K. Berghofer	Information Request	Festival Place Rates Please provide Festival Place rates for Nonprofits and other organizations that are booking space compared to similar capacity spaces such as Dow Centennial so that we can have comparative rates for bookings.	ACTION: Recreation, Parks and Culture	DUE: July 25, 2023

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.

D. G. Salmond Heating and Air-conditioning Installation Locations Related to Bylaws

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Nelson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

Deputy Clerk, Legislative & Legal Services