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THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee

April 20, 2026, 6:05 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
Jeanine Merkus, Director of Recreation and Culture
Jennifer Hetherington, Director of Corporate Communications
Scott Rodda, Director of Community Social Development
Annemarie Bakalech, Manager of Integrated Youth Services
Danielle Peyton, Manager of Community Strategies
Emilee Neilson, Manager of Individual and Family Support Services
Brenna Gavel Murphy, Supervisor of Outreach Programming
Carrie Demkiw, Supervisor of Community Development
Corrie Priebe, Strategic Initiatives Lead
Kalie Datchuk, Community Social Worker

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Marina Tran, Community Development Coordinator
Mei Li, Community Outreach Worker
Natasha Beaton, Community Social Worker
Shelley Tunney, Supervisor of Strategic Initiatives
Voirrey Manning, Office Coordinator
Laura Hall, Deputy City Clerk
Karie Nothof, Recording Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Acker called the meeting to order at 8:44 p.m.

2. **AGENDA**

Resolution: GPC-001-26

Moved by: Councillor Mastaler

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Presentations on the agenda.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations on the agenda.

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

5.1 **Community Social Development - 2025 Social Impact Report**

Annemarie Bakalech, Manager of Integrated Youth Services, Danielle Peyton, Manager of Community Strategy, Emilee Neilson, Manager of Individual and Family Support Services, and Community Social Development team members, presented on the 2025 Social Impact Report.

Council thanked the entire Community Social Development team for the presentation.

6. **BYLAWS**

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

7. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

There were no Business Items on the agenda.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

Resolution: GPC-002-26

Moved by: Councillor Tokar

THAT Council go into Closed Session at 9:32 p.m. under the following section of the *Access to Information Act*:

Item 8.1 - Civic Wayfinding Initiative

Section 29; Advice from officials

Item 8.2 - Contract Update

Section 29; Advice from officials

Unanimously Carried

8.1 **Civic Wayfinding Initiative**

The following persons were also in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support for item 8.1 Civic Wayfinding Initiative:

Dean Screpnek, David Wolanski, Zeeshan Hasan, Jeanine Merkus, Jennifer Hetherington, Corrie Priebe, Laura Hall, Andrew Thompson, and Sarah Doi.

8.2 **Contract Update**

The following persons were also in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support for item 8.1 Contract Update:

Dean Screpnek, David Wolanski, Zeeshan Hasan, Chad Priebe, Jennifer Hetherington, and Laura Hall.

8.3 Return to Open Session - April 20, 2026

Resolution: GPC-003-26

Moved by: Councillor Gillett

THAT Committee move out of Closed Session at 10:50 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There was no Business Arising from Closed Session.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution: GPC-004-26

Moved by: Councillor Gillett

THAT the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting adjourn at 10:52 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

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Jeff Acker, Mayor

Karie Nothof, Recording Secretary

Date Signed