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**THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council**

**April 20, 2026, 6 p.m.**

**3rd Floor - Council Chambers**

**315 Jespersen Ave**

**Spruce Grove, AB T7X 3E8**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Acker  
Councillor Bennett  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Gillett  
Councillor Mastaler  
Councillor Stevenson  
Councillor Tokar

**Also in Attendance:**

Dean Screpnek, City Manager  
David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services  
Zeeshan Hasan, General Manager of Corporate Services  
Brad McMurdo, Acting General Manager of Sustainable Growth and Development Services and Director of Planning and Development  
Chad Priebe, Fire Chief / Director of Protective Services  
Francine Pitcher, Director of Finance  
Jennifer Hetherington, Director of Corporate Communications  
Lindsay O'Mara, City Clerk  
Rae-Lynne Spila, Director of Engineering  
Tania Shepherd, Director of Business Advisory Services  
Annemarie Bakalech, Manager of Integrated Youth Services  
Douglas McLeod, Manager of Safety Codes

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Catherine Paulser, Customer Service Coordinator  
Cara Garrett, Assistant Controller - Accounting and Reporting  
David Towle, Senior Municipal Planner  
Rhonda Schmidt, Controller - Accounting and Revenue Services  
Laura Hall, Deputy City Clerk  
Karie Nothof, 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.

**2. AGENDA**

**Resolution:** RCM-089-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Gillett

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

3.1 Consent Agenda - April 20, 2026

**Resolution:** RCM-090-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Bennett

THAT the recommendation contained in the following report be approved:

Item 4.1 Minutes - April 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**Unanimously Carried**

**4. MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes - April 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

THAT the April 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes be approved as presented.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5.1 **C-1419-25 - LUB Amendment - Easton Direct Control District and C-1437-26 - LUB Amendment - Easton Stage 7**

Mayor Acker called the Public Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m. on C-1419-25 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Easton Semi-Detached Direct Control District and C-1437-26 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Easton Stage 7.

David Towle, Senior Municipal Planner, Brad McMurdo, Director of Planning and Development, and Rae-Lynne Spila, Director of Engineering, presented on C-1419-25 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Easton Semi-Detached Direct Control District and C-1437-26 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Easton Stage 7.

Blaydon Dibben, Select Engineering, and Brenda Kolenbrander, Qualico Communities, attended to speak to this item.

There were no written or other verbal submissions received.

Council thanked everyone for attending and speaking to this Public Hearing.

Mayor Acker declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

**Resolution:** RCM-091-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Mastaler

THAT second reading be given to C-1419-25 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - Easton Semi-Detached Direct Control District.

**Defeated Unanimously**

**Moved by:** Councillor Bennett

THAT second reading be given to C-1437-26 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Redistricting - Easton Stage 7.

Councillor Bennett made a motion to withdraw the motion for second reading and no members of Council objected to the motion being withdrawn.

6. **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

There were no statements made or questions asked of Council.

7. **COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Council Presentations on the agenda.

8. **DELEGATIONS**

8.1 **Council Delegation - 2025 Audited Financial Statements - Metrix Group LLP**

Jeff Alliston, Partner - Metrix Group LLP, provided a presentation on the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

Council thanked Jeff Alliston for the presentation.

**Resolution:** RCM-092-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Tokar

THAT the audited consolidated financial statements of the City of Spruce Grove for the year ended December 31, 2025 be approved as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

8.2 **Council Delegation - Youth Advisory Committee - 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan**

Annemarie Bakalech, Manager of Integrated Youth Services, introduced Hannah Dunbar and Cole Cochrane.

Hannah Dunbar, Chair - Youth Advisory Committee, and Cole Cochrane, Vice - Chair - Youth Advisory Committee provided a presentation on the Youth Advisory Committee - 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Work Plan.

Council thanked Annemarie Bakalech, Hannah Dunbar, and Cole Cochrane for the presentation.

**Resolution:** RCM-093-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Stevenson

THAT the 2026 Youth Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

9.1 Customer Experience - 2025 Annual Report

Tania Shepherd, Director of Business Advisory Services, and Catherine Paulser, Customer Service Coordinator, provided an update on the Customer Experience - 2025 Annual Report.

Council thanked Tania Shepherd and Catherine Paulser for the presentation.

**10. BYLAWS**

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

**11. BUSINESS ITEMS**

11.1 Motion - Review Options Related to Plantings in City Centre Area

Councillor Tokar presented on the motion to Review Options Related to Plantings in City Centre Area.

**Resolution:** RCM-094-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Tokar

THAT Administration be directed to review options related to plantings in the City Centre area.

**Unanimously Carried**

**12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

12.1 Councillor Report - Councillor Gillett - Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association Conference

Councillor Gillett provided an overview of the topics shared at the Alberta Seniors and Community Housing Association Conference she attended in Edmonton.

**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**

There was no Closed Session on the agenda.

16. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Business Arising from Closed Session.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution:** RCM-094-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Gillett

THAT the Regular Council meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Jeff Acker, Mayor

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Karie Nothof, Recording Secretary

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Date Signed