

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, Deputy Mayor Debbie Mitzner (virtual), 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 July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 231.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council adopt the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended:

Addition:

3.7 Culture and Wellbeing Task Force – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(b)(iii)

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wilev

AGAINST: None

CARRIED

3.

CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 232.07.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to sections 29(1)(b)(iii) and 29(1)(a) of the Access to Information Act at 6:03 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and

Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3.1. Council CAO Dialogue – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(b)(iii)

Councillor Mitzner joined the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Councillor Montgomery joined the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 6:20 p.m.

3.2. Amenity Opportunity – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

Resolution No. 233.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 7:44 p.m. and recess for 7 minutes.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Mayor Fule reconvened the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Resolution No. 234.07.25

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council direct administration to bring Option #2 as presented during item 3.2 of the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda, which is for the construction of an NHL sized arena along with required dressing rooms, facility operations spaces, spectator areas, and connection to Westmount School for consideration during the 2026 budget deliberation meetings;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to undertake community engagement around the potential of Option 2;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to authorize an operating budget amendment for the community engagement in the amount of \$25,000 from the financial stabilization reserve.

Resolution No. 235.07.25

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT the motion be amended to state:

"THAT Council direct administration to bring Option #2 as presented during item 3.2 of the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda, which is for the construction of an NHL sized arena along with required dressing rooms, facility operations spaces, spectator areas, and connection to Westmount School for consideration during the 2026 budget deliberation meetings."

FOR: Councillor Montgomery

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 234.07.25

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

AGAINST: Councillor Montgomery and Councillor Wiley

CARRIED

Resolution No. 236.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council amend the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting to add a second in camera session as section 13;

AND THAT Council defer items 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 of the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda to section 13.

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**

6.1. RCMP Q4 Quarterly Report & 2025-2026 Policing Priorities

Resolution No. 237.07.25

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council approve the 2025-2026 RCMP Policing Priorities for the Town of Strathmore.

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

AGAINST: None

CARRIED

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 238.07.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

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

- 8.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 2, 2025
- 9.1 Service and Service Level Inventory Review
- 9.4 Annexation Update
- 9.5 Tax Arrears Auction Results and Minutes
- 9.7 Water Reservoir Project Financing Amendment
- 9.8 Culture and Wellbeing Task Force Funding Recommendation

- 9.9 Public Art Mural Strathmore Skatepark Skills for Success
- 12.1 Thank you letter from Minister of Indigenous Relations
- 12.2 Alberta Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus Letter to Minister Ellis
- 12.3 Marigold Library System 2024 Value of Your Investment (VOYI) Report
- 12.4 Ringette Canada Sponsorship Letter
- 12.5 Introduction Letter Alberta RCMP Commanding Officer

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 – July 2, 2025

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the July 2, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

9. BUSINESS

9.1. <u>Service and Service Level Inventory Review</u>

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopts the 2025 Service and Service Level Inventory as presented in Attachment I:

AND THAT the Service and Service Level Inventory be used as a framework for the 2026 budget deliberations.

9.2. Real Property Transactions Policy No. 6610

Resolution No. 239.07.24

by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council receive this report as information and directs Administration to return to a meeting in September 2025 with the Real Property Transactions Policy.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.3. <u>Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with Villages of Rockyford,</u> Standard and Hussar – Terms of Reference

Resolution No. 240.07.24

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council approve the Terms of Reference for the development of an Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) with the Villages of Rockyford, Standard and Hussar, as presented in Attachment I.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.4. Annexation Update

9.5. Tax Arrears Auction – Results and Minutes

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council accepts the results of the July 3, 2025 Tax Arrears Auction as information.

9.6. Budget Policy No. 1809

Resolution No. 241.07.24

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council adopt Budget Policy No. 1809 as presented in Attachment I.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.7. Water Reservoir Project – Financing Amendment

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council approve the following funding update to the Water Reservoir Project:

\$1,173,000 - Water Offsite Levies

\$ 5,450,000 - Debt

\$ 360.711 - Canada Community Building Fund Grant

\$ 731,202 - Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership Grant

\$ 7,714,913 - Total Funding

9.8. Culture and Wellbeing Task Force Funding Recommendations

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council approve funding through the Culture and Wellbeing Task Force:

- \$7,000.00 to The Vault Cultural Collective Society
- \$5,200.00 to the Strathmore Municipal Library
- \$5,500 to Hope Bridges

9.9. Public Art Mural Strathmore Skatepark - Skills for Success

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council approve the installation of Skills for Success' public mural, at the Strathmore Skatepark.

10. BYLAWS

None.

11. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION & INQUIRIES

None.

11.1. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS

None.

11.2. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11.3. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

None.

11.4. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES

None.

11.5. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1. Thank you letter from Minister of Indigenous Relations
- 12.2. Alberta Mid-Sized Cities Mayors' Caucus Letter to Minister Ellis
- 12.3. Marigold Library System 2024 Value of Your Investment (VOYI) Report
- 12.4. Ringette Canada Sponsorship Letter
- 12.5. Introduction Letter Alberta RCMP Commanding Officer

Resolution No. 242.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to sections 29(1)(a), and 29(1)(b)(iii) and of the *Access to Information Act* at 9:08 p.m. and to take a short recess.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED MEETING

- 13.3. Medical Services Advice from officials ATIA S. 29(1)(a)
- 13.4. Legal Update Advice from officials ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

Resolution No. 243.07.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move out of Camera at 9:52 p.m.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 244.07.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council extend the July 23, 2025 Regular Council meeting until 11:00 p.m.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 245.07.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council direct Administration to approve the new Physician Incentive Program Policy No. 1113, to attract physicians to Strathmore, as presented in Attachment III;

AND THAT Council utilize existing funds in the 2025 Operating Budget to fund the Physician Incentive Program;

AND THAT the contents specific to the Physician Incentive Program Policy No. 1113, as discussed during the Medical Services - Advice from officials - ATIA S. 29(1)(a) item be made public.

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

AGAINST: Councillor Montgomery

CARRIED

Resolution No. 246.07.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to sections 29(1)(a), and 29(1)(b)(iii) and of the *Access to Information Act* at 9:59 p.m.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

13.5. <u>Alberta Municipalities Resolution Request – Advice from officials – ATIA</u> S. 29(1)(a)

13.6. <u>Strathmore Stampede Planning Update – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29</u> (1)(a)

13.7. <u>Culture and Wellbeing Task Force – Advice from officials – ATIA S.29(1)(b)</u> (iii)

Resolution No. 247.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

That Council move out of Camera at 10:35 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor

Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley **AGAINST:** None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 248.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT the Town of Strathmore act as a seconder for the Village of Hussar's motion regarding Midwifery as an Option of Care for all Albertans, to be brought forward as a resolution at the upcoming 2025 Alberta Municipalities convention;

AND THAT the details of this RFD be made public upon approval.

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

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 249.07.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council direct Administration to bring a cost estimate forward to be considered by Council for the investigation of the property discussed In camera during item 13.7 at the next scheduled Council meeting.

FOR: Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Peterson, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Mitzner, and Councillor Montgomery

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fule adjourned the July 23, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 10:43 p.m.

Mayor

Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services