



## CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN MINUTES

### REGULAR COUNCIL

**Thursday, November 24, 2022 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**Council Chambers - City Hall**

**Present:**

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur

Councillor Patrick Noyen

Councillor Brian Kelly

Councillor Jibs Abitoye

Councillor Birgit Blizzard *(attended remotely via Webex | disconnected from the meeting at 3:02 p.m.)*

Councillor Lisa Makin *(attended remotely via Webex)*

Councillor Gordon Harris

Administration:

Troy Fleming, City Manager

John Dance, General Manager, Corporate Services

Heather Cowie, General Manager, Community & Protective Services

Janel Smith-Duguid, General Manager, Infrastructure & Planning Services

Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer

Richard Gagnon, Director, Public Works

Grant Schaffer, Director, Fleet, Facilities & Engineering

Craig Thomas, Director, Planning & Development

Mark Morrissey, Director, Economic Development

Brad Babiak, Director, Culture & Recreation Services

Jennifer Hoyer, Director, Family & Community Support Services

Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services

Andrew Kaiser, Senior Legislative Officer & Acting Director, Legislative Services

Jenelle Hart, Manager, Park Services

Bradley McDonald, Manager, Infrastructure Strategies

Brian Roger, Manager, Roads & Utilities Services

Shannon Andruchow, Manager, Budget & Financial Planning *(attended remotely via Webex)*

Lindsay Poitras, Supervisor, Dow Centennial Centre, Arenas, and Taurus Field

Jessica Weller, Culture & Heritage Supervisor

Erin Brush Duncan, Economic Development Officer

Tosin Ajayi, Senior Accountant, Community & Protective Services *(attended remotely via Webex)*

Sheryl Exley, Legislative Officer - Governance

#### **1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor Katchur called the November 24, 2022 regular Council meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and acknowledged that the City of Fort Saskatchewan is located within Treaty 6 Territory and Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4; the ancestral and traditional territory of the Nehiyawak, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, and Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. It is because of our treaty relationship that we can live, work, and play on Treaty 6 Territory.

## **2. Flagged Items and Council Discussion and Direction**

### **R292-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Project 72-0219 - River Valley Master Plan be removed from the 2023 Budget and that the scope of the future Open Space Master Plan includes creating an overarching vision for the river valley.

In Favour (6): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Harris

Against (1): Councillor Makin

### **CARRIED**

### **R293-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Abitoye that Council direct Administration to remove Project 19009 – Veterans Way Corridor Widening – Phase 1 and 21012 – Veterans Way Pedestrian Crossing North from the 2023 10-Year Capital Plan, and furthermore that the projects be reintegrated within the 2024 10-Year Capital Plan with no phases commencing prior to 2029.

In Favour (3): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, and Councillor Abitoye

Against (4): Councillor Kelly, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

### **DEFEATED**

### **R294-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Council direct Administration to return to Council in 2023 with a report providing additional consideration and analysis of the User Fees and Charges for the Fort Saskatchewan Cemetery.

In Favour (7): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **R295-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Budget Request #61-0071 - Urban Agriculture Plan be deferred to the 2025 Budget.

In Favour (6): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Harris

Against (1): Councillor Makin

### **CARRIED**

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 10:20 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

**R296-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Noyen that Council direct Administration to maintain the current Residential Business License Fee of \$100.00 as outlined in the 2022 User Fees and Charges Bylaw.

In Favour (3): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, and Councillor Abitoye

Against (4): Councillor Kelly, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

**DEFEATED**

**R297-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Makin that \$49,300 be added into the 2023 Operating Budget, to be funded by property taxes, to allow the reopening of the Dow Centennial Centre and Harbour Pool on statutory holidays, excluding the following statutory holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Canada Day, and Truth and Reconciliation Day.

In Favour (4): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

Against (3): Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, and Councillor Blizzard

**CARRIED**

**R298-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Council direct Administration to report back to Council when presenting the 2024 Budget with the usage statistics of the Dow Centennial Centre and Harbour Pool on statutory holidays in 2023.

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 11:11 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 11:13 a.m.

Council Resolution #298-22 was voted on.

In Favour (7): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**R299-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Noyen that the one-time funding for Budget Request #74-0095 – Truth and Reconciliation in the amount of \$80,000 be removed from the 2023 Operating Budget.

In Favour (1): Councillor Noyen

Against (6): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

**DEFEATED**

**R300-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that the amount of one-time funding for Budget Request #74-0095 – Truth and Reconciliation be reduced from \$80,000 to \$40,000 in the 2023 Operating Budget.

In Favour (5): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, and Councillor Harris

Against (2): Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Makin

**CARRIED**

**R301-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Budget Request # 51-0057 - Diversity, Inclusion and Mental Health Coordinator be amended to accommodate for a 0.5 FTE position.

Councillor Abitoye briefly left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Councillor Abitoye returned to the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

In Favour (4): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, and Councillor Harris

Against (3): Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Makin

**CARRIED**

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 11:58 a.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**R302-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that the Residential Subdivision & Development Appeal fee be increased to \$1,500 in the 2023 Fees & Charges schedule, and if the appeal is successful, 80% of the fee be rebated back to the Appellant.

In Favour (2): Councillor Noyen, and Councillor Kelly

Against (5): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

**DEFEATED**

**R303-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Abitoye that Council amend Budget Request 11-0011 - City Manager Performance Review by removing on-going funding of \$10,000 from property Tax revenue and replace with funding of \$10,000 on a one-time basis from the Financial Stabilization and Contingency Reserve, and further that Administration return to Council before the end of Q1 2023 to discuss the finalization for the terms of reference for the project.

In Favour (6): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

Against (1): Councillor Kelly

**CARRIED**

**R304-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Budget Request #12-0238 – Utilities & Sustainability Department be amended and to defer the Manager of Sustainability position to the 2024 budget.

In Favour (6): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Harris

Against (1): Councillor Makin

**CARRIED**

### **3. Confidential Closed Session**

**R305-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Kelly that Council move to closed session at 1:57 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- a) **BGC Fort Saskatchewan 2023 Community Grants and Programs Budget Request**, FOIP Section 24(1)(g), Advice from Officials (proposed or pending plans, policies, projects, which may have budgetary impacts).

In Favour (7): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**In-Camera Attendance:**

**Council:** Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard (*remotely via Webex*), Councillor Makin (*remotely via Webex*), and Councillor Harris.

**Administration:** Troy Fleming, Janel Smith-Duguid, John Dance, Heather Cowie, and Andrew Kaiser who attended to provide background information and technical support.

**R305-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Abitoye that Council return to open session at 2:42 p.m.

In Favour (7): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Continuation of Flagged Items and Council Discussion and Direction**

Councillor Blizzard disconnected from the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

**R306-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Noyen that Budget Item #12-0161 - Infrastructure Lifecycle Reserves Contribution Increase be amended to remove the contributions to reserves for the Dow Centennial Centre Equipment in the amount of \$30,000 and the Playground Structures in the amount of \$28,354.

In Favour (1): Councillor Noyen

Against (5): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

Absent (1): Councillor Blizzard

**DEFEATED**

**5. Cancellation of the December 1, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

**R307-22**

**MOVED BY** Councillor Harris that Council cancel the December 1, 2022 regular Council meeting.

In Favour (6): Mayor Katchur, Councillor Noyen, Councillor Kelly, Councillor Abitoye, Councillor Makin, and Councillor Harris

Absent (1): Councillor Blizzard

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. Adjournment**

The regular Council meeting of November 24, 2022 adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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Mayor

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Acting Director, Legislative Services