



**THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council**

**September 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Mayor Houston  
Councillor Acker  
Councillor Gruhlke  
Councillor McKenzie  
Councillor Oldham  
Councillor Rothe  
Councillor Stevenson

Also in Attendance: Dean Screpnek, City Manager  
Wendy Boje, General Manager of Corporate Services  
Corey Levasseur, General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure  
David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services  
Carol Bergum, Director of Planning and Infrastructure  
Jennifer Hetherington, Director of Corporate Communications  
Mark Hussey, Director of Engineering  
Dave Walker, Director of Economic and Business Development  
Carolynn Grey, City Clerk  
Lindsay O'Mara, Deputy City Clerk  
Jacci Hager, Recording Secretary

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. AGENDA**

The following addition was made to the agenda:

Councillor Rothe    Councillor Statement and Updates - Notice of Motion - Community Banner Initiative - Item 9.1.

**Resolution:** 216-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Rothe

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**Unanimously Carried**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.1    Consent Agenda - September 27, 2021**

**Resolution:** 217-21

**Moved by:** Councillor McKenzie

THAT the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

Item 4.1.    September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Item 13.1    Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

**Unanimously Carried**

**4. MINUTES**

**4.1    Minutes - September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting**

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

THAT the September 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings scheduled on the agenda.

**6. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no Council Presentations scheduled on the agenda.

## **7. DELEGATIONS**

### **7.1 Public Delegation - FACTSnet - Collaborative Community Model of Public Engagement**

**Resolution:** 218-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Acker

THAT David Ibsen of FACTSnet be thanked for his presentation and that the presentation on the Collaborative Community Model of Public Engagement be received as information.

**Unanimously Carried**

### **7.2 Council Delegation - Community Road Safety Advisory Committee - Recommendations to Council**

**Resolution:** 219-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Gruhlke

THAT the Community Road Safety Advisory Committee recommendations to Council be received as information and that Administration be directed to bring back amendments to C-1098-19 - Community Road Safety Advisory Committee Bylaw to Council for consideration.

**Unanimously Carried**

### **7.3 Council Delegation - Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Reports to Council**

**Resolution:** 220-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Acker

THAT the reports on the Industrial Land Strategy and Red Tape Reduction prepared by the Economic Development Advisory Committee be received as information and that the reports on the Industrial Land Strategy and Red Tape Reduction be referred to Administration for review and that Administration report back to Council with advice on the recommended actions contained in the reports.

**Unanimously Carried**

Mayor Houston called a recess at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

7.4 Council Delegation - TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre - 2020 Annual Report and 2022 Budget Presentation

**Resolution:** 221-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Gruhlke

THAT Mr. Lenny Richer, General Manager of the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre be thanked for his presentation and that the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre 2020 Annual Report and 2022 Budget Presentation be received as information.

**Unanimously Carried**

**8. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD**

Kimberly Gilham of Spruce Grove asked Council via telephone if the City can re-evaluate the road safety along Spruce Ridge Road due to the increase in traffic, increase in parking, major speeds along this road and no accessible crosswalks, increase in bus stops and low visibility for children to cross the street due to the parked vehicles.

Administration provided an update regarding the assessment of this road, what the City is doing to address the safety issues in the short term and long term, and communicating with Parkland School Division regarding bussing.

Mayor Houston thanked Ms. Gilham for bringing her question forward.

The City Clerk read an email on behalf of Tina Green regarding compensation to residents now that some are not allowed to use publicly funded facilities such as the Agrena and TLC.

Administration provided a response, stating that citizen safety is of utmost priority and due to the current health crisis, the City had two options to consider and chose to maintain programming and open facilities with proof of vaccination rather than reducing capacity and cancelling all adult programming.

Mayor Houston thanked Ms. Green for bringing her question forward.

**9. COUNCIL STATEMENTS AND UPDATES**

Councillor Rothe provided notice of the following motion:

THAT funding of up to \$12,000 be allocated from 2021 council contingency to purchase banner hardware for a community banner initiative.

**10. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

**10.1 COVID-19 Update**

Administration provided a brief update on the status of the existing COVID-19 cases in the region, as well as the vaccination numbers, and the City's ongoing plans for the community in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Resolution:** 222-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Oldham

THAT the COVID-19 Update be accepted as information.

**Unanimously Carried**

**11. BYLAWS**

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

**12. BUSINESS ITEMS**

There were no Business Items on the agenda.

**13. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**13.1 Various Boards and Committee Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2021**

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

THAT the various Council board and committee meeting minutes presented be received as information.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**Resolution:** 223-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Acker

THAT Council go into Closed Session under the following sections of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act:

**Item 14.1 2021 Community Spirit Award**

Section 29; information that is or will be available to the public.

**Item 14.2 2021 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Appointments**

Section 17; disclosure harmful to personal privacy.

**Unanimously Carried**

The following persons were also in Closed Session to provide information or administrative support:

Dean Screpnek, Wendy Boje, Corey Levasseur, David Wolanski, Dave Walker, Carolynn Grey, Lindsay O'Mara, and Jacci Hager.

14.1 2021 Community Spirit Award

14.2 2021 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Appointments

**Resolution:** 224-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Oldham

THAT Council move out of closed session at 8:14 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

**15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

15.1 2021 Community Spirit Award

**Resolution:** 225-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Acker

THAT the recommendation of the 2021 recipient of the Community Spirit Award be approved as presented.

**Unanimously Carried**

15.2 2021 Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Appointments

**Resolution:** 226-21

**Moved by:** Councillor Rothe

THAT the following individuals be appointed as members of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board for a term starting October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2024:

Paul Hanlan, Josline Hampson Stefanick, Christina Kortmeyer, Sean Cunningham, John Fraser, Tim Ormsbee, Katherine Wallace, Liam McGrath, Tim Tully.

**Unanimously Carried**

**Resolution: 227-21**

**Moved by:** Councillor Rothe

THAT the current term of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board scheduled to end on December 31, 2021 be amended to end on October 15, 2021 and that the following current members be recognized for their service: John Haunholter, Nancy Domijan, Miranda Davis, Christopher McDonald, Terry Wendel and Stephen Nielsen.

**Unanimously Carried**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution: 228-21**

**Moved by:** Councillor McKenzie

THAT the Regular Meeting adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

**Unanimously Carried**

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Stuart Houston, Mayor

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Jacci Hager, Recording Secretary