

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023  
12:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber  
401 Festival Lane  
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Rod Frank, Mayor  
Robert Parks, Ward 1  
Dave Anderson, Ward 2  
Lorne Harvey, Ward 3  
Bill Tonita, Ward 4  
Aaron Nelson, Ward 5  
Corey-Ann Hartwick, Ward 6  
Glen Lawrence, Ward 7  
Katie Berghofer, Ward 8

Administration Present: Darrell Reid, Chief Commissioner  
Jennifer Cannon, Assoc. Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief  
Financial Officer  
Wade Coombs, Acting Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services  
Stacy Fedechko, Assoc. Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services  
Mavis Nathoo, Director, Legislative and Legal Services  
Sara McKerry, Manager, Governance Services  
Mina Barnes, Legislative Officer

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

### 2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### 2023/ 223

**Moved by:** A. Nelson

THAT the July 18, 2023 Council meeting agenda be adopted with the following change:

- Add new item 3.4 Meeting Procedures Update to the Closed Session.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick,  
G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

### 3. CLOSED SESSION

**2023/ 224**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* section 24, 25 and 27 at 12:32 p.m.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

#### 3.1 Chief Commissioner - Introduction of Topics

#### 3.2 Broadband Update

FOIP Section 25, economic interests of the municipality

Name	Reason/ Purpose
Darrell Reid	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jennifer Cannon	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Wade Coombs	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Stacy Fedechko	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mavis Nathoo	Legislative Advice/ Clerk
Sara McKerry	Meeting Support
Chris Green	Presenter
Jonathan Stoeck	To answer questions
Brittney McClinton	Necessary to perform role

#### 3.3 Housing Accelerator Fund

FOIP Section 24, advice from officials

FOIP Section 25, economic interests of the municipality

Name	Reason/ Purpose
Darrell Reid	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jennifer Cannon	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Wade Coombs	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Stacy Fedechko	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mavis Nathoo	Legislative Advice/ Clerk
Sara McKerry	Meeting Support
Ryan Hall	Presenter
Linette Capcara	To answer questions
Brittney McClinton	Necessary to perform role

- 3.4 Meeting Procedures Update  
 FOIP Section 24, advice from officials  
 FOIP Section 27, legal privilege

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Darrell Reid	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jennifer Cannon	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Wade Coombs	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Stacy Fedechko	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mavis Nathoo	Legislative Advice/ Legal Advice/ Clerk/ Presenter
Sara McKerry	Meeting Support

**2023/ 225**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

That Council revert to open session at 1:49 p.m. and recess until 2:00 p.m.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**4. PROTOCOL ITEMS**

4.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Mayor re-convened the Council meeting 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.

4.2 Proclamations

Never Give Up Day August 18, 2023

**5. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

3.3 Housing Accelerator Fund

**2023/ 226**

**Moved by:** C. Hartwick

THAT Administration submit an application for the Housing Accelerator Fund administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation based on the ongoing initiatives set out in enclosure 1 of the July 18, 2023 Planning and Development Services report and that enclosure 1 remain private pursuant to sections 24 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2023/ 227**

**Moved by:** A. Nelson

THAT Council approve the following agenda items without debate:

**7.1**

**Confirmation of Minutes from Recent Meetings**

That the July 4, 2023 Council meeting and July 11, 2023 Special Council meeting minutes be approved.

**9.1**

**2023 Appointment of the External Auditor**

THAT the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the external auditor for Strathcona County for the year ending December 31, 2023, be approved.

**9.2**

**2023 Operating Budget Amendment – Transit Workforce Management Software**

THAT an amendment to the 2023 Operating Budget to increase funding for the implementation of the Transit Workforce Management Software in the amount \$270,000, to be funded from Municipal Reserves, be approved.

**11.2**

**Expenditure of Council Priority Funds – The Friends of Blackfoot Society**

THAT an expenditure of \$2,500.00 from Council Priority Funds as follows:

Councillor Glen Lawrence	\$2,500.00
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for the purpose of providing funds to The Friends of Blackfoot Society for costs associated with a memorial plaque, be approved.

**11.3.**

**Expenditure of Council Priority Funds – Cooking Lake Airport Condominium Association/The Owners Condominium Plan 1721695**

THAT an expenditure of \$1,200.00 from Council Priority Funds as follows:

Councillor Glen Lawrence	\$1,200.00
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for the purpose of providing funds to Cooking Lake Airport Condominium Association/The Owners Condominium Plan 1721695 for costs associated with activities taking place at the Cooking Lake Airport during South Cooking Lake Trail Days, be approved.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

## 8. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

### 8.1 Motion following Notice of Motion – Cellular Service Improvement Options

**2023/ 228**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Administration invite the primary internet and cellular service providers operating in Strathcona County to meet with Council or Priorities Committee, as soon as possible, to discuss solutions for the poor broadband and cellular service throughout the County, including both urban and rural areas; and

THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of October 2023 on near term options to improve broadband and cellular service throughout Strathcona County including funding opportunities, current state and future state infrastructure plans, identification of barriers that telecom carriers have identified and options for an advocacy and communications strategy.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**  
**ACTION: Information Technology Services**  
**DUE: October 2023**

### 8.2 Motion following Notice of Motion – Enhancement of Arts and Cultural Activities

**2023/ 229**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of Q1 2024 on options and strategies to enhance the profile, promotion and support for arts and cultural activities in Strathcona County, including but not limited to the following areas:

- The current and future profile of grants and bursaries related to the arts;
- Investments in festivals, arts organizations and individual artistic pursuits through coordinated government, corporate and private funding;
- The role of County Administration in engaging and promoting the County's arts community, and providing advice and support on issues that affect arts and culture;
- Opportunities to foster new partnerships and projects that strengthen arts and culture;
- Work with Indigenous peoples in promoting reconciliation through arts and culture; and
- Arts and cultural programming that promotes diversity, inclusion and multiculturalism in Strathcona County.

In Favour (5): D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, C. Hartwick, and K. Berghofer  
Opposed (4): R. Frank, R. Parks, A. Nelson, and G. Lawrence

**Carried**  
**ACTION: Recreation Parks and Culture**  
**DUE: Q1 2024**

8.3 2026 Alberta Summer Games Feasibility Report

**2023/ 230**

**Moved by:** K. Berghofer

THAT Administration submit a bid to host the 2026 Alberta Summer Games and that the 2023 operating budget be increased by \$1.9 million to host the Games, with funding from municipal reserves.

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

Opposed (1): R. Frank

**Carried**

**9. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

9.3 Introduction to State of Infrastructure

Council was provided with an introduction to the State of Infrastructure.

**11. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION REQUESTS AND NOTICES OF MOTION)**

11.1 Councillor Request Report

There were no Information Requests.

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**2023/ 231**

**Moved by:** D. Anderson

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* section 24 and 27 at 3:07 p.m.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

3.4 Meeting Procedures Update  
FOIP Section 24, advice from officials  
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Wade Coombs	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Stacy Fedechko	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mavis Nathoo	Legislative Advice/ Legal Advice / Clerk/ Presenter
Sara McKerry	Meeting Support
Mina Barnes	Meeting Support

**2023/ 232**

**Moved by:** L. Harvey

That Council revert to Open Session at 3:25 p.m. and recess until 6 p.m.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

## 10. PUBLIC HEARING

The Clerk provided an overview of the Public Hearing procedure as required.

**2023/ 233**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT the deadline for submission of written responses in Section 119 of the Meeting Procedures Bylaw be suspended to allow addition of the late written submissions from:

- D. Zimmermann
- B. Metz
- B. Hoffmann
- G. and L. Hanson
- W. Bosse
- C. Jackson
- B. Severin
- R. Fuhr
- L. and D. Noton
- J. Brown
- A. Baker
- A. Dunn
- B. Larocque

THAT Administration post the late submissions as soon as possible to make them available to the public; and

THAT Council take a recess of 15 minutes following Administration's presentation to allow Council and members of the public to review the late submissions.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**



The Mayor convened the Public Hearing for Bylaw 30-2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Administration made a presentation on the bylaw. Administration then answered Council's questions.

There were 35 registered speakers:

L. Delainey	opposed
R. Taylor	opposed
K. Flett	opposed
D. Kakoschke	in favour
L. Gordon	opposed
S. Feth	in favour
B. Hill	opposed
M. Boisvert	in favour
T. Flesher	opposed
Y. Lew	in favour
R. Rehman	in favour
T. Chiarello	in favour
B. Armstrong	in favour
S. Erickson	in favour
V. Clews	in favour
M. Roppelt	in favour
J. Perozok	in favour
J. Sochatsky	in favour
K. McKinney	in favour
A. Willman	in favour
B. Severin	in favour
A. Biel	opposed
B. Dibben	in favour
M. Barker	opposed
J. Murphy	in favour
S. Leppky	in favour
D. Gupta	in favour
C. Taylor	opposed
F. Beland-Quest	in favour
D. Quest	in favour
R. Pettit	opposed
J. Stacey	opposed
H. Wowk	opposed
C. Crick	opposed
S. Norlander	opposed

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw 30-2023 at 10:19 p.m.

Administration answered subsequent questions from Council.

10.1 Bylaw 30-2023 Text Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 6-2015

**2023/ 234**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

THAT Bylaw 30-2023, a bylaw that amends Land Use Bylaw 6-2015 to create three new zoning districts primarily for use in the Bremner area, being the RLD1 - Small Lot Low Density Residential zoning district, RLD2 - Standard Lot Low Density Residential zoning district and RSO - Street Oriented Residential zoning district, be given first reading.

In Favour (5): R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, and K. Berghofer  
Opposed (4): R. Frank, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, and G. Lawrence

**Carried**

**2023/ 235**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Schedule A to Bylaw 30-2023 be amended by:

- In section 7.8C.5.e), deleting reference to "section 7.8C.4.b)" and replacing it with "7.8C.4.c)",
- In sections 7.8D.6.h)iv) and 7.8E.6.i)iv) delete each instance of the word "compliment" and replace it with "complement", and
- In section 7.8E.2 delete the reference to "Group home, minor."

In Favour (7): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, and K. Berghofer  
Opposed (2): C. Hartwick, and G. Lawrence

**Carried**

**2023/ 236**

**Moved by:** D. Anderson

THAT Bylaw 30-2023, as amended, be given second reading.

In Favour (5): R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, and K. Berghofer  
Opposed (4): R. Frank, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, and G. Lawrence

**Carried**

**2023/ 237**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Bylaw 30-2023 be considered for third reading.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**2023/ 238**

**Moved by:** K. Berghofer

THAT Bylaw 30-2023 be given third reading.

In Favour (6): R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer  
Opposed (3): R. Frank, A. Nelson, and C. Hartwick

**Carried**

**9. REQUESTS FOR DECISION**

9.4 Bylaw 14-2023 Map Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 6-2015 (Ward 5)

**2023/ 239**

**Moved by:** R. Parks

1. THAT Bylaw 14-2023 be amended by adding the following text as Section 2:

“This bylaw comes into effect on February 1, 2024.”

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick,  
G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**2023/ 240**

**Moved by:** B. Tonita

THAT Bylaw 14-2023, as amended, be given third reading.

In Favour (5): R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, and K. Berghofer  
Opposed (4): R. Frank, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, and G. Lawrence

**Carried**

**2023/ 241**

**Moved by:** D. Anderson

THAT the July 19, 2023 Council meeting scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. be cancelled.

In Favour (9): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick,  
G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

**Carried**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Frank declared the meeting adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

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Mayor

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Director, Legislative & Legal Services