

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2023
10:30 a.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
Jason Chance, Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services
Stacy Fedechko, Assoc. Commissioner, Infrastructure and Planning Services
Mavis Nathoo, Director, Legislative and Legal Services
Sara McKerry, Manager, Governance Services
Susanne Semchuk, Legislative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frank called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Frank conducted roll call and confirmed the remote participation of Councillor Berghofer.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2023/ 253

Moved by: A. Nelson

THAT the September 19, 2023 Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

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/ 254

Moved by: L. Harvey

THAT Council meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act* sections 24 and 29 at 10:31 a.m.

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

Carried

Councillor Berghofer provided verbal confirmation that she could maintain confidentiality while participating remotely.

3.1 Chief Commissioner - Introduction of Topics

3.2 Development Opportunity - Further Discussion

FOIP Section 24, advice from officials

FOIP Section 29, information available or to be available to the public

Name	Reason/ Purpose
Darrell Reid	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jennifer Cannon	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Jason Chance	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Stacy Fedechko	Strategic Leader of the Organization
Mavis Nathoo	Legislative Advice/ Clerk
Sara McKerry	Meeting Support
Diehl Townsley	Presenter
Michael Desautels	Presenter
Brittney McClinton	Necessary to perform role

2023/ 255

Moved by: D. Anderson

THAT Council revert to open session at 11:02 a.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

Mayor Frank re-convened the meeting and conducted roll call to confirm the remote participation of Councillor Berghofer.

4.1 Territorial Acknowledgement

The Mayor acknowledged 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

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30, 2023

4.3 Builder of the Yellowhead Award – Todd Banks

Mayor Frank, on behalf of Council, recognized the recipient of the Builder of the Yellowhead Award, Todd Banks and his contributions to the development, maintenance, and promotion of the Yellowhead Corridor and its role in the economic growth of Strathcona County.

5. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3.2 Development Opportunity - Further Discussion

2023/ 256

Moved by: L. Harvey

THAT enclosure 1 be created and added to the September 19, 2023 Fleet and Facility Management report, and remain confidential pursuant to sections 24 and 29 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and

THAT Administration take the steps set out in enclosure 1.

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

Carried
ACTION: Fleet and Facility Management
DUE: As soon as Practicable

6. CONSENT AGENDA

2023/ 257

Moved by: A. Nelson

THAT Council approve the following agenda items without debate:

7.1

September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

THAT the September 5, 2023 Council Meeting minutes be approved.

8.4.

Women's Only Swim Pilot Update

THAT a six-month extension of the Women's Only Swim Pilot, be approved; and

THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of Q2 2024 with an evaluation of the pilot and any recommended next steps.

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

Carried
ACTION: Recreation, Parks and Culture
DUE: Q2 2024

8. COUNCIL PRIORITIES

8.1 Motion following Notice of Motion – Options and Costs to Increase Communication with Residents

2023/ 258

Moved by: L. Harvey

THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of Q4 2023 on options and costs to increase communication with residents on infrastructure projects, land use changes and related projects that are beyond our existing level of service, examples include but are not limited to improved physical signage, additional and/or improved newspaper advertisements, online advertisements and direct mailouts.

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

Carried
ACTION: Planning and Development Services
DUE: Q4 2023

8.2 Motion following Notice of Motion – Wye Road Beautification

2023/ 259

Moved by: L. Harvey

THAT Administration include the Wye Road Beautification project for Council's consideration as part of the 2024 budget process, including the option to have the work completed over a three-year period, with the meridian work being completed in 2024.

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

Opposed (2): R. Parks, and C. Hartwick

Carried
ACTION: Transportation Engineering and Operations
DUE: 2024 Budget Deliberations

8.3 Motion following Notice of Motion – Shrub and Grass Maintenance

2023/ 260

Moved by: B. Tonita

THAT Administration include the following as Council Driven Initiatives for Council's consideration as part of the 2024 budget process:

- Restore the cycles for shrub bed maintenance to 2022 levels by increasing cycles from three per season to four; and
- Restore the cycles for mowing and trimming on County land to 2022 levels.

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

Carried

ACTION: Recreation, Parks and Culture

DUE: 2024 Budget Deliberations

8.5 Promoting Agriculture Initiative

Mayor Frank passed the chair to Deputy Mayor Nelson.

2023/ 261

Moved by: R. Frank

THAT Administration include Option B, additional staff and budget resourcing dedicated to drive agricultural investment in Strathcona County, as a Council Driven Initiative for Council's consideration as part of the 2024 budget process.

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

Carried

ACTION: Economic Development and Tourism

DUE: 2024 Budget Deliberations

The Mayor resumed the chair.

8.6 Strathcona County Panhandling Response

2023/ 262

Moved by: D. Anderson

THAT Administration develop a standardized approach to the way that officers engage with panhandlers in the County using current legal tools, including when and how referrals to Family and Community Services will take place; and

THAT Administration prepare a report with an update on panhandling in Strathcona County by the end of Q1 2025, be approved.

In Favour (8): R. Frank, R. Parks, D. Anderson, L. Harvey, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer
Opposed (1): B. Tonita

Carried

**ACTION: RCMP and Enforcement Services
and Family and Community Services**

DUE: Q1 2025

9. REQUESTS FOR DECISION

9.1 Recommendation to Amend Bylaw 37-2017 – Responsible Dog Ownership Bylaw

2023/ 263

Moved by: R. Parks

THAT Administration prepare, for Council's consideration by the end of Q1 2024, draft amendments to Bylaw 37-2017 Responsible Dog Ownership to remove the licensing requirements and to add requirements for dog identification and associated fines for failing to comply, as set out in the September 19, 2023 RCMP and Enforcement Services report.

2023/ 264

Amendment Moved by: L. Harvey

THAT motion 2023 / 263 be amended to add "with the removal of the requirement for a visible identification tag" after the words "dog identification".

In Favour (3): R. Frank, L. Harvey, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (6): R. Parks, D. Anderson, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, and G. Lawrence

Defeated

2023/ 263

Main Motion Put to Vote

THAT Administration prepare, for Council's consideration by the end of Q1 2024, draft amendments to Bylaw 37-2017 Responsible Dog Ownership to remove the licensing requirements and to add requirements for dog identification and associated fines for failing to comply, as set out in the September 19, 2023 RCMP and Enforcement Services report.

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

Carried

ACTION: RCMP and Enforcement Services

DUE: Q1 2024

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

11.1 Councillor Request Report

Ward	Category	Request	Department	Due Date
4 B. Tonita NM-15	Notice of Motion	Councillor Tonita SERVED the following Notice of Motion to be presented for debate and vote at the October 3, 2023 Council Meeting: THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a follow-up letter to the Ministers of Health, Infrastructure and Alberta Health Services, reaffirming the need for Phase 2 of the Strathcona Community Hospital, the need for open communication with the community and offer of support during the planning and building phases.	ACTION: Office of the Elected Officials	DUE: October 3, 2023
6 C. Hartwick NM-16	Notice of Motion	Councillor Hartwick SERVED the following Notice of Motion to be presented for debate and vote at the October 3, 2023 Council Meeting: THAT Administration prepare a report for Council's consideration by the end of Q1 2024 outlining the history of the Fountain Creek drainage system including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the purpose of the overland drainage easement; the developers original intent to establish a Homeowners Association to operate and maintain a man-made creek system consisting of a private internal pumping system; and the feasibility of establishing a Home Owners Association to operate and maintain the overland drainage easement with a private internal pumping system. 	ACTION: Office of the Elected Officials	DUE: October 3, 2023

10. PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 Development of the 2024 Multi-Year Budget – Non-Statutory Public Hearing

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

The Mayor convened the Non-Statutory Public Hearing on the Development of the 2024 Multi-Year Budget at 5:00 p.m.

Council heard from the following speakers:

L. Delainey
K. Duncan
K. Moore
T. Banks

The Mayor closed the Non-Statutory Public Hearing at 5:31 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Frank declared the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor

Director, Legislative & Legal Services