



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

- COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Claude Brown, Councillor Jim Chisholm, Councillor Matt Hyde, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, and Councillor Richard Wegener
- COUNCIL ABSENT:** Deputy Mayor 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 March 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. 071.03.26

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council defer item: 13.2. CAO Performance Review – Confidential evaluations – ATIA S. 29(1)(b)(iii) to the April 1, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

AND THAT Council adopt the March 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3. **CLOSED MEETING**

Resolution No. 072.03.26

Moved by Councillor Brown

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss an item related to section 29(1)(a) of the *Access to Information Act* at 6:04 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3.1. Annexation Agreement with Wheatland County – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

Resolution No. 073.03.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 6:53 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 074.03.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council recess the March 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting until 7:00 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Mayor Fule reconvened the March 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 075.03.26

Moved by Councillor Brown

THAT Council direct the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the annexation agreement with Wheatland County, subject to administrative changes at the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND THAT the details of the discussion remain confidential pursuant to S. 28(1)(a) and 29(1)(a) of the *Access to Information Act*.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

4. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1. Delegation – True North Society

- Courtney Helfrich, Executive Director
- Amanda Vanderlaan, Manager of Research and Development

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 076.03.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

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

- 8.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2026
- 8.2 Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2026
- 9.5 Operating Budget Amendment – Reserve Transfer – 2026 Water Continuity Project – Emergency Response Funding
- 9.6 2026 Budget Change of Scope – Reservoir Projects
- 9.7 Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) – Lodge Capital Maintenance Reserve Fund
- 9.8 Alberta Municipalities 2026 Call for Resolutions
- 11.2.1 WADEMSA Call Volumes – January 2026
- 11.2.2 WADEMSA – January 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.2.3 Municipal Library Board – Regular Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025
- 11.2.4 Municipal Library Board – Regular and Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes January 2026
- 12.1 Fire Dispatch Services Letter from Village of Rockyford – March 2, 2026
- 12.2 Standard Rural Fire Association Response to March 2, 2026 Fire Dispatch Services Letter

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2026

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the March 4, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

8.2. Special Council Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2026

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the March 11, 2026 Special Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

9. BUSINESS

9.1. 2026-2030 Council Strategic Planning

Resolution No. 077.03.26

Moved by Councillor Chisholm

THAT Council adopt the 2026-2029 Council Strategic Plan, as presented in Attachment I.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.2. Strategic Planning Policy No.1114

Resolution No. 078.03.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council adopt Strategic Planning Policy No.1114, as presented in Attachment I;

AND THAT Council rescind Strategic Planning Policy No. 1110.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.3. Medical Services Update

Resolution No. 079.03.26

Moved by Councillor Hyde

THAT Council direct Administration to continue work with local and regional stakeholders for the purpose of pursuing a CT Scanner for Strathmore, including lobbying the provincial government.

AND THAT Council direct Administration to work with regional municipalities to draft a joint letter to the Province (including relevant MLAs) for the purpose pursuing a CT Scanner in Strathmore.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.4. Happy Gang Building Lease

Resolution No. 080.03.26

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the amended 2026 lease agreement with Happy Gang, revising Section 3.1.2 on page 3, paragraph 1, to replace '86%' with '84%.'

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

9.5. 2026 Operating Budget Amendment – Reserve Transfer – Water Continuity Project – Emergency Response Funding

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council authorize the pre-approval of the transfer of \$300,000 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund to the Water Operating Budget, with funds only to be used in the event of an emergency relating to water.

9.6. 2026 Budget Change of Scope – Reservoir Projects

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council authorize a change of scope for the Reservoir Projects, halting any further work on the Brentwood Reservoir Decommissioning and allowing for preliminary design of Wildflower Reservoir Expansion to occur.

9.7. Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) – Capital Maintenance Reserve Fund

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council approve the establishment of a *Lodge Capital Maintenance Reserve Fund* by the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB).

AND THAT Council direct Administration respond to the WHMB indicating the desire to establish a total annual contribution limit of \$350,000 on their Capital Reserve Fund balances.

9.8. Alberta Municipalities 2026 Call for Resolutions

10. BYLAWS

10.1. Bylaw No. 25-27, Land Use Bylaw Amending Bylaw (Lakewood Phase 2 Amendments: Secondary Suites, Garage Suites, and Reduced Side Yard Setbacks)

Resolution No. 081.03.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 25-27, being a bylaw to amend the Town of Strathmore Land Use Bylaw;

AND THAT Council direct Town Administration to schedule a public hearing for Bylaw No. 25-27 on April 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

11. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION & INQUIRIES

11.1. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS

11.1.1. Welcoming of New Businesses

Councillor Brown thanked new businesses in the Town of Strathmore, Hidden Treasures and Garage Sale, for bringing affordable items to residents.

11.1.2. Grand Opening of Kickstand

Councillor Langmaid shared that the Mayor and herself attended the grand opening service of Kickstand that is operated by the Trellis Society. Kickstand offers Mental Health, Wellness and Health Services for ages 11-25 in an all-in-one inclusive space.

11.1.3 5 for Life – Book Sale

Mayor Fule mentioned that he attended the 5 for Life book sale and thanked the volunteers for a job well done on bringing books into the community, selling books at a reasonable cost and encouraging young families to read.

11.2. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.2.1. WADEMSA Call Volumes – January 2026

11.2.2. WADEMSA – January 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

11.2.3. Municipal Library Board – Regular and Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes January 2026

11.2.4. Municipal Library Board – Regular Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025

11.3. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

None.

11.4. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES

None.

11.5. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. Fire Dispatch Services Letter from Village of Rockyford – March 2, 2026

12.2. Standard Rural Fire Association Response to March 2, 2026 Fire Dispatch Services Letter

13. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 082.03.26

Moved by Councillor Chisholm

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss an item related to section 29(1)(b)(iii) and 22(1) of the *Access to Information Act* at 8:05 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

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

Resolution No. 083.03.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 9:46 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fule adjourned the March 18, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 9:46 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Strategic, Administrative,
and Financial Services