



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held April 14, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present:

Mayor Houston, and Councillors Acker, Gruhlke, McKenzie, Oldham, Rothe and Stevenson

Also In Attendance:

Simon Farbrother, 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
Louise Frostad, Chief Financial Officer
Jennifer Hetherington, Manager of Corporate Communications
Tania Shepherd, Director of Integrated Planning and Strategic Services
Carolynn Grey, City Clerk
Lindsay O'Mara, Deputy City Clerk
Marj Bradshaw, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. AGENDA

069-20 (CS) Moved by Councillor Rothe that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

2. CONSENT AGENDA

070-20 Moved by Councillor Acker that the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 3.a. March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 11.c. Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 20, 2020
- Item 11.e. 2019 - 2020 Internal Board and Committee Appointments, Revised
- Item 11.f. March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Motions
- Item 12.a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

Unanimously Carried



3. MINUTES

a. March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

That the March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings scheduled on the agenda.

5. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations scheduled on the agenda

6. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

No Delegations came before Council.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

a. Public Question and Answer Period Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression)

071-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that the Public Question and Answer Period Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried

Pastor Brian Coldwell of Range Road 264 in Parkland County asked Council via telephone conference, several questions related to the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw.

Mayor Houston and Administration provided Pastor Coldwell with responses to his questions.

Darlene Wurster of Creekside Close submitted an email to Council asking if any de-transitioning groups or individuals were consulting regarding the wording for the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw.

Administration provided a response to Ms. Wurster's question.



Barbara Byers of Deer Park Crescent submitted an email to Council asking if the City is planning to open the Community Garden this year given the current situation with COVID-19 and any potential restrictions that may be in place.

Mayor Houston provided a response to Ms. Byers' question.

8. COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS AND UPDATES

No Council Updates were provided.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

a. COVID-19 Pandemic Update

The City Manager provided Council with an update on the City's ongoing plans and services for the community in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

072-20

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that COVID-19 Pandemic Update be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

b. Recommended Strategic Approach

The City Manager provided Council with a presentation on the City's recommended strategic approach moving forward, and the revised fiscal plan in response to COVID-19.

073-20

Moved by Councillor Rothe that the presentation on the recommended strategic approach be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

10. BYLAWS

a. C-1113-20 – Supplementary Assessment Bylaw

074-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Oldham that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1113-20 – Supplementary Assessment Bylaw.

Unanimously Carried



075-20 (CS)

b. C-1118-20 – Operating Line of Credit Borrowing Bylaw Amendment

Moved by Councillor Acker that first reading be given to Bylaw C-1118-20 – Operating Line of Credit Borrowing Bylaw Amendment.

Unanimously Carried

c. C-1103-19 – Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw

076-20 (CAPS/CS)

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that third reading be given to Bylaw C-1103-19 – Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw.

In Favour Opposed

Gruhlke	Acker
Houston	Rothe
McKenzie	
Oldham	
Stevenson	

Carried

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. COVID-19 Deferral of Utility and Tax Penalties

077-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Acker that penalties on all outstanding utility balances be suspended between April 1 and June 30, 2020 and resume July 1, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

078-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that penalties on tax accounts that demonstrate financial need related to COVID-19 be suspended between July 1 and September 30 and resume October 1, 2020.

Unanimously Carried

b. Spring Budget Adjustment

079-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that the revised 2020 budget be approved with revenues of \$117,673,035, expenses of \$99,566,449, capital acquisitions of \$16,364,060 and transfers to accumulated surplus of \$1,742,526.

Unanimously Carried



Mayor Houston called for a recess at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

c. Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 20, 2020

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2020 be cancelled.

d. CP-1017-19 Conversion Therapy Prohibition Policy

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that Policy CP-1017-19 – Prohibition on the Use of Municipal Resources for Conversion Therapy be approved.

<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Stevenson	Acker Grulhke Houston McKenzie Oldham Rothe
	Defeated

e. 2019 - 2020 Internal Board and Committee Appointments, Revised

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

That the revised 2019 - 2020 Internal Board and Committee Appointments be approved as presented.

f. March 23, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Motions

The following motions were approved on the consent agenda:

That the March 23, 2020 agenda be approved as amended.

That the March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

That the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre Board Update be received as information.



That the update on the COVID-19 Pandemic be received as information.

That second reading be given to Bylaw C-1103-19 - Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw, as amended.

That first reading be given to Bylaw C-1104-19 - 2019 Land Use Bylaw Review Amendments.

That second reading be given to Bylaw C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw.

That third reading be given to Bylaw C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw.

That first reading be given to Bylaw C-1113-20 - Supplementary Assessment Bylaw.

That the motion on the Property Acquisition Proposal be postponed to April 27, 2020.

That the 2020-2022 Corporate Plan initiative CE507 - Transit System Growth – Local Service, be amended to purchase one bus in 2020; and that Administration be directed to bring forward any financial implications that may be required through a spring budget adjustment.

That the update on 2020-2022 Corporate Plan initiative CE418.6 - Relocation of the Eco Centre to Public Works, be received as information.

That the update on 2020-2022 Corporate Plan initiative CE428.5 - Detailed Design and Construction of Snow Dump Site, be received as information.

That the following Spruce Grove residents be appointed to the Community Road Safety Advisory Committee for a three-year term ending December 31, 2022: Lorne Corbett, Nadia Geschke, Dave Hackett, Melissa Johnson, Ken Mark, Amber Prue and Denise Walker.

That Judy Bennett, Darlene Chartrand, Tina Groszko, Stewart Hennig, Richard Knowles and Raymond Ralph be appointed to the Assessment Review Boards for a one year term ending February 28, 2021.



That Raymond Ralph be appointed as Chairman to the Assessment Review Boards for a one year term ending February 28, 2021.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the consent agenda:

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

080-20

Moved by Councillor Acker that Council go into Closed session at 8:35 p.m. under section 25(1)(c) and 27 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, relating to matters harmful to the economic or other interests of the public body and privileged information.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 8:36 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

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

Simon Farbrother, Wendy Boje, Corey Levasseur, David Wolanski, Tania Shepherd,Carolynn Grey, Lindsay O'Mara and Marj Bradshaw.

13. CLOSED SESSION

a. 2019 Annual Risk Report

081-20

Moved by Councillor Acker that Council come out of Closed Session at 9:06 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no business arising from Closed Session.



ADJOURNMENT

082-20

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that the Regular Meeting adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY

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