



# MINUTES

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Melissa Langmaid (Virtual), Councillor Debbie Mitzner, Councillor Jason Montgomery (Virtual), Councillor Denise Peterson, Councillor Richard Wegener, and Councillor Brent Wiley

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kevin Scoble (Chief Administrative Officer), Jamie Dugdale (Director of Infrastructure, Operations, and Development Services), Mark Pretzlaff (Director of Community and Protective Services), Kara Rusk (Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services), and Johnathan Strathdee (Manager of Legislative Services)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Fule called the December 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1.1 Traditional Land Acknowledgment for the First Meeting in December (Niistaakiisom)**

We honour all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge that the ancestral and traditional lands on which we gather are Land of the Blackfoot Confederacy and Treaty 7 territory, a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples, and in particular our neighbors, Siksika Nation on whose traditional territory we work, live, and play, and on whose traditional territory we stand and where Strathmore resides.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 323.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council adopt the December 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:

Additions:

3.4 ICC Discussion – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)

3.5 Educational Programming – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**3. CLOSED MEETING**

**Resolution No. 324.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to section 24(1)(b)(i), 24(1)(a), and 25(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 6:01 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

- 3.1 **Advocacy Update – Advice from Officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(b)(i)**
- 3.2 **Board Appointments – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)**
- 3.3 **Regional Opportunities Working Group – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body – FOIP S. 25(1)**
- 3.4 **ICC Discussion – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)**
- 3.5 **Educational Programming – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)**
- 3.6 **Council/CAO Dialogue – Advice from officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(b)(i)**

**Resolution No. 325.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move out of Camera at 7:00 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 326.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council defer the discussion on item(s):

- 3.3 Regional Opportunities Working Group – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body – FOIP S. 25(1)
- 3.4 ICC Discussion – Advice from Officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)
- 3.6 Council/CAO Dialogue – Advice from Officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)

to after Correspondence on the Regular Council Meeting Agenda, thereby creating a second Closed Meeting section with the new discussion being 13.1.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 327.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council make the following appointments to the Municipal Library Board:

Tammy Anderson to the Municipal Library Board for a term of three (3) years ending October 31, 2026.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**6. DELEGATIONS**

None.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution No. 328.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the following agenda reports by an omnibus motion:

- 8.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2023
- 8.2 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2023
- 8.3 Special Council Meeting Minutes – November 29, 2023
- 9.4 Community Improvement Program (CIP) Funding Recommendation
- 9.5 Town of Strathmore Library Contract for Services First Amending Agreement
- 9.6 December 2023 Committee of the Whole – Change of Start Time

- 9.7 January 2024 Committee of the Whole – Change of Date
- 9.8 Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus Thank-you Letter
- 11.2.1 WADEMSA Meeting Minutes
- 11.2.2 Municipal Library Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.2.3 WHMB Meeting Minutes

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**8.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2023**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

**8.2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2023**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the November 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

**8.3. Special Council Meeting Minutes – November 29, 2023**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the November 29, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

**9. BUSINESS**

**9.1. 2024 Operating & Capital Budgets**

**Resolution No. 329.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council adopt the 2024 Operating Budget in the amount of \$37,704,700 and the 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$7,014,000.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**9.2. Council Remuneration Policy No.1820**

**Resolution No. 330.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council take a 5-minute Recess at 8:03 p.m. to allow Administration to address technical difficulties.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

Mayor Fule reconvened the December 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**Resolution No. 331.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt Council Remuneration Policy No. 1820 as presented in Attachment I;

AND THAT Council rescind Council Remuneration Policy No. 1806.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**9.3. Corporate Strategic Plan & Financial Plan Quarterly Report – Q3 2023**

This report was adopted by the consent agenda.

**9.4. Community Improvement Program (CIP) Funding Recommendation**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$3,815.21 to the Strathmore High School to host volleyball and basketball provincial championships.

**9.5. Town of Strathmore Library Contract for Services First Amending Agreement**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council direct the CAO to execute the Town of Strathmore Library Contract for Services First Amending Agreement as presented in Attachment I.

**9.6. December 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting – Change of Start Time**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council amend the start time of the December 13, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**9.7. January 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting – Change of Date**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council change the date of the January 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting from January 10 to January 24, 2024;

AND THAT Council adopt the amended Council Meeting Schedule for November 1, 2023 - October 23, 2024 as presented in Attachment I.

**9.8. Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus Thank-you Letter**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council authorize Mayor Fule to sign the letter thanking Alberta Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus (MCMC) for accepting the Town of Strathmore's membership application.

**10. BYLAWS**

None.

**11. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION & INQUIRIES**

**11.1. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS**

None.

**11.2. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES REPORTS**

**11.2.1. WADEMSA Meeting Minutes**

**11.2.2. Municipal Library Board Meeting Minutes**

**11.2.3. WHMB Meeting Minutes**

**11.3. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

**11.3.1 Site of the former Green Hotel**

Councillor Peterson inquired about the happenings at the site of the former 'green hotel' and was informed that it is being renovated with a future business plan.

**11.4. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES**

None.

**11.5. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**12.1. Marigold Library System Board declaration of Freedom to Read Week**

**Resolution No. 332.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council proclaim February 18 – 24, 2024 as Freedom to Read Week.

AND that Council permit the Mayor to proclaim Freedom to Read Week each year for the remainder of his term,

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

**AGAINST:** Councillor Wiley

**CARRIED**

**13. CLOSED MEETING**

**Resolution No. 333.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to section 24(1)(b)(i) and 24(1)(a), of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* at 8:25 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**13.1 Regional Opportunities Working Group – Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body – FOIP S. 25(1)**

**13.2 ICC Discussion – Advice from Officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)**

**13.3 Council/CAO Dialogue – Advice from Officials – FOIP S. 24(1)(a)**

**Resolution No. 334.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move out of Camera at 10:03 p.m.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution No. 335.12.23**

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT the recommended first action in the confidential administrative report regarding the Regional Opportunities Working Group be adopted;

AND THAT the details of the report and discussion remain confidential pursuant to Sections 23, 24 and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**FOR:** Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener and Councillor Wiley

**AGAINST:** None.

**CARRIED**

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Fule adjourned the December 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting at 10:07 p.m.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor



\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Strategic,  
Administrative, and Financial Services