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THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council

June 12, 2023, 6 p.m.

3rd Floor - Council Chambers

315 Jespersen Ave

Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3E8

Members Present:

Mayor Acker
Councillor Carter
Councillor Gillett
Councillor Houston (attended virtually)
Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Oldham
Councillor Stevenson

Also in Attendance:

Dean Screpnek, City Manager
Corey Levasseur, General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure
David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services
Wendy Boje, General Manager of Corporate Services
Carol Bergum, Director of Planning and Development
Jennifer Hetherington, Director of Corporate Communications
Kevin Stener, Director of Public Works
Pankaj Nalavde, Senior Municipal Planner
Lindsay O'Mara, City Clerk
Jacci Hager, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Acker called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and acknowledged that City Council meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 territory.

Councillor Gillett proclaimed June 15, 2023 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

2. AGENDA

Resolution: RCM-114-23

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

The following additions were made to the agenda:

Councillor Houston - Closed Session - Enforcement Issues - Item 15.1

Councillor Stevenson - Councillor Reports - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show- Item 12.1

Mayor Acker - Council Presentations - Presentation to Staff - Item 7.1

THAT the agenda be adopted, as amended.

Unanimously Carried

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Consent Agenda - June 12, 2023

Resolution: RCM-115-23

Moved by: Councillor Oldham

THAT the recommendation contained in the following report be approved:

Item 4.1 Minutes - May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

Item 10.1 C-1221-22 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - East Campsite Stage 3 - First Reading

Item 10.4 C-1251-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Developer Marketing Signs - First Reading

Item 11.1 Council Policy Revisions - Committee Name Change

Unanimously Carried

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes - May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

THAT the May 23, 2023 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5.1 C-1239-23 - Advertising Bylaw - Public Hearing, Second and Third Reading

Mayor Acker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:07 p.m. on C-1239-23 - Advertising Bylaw.

Lindsay O'Mara, City Clerk, presented on C-1239-23 - Advertising Bylaw.

There were no additional written or verbal submissions received.

Mayor Acker declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:24 p.m.

Resolution: RCM-116-23

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald

THAT second reading be given to C-1239-23 - Advertising Bylaw.

Unanimously Carried

Resolution: RCM-117-23

Moved by: Councillor Oldham

THAT third reading be given to C-1239-23 - Advertising Bylaw.

Unanimously Carried

5.2 C-1247-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Newspaper Advertising - Public Hearing, Second and Third Reading

Mayor Acker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:28 p.m. on C-1247-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Newspaper Advertising.

Lindsay O'Mara, City Clerk, presented on C-1247-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Newspaper Advertising.

The City Clerk read an email from Cherie McFaull.

Mayor Acker declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

Resolution: RCM-118-23

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald

THAT second reading be given to C-1247-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Newspaper Advertising.

Mayor Acker called a recess at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Acker reconvened the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Resolution: RCM-118-23

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald

THAT second reading be given to C-1247-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Newspaper Advertising.

Unanimously Carried

Resolution: RCM-119-23

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

THAT third reading be given to C-1247-23 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Newspaper Advertising.

Unanimously Carried

6. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

Margo McDonnell of Spruce Grove was present to make a statement regarding concern for the proposed sidewalk to the bus stop on McLeod Avenue.

Administration provided that there have been numerous requests for a sidewalk connection. Council provides funds for pedestrian connections that are missing or where the City sees that people are walking. In this case, the City is looking at the feasibility in this location as there are many utilities to consider; the City is also looking at the north side of this area as well. Once the City is aware of the feasibility in an area, then the City will notify the residents and seek input.

Mayor Acker thanked Margo McDonnell for attending Council to share.

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Fred Sloomweg of Spruce Grove was present to make a statement regarding concern for the proposed sidewalk to the bus stop on McLeod Avenue.

Administration provided that a letter will be directly mailed to residents in the affected area so there is an opportunity for engagement. This project is in the feasibility stage; if it is feasible and the City is confident in the design, then the next phase would include notifying the residents and advising of a timeline for construction. If all the residents are opposed, then the City would take that into consideration. The installation of a sidewalk would be completed within existing City budget and all utilities must remain located within public space either within in a road right-of-way or a utility right-of-way.

Mayor Acker thanked Fred Sloomweg for attending Council to share.

Sharron Berglund of Spruce Grove was present to make a statement regarding concern for the state of the Heritage Grove Trail system.

Mayor Acker thanked Sharon Berglund for attending Council to share and Council would like all of the community to feel safe to use the parks and trail system.

Administration provided that suggestions and comments have been duly noted.

Mark Turner of Spruce Grove was present to make a statement regarding a requested stop sign at the corner of Grassview Close and Groat Drive to manage the speed of traffic on this particular stretch of road.

Mayor Acker thanked Mark Turner for attending Council to share concerns.

Administration provided that there will be follow up and the Speed Reduction Strategy is being brought forward to a future Council meeting.

Tracy Turner of Spruce Grove was present to make a statement regarding the traffic concerns on Grassview Crescent since it was opened up to the Tonewood subdivision.

Mayor Acker thanked Tracy Turner for attending Council to share and confirmed that the concerns have been heard and Administration will investigate.

The City Clerk read an email on behalf of Ashley Reashore of Spruce Grove regarding the assistance to Spruce Grove taxpayers who are dealing with the homeless.

Mayor Acker thanked Ashley Reashore for emailing in the statement and that the City is looking at all options for solutions in the City of Spruce Grove.

The City Clerk read an email on behalf of Jennifer Belfour regarding ongoing concerns with the unsheltered.

Mayor Acker thanked Jennifer Belfour for emailing in the statement and that Spruce Grove is a compassionate community that is looking at strategies for helping those who need a hand up while still enforcing and maintaining the rule of law.

The City Clerk read an email on behalf of Amanda Steinke regarding ongoing concerns with the unsheltered.

Mayor Acker thanked Amanda Steinke for sending in the statement and that the City is working on it. If anyone feels unsafe or is in trouble, to please contact 9-1-1 or Enforcement Services for assistance.

Administration provided that as the transition occurs from the location model to the outreach model, social disorder concerns are expected to occur. The City is working on community relations.

7. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Acker called a recess at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Acker reconvened the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

7.1 Presentations to Staff

Council recognized David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services, for receiving a long service recognition award of 15 years of management service and dedication to public service from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators.

Council congratulated David Wolanski and thanked him for his commitment to community and public service.

Council recognized Corey Levasseur, General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure, for receiving a long service recognition award of 15 years of management service and dedication to public service from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators.

Council congratulated Corey Levasseur and thanked him for his commitment to community and public service.

8. DELEGATIONS

8.1 Public Delegation - Light Up Your Life Society

Sharon Cornelius, Chair of the Light Up Your Life Society, attended to present a certificate of appreciation to Council for their on-going support and contribution to the Light Up Your Life Society.

Council thanked Sharon Cornelius for the presentation and congratulated the Light Up Your Life Society on their 30th Anniversary.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

There were no Administrative Updates on the agenda.

10. BYLAWS

10.1 C-1221-22 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - East Campsite Stage 3 - First Reading

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

THAT first reading be given to C-1221-22 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - East Campsite Stage 3.

10.2 C-1245-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Westwind Stage 4 - Third Reading

Pankaj Nalavde, Senior Municipal Planner, presented on C-1245-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Westwind Stage 4.

Council thanked Pankaj Nalavde for the presentation.

Resolution: RCM-120-23

Moved by: Councillor Carter

THAT third reading be given to C-1245-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Westwind Stage 4.

Unanimously Carried

10.3 C-1246-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting and DC.16 Westwind Direct Control District - Third Reading

Pankaj Nalavde, Senior Municipal Planner, presented on C-1246-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - DC. 16 Westwind Direct Control District.

Council thanked Pankaj Nalavde for the presentation.

Resolution: RCM-121-23

Moved by: Councillor Gillett

THAT third reading be given to C-1246-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - DC.16 Westwind Direct Control District.

Unanimously Carried

10.4 C-1251-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Development Marketing Signs - First Reading

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

THAT first reading be given to C-1251-23 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Development Marketing Signs.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

11.1 Council Policy Revisions - Committee Name Change

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

THAT CP-1045-23 - Delegation Request Policy be approved as presented.

11.2 Joint Use Planning Agreement

David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services, presented on the Joint Use Planning Agreement.

Carol Bergum, Director of Planning and Development, and Kevin Stener, Director of Public Works, attended to answer questions of Council.

Council thanked David Wolanski, Carol Bergum, and Kevin Stener for the presentation.

Resolution: RCM-122-23

Moved by: Councillor Stevenson

THAT the Joint Use and Planning Agreement between the City of Spruce Grove, Parkland School Division, and Evergreen Catholic Separate School Division be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried

12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

12.1 Councillor Stevenson - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show

Councillor Stevenson provided an update on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show that was attended by three Council members and two members of Administration.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no Information Items on the agenda.

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no Notices of Motion provided.

15. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution: RCM-123-22

Moved by: Councillor Houston

THAT Council go into Closed Session at 9:03 p.m. under the following section of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

Item 15.1 Enforcement Issues

Section 24; advice from officials

Unanimously Carried

Resolution: RCM-124-23

Moved by: Councillor Houston

THAT Council return to Open Session at 10:13 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

16. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no Business Arising from Closed Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: RCM-125-23

Moved by: Councillor MacDonald

THAT the Regular Meeting adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Jeff Acker, Mayor

Jacci Hager, Recording Secretary

Date Signed