



Regular Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**Council Chambers and Through Electronic Communications
Sturgeon County Centre
9613-100 Street
Morinville, Alberta**

Members Present:

Mayor Alanna Hnatiw
Dan Derouin, Councillor - Division 1
Kristin Toms, Councillor - Division 2
Matthew McLennan, Councillor - Division 3
Neal Comeau, Councillor - Division 4
Deanna Stang, Councillor - Division 5
Jason Berry, Councillor - Division 6

Administration Present:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO
Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services
Travis Peter, General Manager, Development & Strategic Services
Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer
Gary Mayhew, Acting Chief Operating Officer – COO
Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning & Development Services
Martyn Bell, Program Lead, Current Planning
Jonathan Heemskerk, Planning & Subdivision Officer
Rebecca Schapansky, Planning & Subdivision Officer
Trenna Benesocky, Chief of Staff
Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer
Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hnatiw called the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and acknowledged that Council meets on Treaty 6 territory, the traditional homelands of Alexander and Michel First Nations, as well as the Métis Nation of Alberta's Region 4.

We are all Treaty People; we love and cherish this place we call home and the land that provides for us. A place where our families, friends, and other relations live and grow. We commit ourselves to continually becoming better Treaty people so that this place and those we love continue to thrive as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.

Mayor Hnatiw proclaimed September 30, 2023 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Sturgeon County.

1.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion 331/23

Moved by M. McLennan

That Council adopt the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended, with the addition of items 6.1 Closed Session - Intergovernmental Matter and 7.1 Notice of Motion - Establishment of Land Use Advisory Committee.

Carried Unanimously

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 September 26, 2023 Consent Agenda Report

Motion 332/23

Moved by D. Derouin

That Council adopt the September 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented;

That Council rescind Motion 292/22;

That Council rescind Motion 298/23; and

That Council confirm the invoice for firefighting costs for 55231 Range Road 255 in the amount of \$206,087.45 as section 10.1 of Bylaw 1354/15 states that charges and expenses incurred pursuant to that section may be charged to the owner of the land in respect of which action was taken, and that Council accept the request for an extension of time to pay the invoice for firefighting costs for 55231 Range Road 255 and the date to pay the invoice be extended to August 31, 2025 or when the legal issues are settled or otherwise resolved, whichever is earlier and on the condition a charge on land be

registered on title for the amount owing, payment of interest and payment of Sturgeon County legal fees. An update from the taxpayer regarding the current legal status will be required every six months. In the event of non-compliance with any of the terms contained on the charge on land the full amount will become immediately payable, failing which the County can add the amount to the tax roll.

Carried Unanimously

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 September 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Motion approved on consent agenda.

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Firefighting Invoice – 55231 Range Road 255 – Correction of Municipal Address

Motions approved on consent agenda.

4.2 Bylaw 1624/23 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 – Redistricting of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 2122926 from AG – Agriculture District to AG2 – Agriculture 2 District – Second and Third Readings

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager; Martyn Bell, Program Lead, Current Planning; and Jonathan Heemskerk, Planning & Subdivision Officer, Planning & Development Services.

As Councillor Comeau was absent for all of the Public Hearing for Bylaw 1624/23, he abstained from voting on second and third readings of the Bylaw in accordance with section 184(a) of the Municipal Government Act.

Motion 333/23

Moved by M. McLennan

That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1624/23.

For (4): A. Hnatiw, K. Toms, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Against (2): D. Derouin, and M. McLennan

Abstained (1): N. Comeau

Carried

Motion 334/23

Moved by M. McLennan

That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1624/23.

For (4): A. Hnatiw, K. Toms, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Against (2): D. Derouin, and M. McLennan

Abstained (1): N. Comeau

Carried

4.3 Bylaw 1623/23 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 – Redistricting of a Portion of Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 092 2252 (55010 Range Road 231) from AG – Agriculture District to AG2 – Agriculture 2 District – Second and Third Readings

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager; Martyn Bell, Program Lead, Current Planning; and Rebecca Schapansky, Planning & Subdivision Officer, Planning & Development Services.

Motion 335/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council move into a closed session at 9:44 a.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 27 (privileged information) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

For (6): A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, N. Comeau, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Against (1): M. McLennan

Carried

The following members of Administration were in attendance for the closed session to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, General Manager, Development & Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer; Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning & Development Services; Martyn Bell, Program Lead, Current Planning; Rebecca Schapansky, Planning & Subdivision Officer; Trena Benesocky, Chief of Staff; Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer; and Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer.

Motion 336/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council move out of the closed session at 10:03 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 337/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1623/23.

Against (7): A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, M. McLennan, N. Comeau, D. Stang, and J. Berry

Defeated Unanimously

The meeting was recessed at 10:10 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:18 a.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

4.4 Bylaw 1634/23 – Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 – Redistricting 400 Main Street 57000 Highway 44 from R4 – Hamlet Serviced Residential District to REC – Recreational District – First Reading

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager; and Rebecca Schapansky, Planning & Subdivision Officer, Planning & Development Services.

Motion 338/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council give first reading of Bylaw 1634/23.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 339/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council direct Administration to refund the redistricting application fee associated with Bylaw 1634/23 in the amount of \$3,000.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 340/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council waive future road closure application fees associated with Bylaw 1634/23 in the amount of \$2,500.

Carried Unanimously

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL

5.1 Review of Bylaws Associated with Community Development and Maintenance (Councillor Toms)

Presented by Councillor Toms.

Motion 341/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council direct Administration to conduct a review of bylaws associated with development and community maintenance, including associated community trends, any bylaw/policy or resourcing gaps, process streamlining, and other recommendations.

Carried Unanimously

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

Councillor McLennan gave notice that he will introduce the following motion at the October 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

That Council direct Administration to provide information and options regarding the establishment of a Land Use Advisory Committee comprised of Council and public members to provide advice to Council on land use policy in Sturgeon County to enhance resident needs and expectations regarding land use provisions.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.1 CLOSED SESSION – Intergovernmental Matter

Motion 342/23

Moved by K. Toms

That Council move to a closed session at 10:34 a.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

The following members of Administration were in attendance for the closed session to provide information and/or administrative assistance:

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner - CAO; Jesse Sopko, General Manager, Corporate Services; Travis Peter, General Manager, Development & Strategic Services; Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer; Gary Mayhew, Acting Chief Operating Officer – COO; Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning & Development Services; Tenna Benesocky, Chief of Staff; Dianne Mason, Legislative Officer; and Melodie Steele, Legislative Officer.

Motion 343/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council move out of the closed session at 11:15 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 344/23

Moved by D. Stang

That Council direct Administration to take direction as identified in Option 3 of the closed session Request for Decision of item 6.1 of the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

Carried Unanimously

Motion 345/23

Moved by D. Stang

That the Request for Decision and attachment for item 6.1 of the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with section 24 (advice from officials) and section 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 346/23

Moved by N. Comeau

That Council adjourn the September 26, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Carried Unanimously

Mayor

County Commissioner (CAO)