



## **Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2024, 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 Services  
Andrew Hayes, General Manager, Financial Services & Chief Financial Officer  
Gord Cebryk, General Manager, Infrastructure Services  
Jennifer Lavallee, Director, Communications & Strategic Services  
Bonnie McInnis, Manager, Planning & Development Services  
Angela Veenstra, Manager, Agriculture Services  
Brandon Sandmaier, Energy Systems Specialist  
Jonathan Heemskerk, Planner  
Kyle Schole, Planner  
Alex Niznik, Planning Intern  
Dianne Mason, Legislative Advisor  
Melodie Steele, Legislative Advisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS**

**1.1 CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hnatiw called the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting to order at 9:00 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 declared February 13, 2024 as Canada's Agriculture Day in Sturgeon County.

**1.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion 032/24**

**Moved by** K. Toms

That Council adopt the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended with the addition of item 7.1 Notice of Motion - Documentation of Heritage Trails in Sturgeon County.

**Carried Unanimously**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2.1 January 30, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

**Motion 033/24**

**Moved by** D. Stang

That Council adopt the January 30, 2024 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

**4. BUSINESS**

**4.1 Bylaw 1639/23 - Amendment to Land Use Bylaw 1385/17 - 2023 Technical Redistrictings - Second and Third Readings**

Presented by Bonnie McInnis, Manager; Jonathan Heemskerk, Planner; and Alex Niznik, Planning Intern, Planning & Development Services.

**Motion 034/24**

**Moved by** N. Comeau

That Council give second reading of Bylaw 1639/23 as amended.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 035/24**

**Moved by** N. Comeau

That Council give third reading of Bylaw 1639/23.

**Carried Unanimously**

**4.2 Contract Award: Cardiff Room / County Centre Front Foyer Renovation Project**

Presented by Brandon Sandmaier, Energy Systems Specialist.

**Motion 036/24**

**Moved by** K. Toms

That Council award the contract for the Cardiff Room and County Centre Front Foyer Renovation Project to Pemco Construction at a cost of \$589,417 (excluding GST) with funding from the Building Maintenance Reserve, the Community Building Priority Reserve, the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve, and the Year-end Carry forward Reserve.

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

Against (1): M. McLennan

**Carried**

**Motion 037/24**

**Moved by** K. Toms

That Council authorize the budgeted amount of \$648,358 be increased by \$154,000 and that the difference be funded from the closed 2015 Municipal Operations Building design project in the Corporate Support Capital Reserve.

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

Against (1): M. McLennan

**Carried**

**3. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 9:30 a.m. Agricultural Service Board Recommendation - Letter to Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors Regarding Vegetation Management**

Presented by Angela Veenstra, Manager, Agriculture Services and Jacob Middelkamp, Board Chair, Agricultural Service Board.

**Motion 038/24**

**Moved by** D. Stang

That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Provincial Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors requesting a review of their current vegetation management program along provincial highways.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**4.3 Equipment Replacement Efficiency Adjustments**

Presented by Angela Veenstra, Manager, Agriculture Services.

**Motion 039/24**

**Moved by** N. Comeau

That Council approve the following amendments to the 2024-2025 Capital Budgets:

1. Defer the replacement of one tractor and transfer funding of \$95,000 from 'Tractors' to 'Mower, Self-Propelled'.
2. Transfer \$36,000 from the Vehicle and Equipment Reserve to fund the purchase of a towed mower.

**Carried Unanimously**

The meeting was recessed at 10:08 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**6.1 Sturgeon County Membership in Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board**

Presented by Jennifer Lavallee, Director, Communications & Strategic Services.

**Motion 040/24**

**Moved by** M. McLennan

That Council direct Administration to provide information on how Sturgeon County could cease membership in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board.

**Motion 041/24**

**Moved by** D. Stang

That Council table agenda item 6.1.

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

Against (1): M. McLennan

**Carried**

The meeting was recessed at 10:37 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:31 p.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**Motion 042/24**

**Moved by** J. Berry

That Council take agenda item 6.1 from the table.

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

Against (1): M. McLennan

**Carried**

**Motion 043/24**

**Moved by** K. Toms

That Motion 040/24 be amended by striking the word “cease” and inserting the words “review its” in its place.

For (5): A. Hnatiw, D. Derouin, K. Toms, N. Comeau, and D. Stang

Against (2): M. McLennan, and J. Berry

**Carried**

**Motion 040/24**

**Moved by** M. McLennan

That Council direct Administration to provide information on how Sturgeon County could review its membership in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board.

**Carried Unanimously**

**7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Councillor Stang gave notice that she will introduce the following motion at the February 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting:

That Council direct Administration to prepare a list of trails with historical significance on provincial and federal inventories within Sturgeon County.

The meeting was recessed at 12:58 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:36 p.m. with all those members of Council previously listed in attendance.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

**5.1 Closed Session - Personnel Matter**

**Motion 044/24**

**Moved by** D. Stang

That Council move to a closed session at 1:36 p.m. pursuant to section 197(2) of the *Municipal Government Act* and in accordance with section 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Carried Unanimously**

Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO was in attendance for a portion of the closed session to provide information and/or administrative assistance.

**Motion 045/24**

**Moved by** K. Toms

That Council move out of the closed session at 3:12 p.m.

**Carried Unanimously**

**Motion 046/24**

**Moved by** N. Comeau

That the materials and discussion of item 5.1 of the February 13, 2024 Council Meeting Agenda remain confidential in accordance with 17 (disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**Carried Unanimously**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion 047/24**

**Moved by** D. Stang

That Council adjourn the February 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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Mayor

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County Commissioner (CAO)