

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2024
11:00 a.m.
Council Chamber
401 Festival Lane
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Glen Lawrence, Deputy Mayor (Chair)
Robert Parks, Ward 1
Lorne Harvey, Ward 3
Bill Tonita, Ward 4
Aaron Nelson, Ward 5
Corey-Ann Hartwick, Ward 6
Katie Berghofer, Ward 8
Rod Frank, Mayor

Members Absent: Dave Anderson, Ward 2

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
Sara McKerry, Manager, Governance Services
Susanne Semchuk, Legislative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 11:00 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.

1.1 Condolences to the Family of Bridgette Hardy-Crytes

On behalf of Strathcona County, Mayor Frank expressed condolences on the passing of Bridgette Hardy-Crytes. Bridgette was a valued member of the Enforcement Services team and an active member of our community. She will be especially remembered for her skill and passion for playing the bagpipes.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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Moved by: K. Berghofer

THAT the October 8, 2024 Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

- The replacement of the Strathcona County Museum & Archives Operating Budget Request with an updated version;
- The addition of enclosure 2, Additional Slide to item 5.9 Waste Management Roadmap Annual Update 2024; and
- Bring forward item 5.8 Legislative Impacts on the 2025 General Municipal Election to follow item 5.5 bgc Presentation.

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

Carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 17, 2024 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

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Moved by: K. Berghofer

THAT the September 17, 2024 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes be approved.

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

Carried

4. EMERGING ITEMS

There were no emerging items.

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Strathcona County Museum & Archives Operating Budget Request

The Priorities Committee was provided a presentation on current and future state activities, and an operating budget increase request.

External Presenters:

Deborah Krahn, President, Strathcona County Heritage Foundation
Dale Smith, Treasurer, Strathcona County Heritage Foundation Treasurer
Kristiana Clarke, Manager, Strathcona County Museum and Archives

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Moved by: L. Harvey

THAT the October 8, 2024 Strathcona County Museum & Archives Operating Budget Request item be referred to Administration to include the funding request as a Council Driven Initiative for consideration as part of the 2025 budget process.

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

Carried

ACTION: Financial and Strategic Services

DUE BY: 2025 Budget Deliberations

5.2 Promotion and Support for Arts and Cultural Activities in Strathcona County

The Priorities Committee was provided a presentation outlining recent and future projects and initiatives in Arts and Culture, providing options and strategies to enhance the profile, promotion and support for arts and cultural activities in Strathcona County.

5.3 Advocacy for a Seniors Center Presentation

The Priorities Committee was provided a presentation regarding the appearance and required functions of a seniors center as envisioned by the Advocacy for a Seniors Center Group.

External Presenters:

Claudette McLean, Chair, Advocacy for a Seniors Center

Marianne West, Member, Advocacy for a Seniors Center

Barb Milne, Member, Advocacy for a Seniors Center

5.4 2024 Seniors Advisory Committee Annual Report

The Priorities Committee was provided an update on the progress made by the Seniors Advisory Committee toward achieving its mandate items in 2024.

External Presenter:

Darryl Dilezoy, Chair, Seniors Advisory Committee

Lynn Olenek, Vice Chair, Seniors Advisory Committee

5.5 bgc Presentation

The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on bgc Strathcona's capital project and grants status.

External Presenters:

Tyler Roed, Executive Director, bgc Strathcona County

Mike Shellenberg, Board Chair, bgc Strathcona County

Dwayne Andrews, Vice Chair, bgc Strathcona County

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Moved by: R. Parks

THAT the Priorities Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, provide a letter of support for the development of a new bgc Strathcona facility, as required for grant applications.

In Favour (7): R. Frank, R. Parks, B. Tonita, A. Nelson, C. Hartwick, G. Lawrence, and K. Berghofer

Opposed (1): L. Harvey

Carried

Clerk's note: to be considered at the October 22, 2024 Council Meeting

5.8 Legislative Impacts on the 2025 General Municipal Election

The Priorities Committee was provided an update on legislative changes that will impact the 2025 General Municipal Election.

Councillor Tonita left the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

5.6 Fall 2025 Budget Engagement Results and Environmental Scan

The Priorities Committee was provided with the results of the 2025 Fall Budget engagement, as well as a summary of community indicators leading into the 2025 budget discussions.

5.7 Housing Affordability Strategy - Garden Suites and Secondary Suites Within Townhouses

The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the implementation of action items 1.1 and 1.2 of the Strathcona County Housing Affordability Strategy which provide direction to increase opportunities and reduce barriers for garden suites and secondary suites.

5.9 Waste Management Roadmap Annual Update 2024

The Priorities Committee was provided with the annual update on the Waste Management Roadmap, as well as an update on the Extended Producer Responsibility regulation.

5.10 Transit Master Plan Engagement Results and Implementation

The Priorities Committee was provided the Transit Master Plan Engagement Results and Implementation Plan.

External Presenter:

Thomas Pacy, Associate, Dillion Consulting

Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Councillor Berghofer left the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and rejoined the meeting virtually at 5:05 p.m.

7. OPEN HOUSE

Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Committee, with some exceptions under the Priorities Committee Bylaw.

W. Fraser	Land Use Bylaw Enforcement
C. Pierce and D. Butler	Tree Removal

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION REQUESTS)

6.1 Councillor Request Report

There were no Information Requests.

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 2027 – 2030 Strategic Plan

8.2 Ardrossan Lagoon Aeration System Options

8.3 Strathcona County Provincial Affordable Housing Needs Assessment

9. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Lawrence declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

Deputy Clerk, Legislative & Legal Services