

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Council Chamber
401 Festival Lane
Sherwood Park, AB

Members Present: Katie Berghofer, Deputy Mayor (Chair)
Robert Parks, Ward 1
Dave Anderson, Ward 2
Bill Tonita, Ward 4
Aaron Nelson, Ward 5
Corey-Ann Hartwick, Ward 6
Glen Lawrence, Ward 7
Rod Frank, Mayor

Members Absent: Lorne Harvey, Ward 3 (*attended for items 1-5.5*)

Administration Present: Stacy Fedechko, Chief Commissioner
Jennifer Cannon, Assoc. Commissioner, Corporate Services and Chief
Financial Officer
Jason Chance, Assoc. Commissioner, Community Services
Sean McRitchie, Acting Associate Commissioner, Infrastructure and
Planning Services
Mina Barnes, Legislative Officer
Lana Fleming, Coordinator, Governance Services

1. CALL TO ORDER & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Berghofer 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.

2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2025/ P 4

Moved by: R. Parks

THAT the April 8, 2025 Priorities Committee meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

- Item 5.5 Strathcona County Panhandling update be dealt with at 4 p.m.
- Item 5.11 Fleet and Facility Management Department Review be dealt with at 11:40 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

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 January 21, 2025 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes

2025/ P 5

Moved by: R. Parks

THAT the January 21, 2025 Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes 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

5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force Final Report

The Priorities Committee was provided with the final report and recommendations of the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force.

External Presenters:

Anna Pandos, Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force

Doug Bowes, Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force

2025/ P 6

Moved by: R. Frank

THAT the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Task Force final report be referred to Administration to prepare a report on the implementation of the recommendations including costs and timelines for Priorities Committee consideration by the end of the first quarter of 2026.

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

Carried

**ACTION: Transportation Engineering and Operations
DUE BY: March 2026**

- 5.2 2025 Transportation Engineering and Operations Construction Season Overview
- The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on plans for the 2025 construction season.
- 5.3 Saffron Centre 2025 Update
- The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on Saffron Centre's programs, services and facility.
- External Presenter:**
Roxanne Tiessen, Executive Director
- 5.4 Strathcona County RCMP 2025 Triannual Update 1
- The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the progress of Strathcona County RCMP's Annual Policing Plan initiatives, crime statistics and other detachment updates.
- External Presenter:**
Superintendent Barry LaRocque
- 5.11 Fleet and Facility Management Department Review
- The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the outcome of the Fleet and Facility Management department review.
- External Presenters:**
Carol Murano, KPMG
Ross Homeniuk, KPMG
- Councillor Harvey left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.*
Councillor Parks left the meeting and joined remotely at 2 p.m.
- 5.6 Economic Development Advisory Committee 2024 Update
- The Priorities Committee was provided with the annual activities and accomplishments of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC).
- External Presenter:**
Ryan Osterberg, Vice Chair, Economic Development Advisory Committee
- 5.7 Environmental Framework 2024 Progress Update
- The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the Environmental Framework (January to December 2024).
- 5.8 Agricultural Framework Update
- The Priorities Committee was provided with an update regarding the Agricultural Framework.
- 5.9 2024 Business Retention and Expansion Triage Report Results
- The Priorities Committee was provided with the findings of the Business Retention and Expansion triage survey conducted by Deloitte in 2024.
- External Presenter:**
Simon Webb, Deloitte
- Councillor Anderson left the meeting at 3:02 p.m. and joined remotely at 3:17 p.m.*

5.10 Cooking Lake Airport 100th Anniversary

The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Cooking Lake Airport that will occur September 12, 2026

External Presenter:

Kimberly Fraser, Chair, Steering Committee for Cooking Lake Airport 100th Anniversary

5.5 Strathcona County Panhandling Update 2025

The Priorities Committee was provided with an update on the impact of the County's approach to panhandling.

6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION REQUESTS)

6.1 Councillor Request Report

There were no Information Requests.

Councillor Tonita left the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

7. OPEN HOUSE

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

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9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Deputy Mayor

Deputy Clerk, Legislative, Legal and Procurement