



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers - City Hall

In Attendance:

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Lisa Makin
Councillor Gordon Harris
Councillor Patrick Noyen
Councillor Brian Kelly
Councillor Ajibola Abitoye
Councillor Birgit Blizzard

Administration:

Troy Fleming, City Manager
Janel Smith-Duguid, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure & Planning Services
Paul Edginton, General Manager, Community & Protective Services
Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer
Brad Babiak, Director, Culture & Recreation
Craig Thomas, Director, Planning & Development
Andrew Kaiser, Director, Legislative Services
Sadie Miller, Director, Utilities & Sustainability
Grant Schaffer, Director, Fleet, Facilities & Engineering
Shree Shinde, Manager, Current & Long Range Planning
Trish Norman, Coordinator, Revenue Services
Sheila Gagnon, Coordinator, Recreation Development
Jennifer Chapman, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Katchur called the September 10, 2024 regular Council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the City of Fort Saskatchewan is located on Treaty 6 territory and Métis Nation of Alberta District 11. We recognize that we stand upon land that carries the footsteps of many Indigenous Peoples, including the Nehiyawak, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, and Métis. The City honours the First Peoples of this land and is committed to fostering reconciliation through relationship building, knowledge gathering, and education.

2. Consent Agenda

R140-24

MOVED BY Councillor Noyen that Council approve the following agenda items:

3.

Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

That the minutes of the August 27, 2024 regular Council meeting be approved as presented.

9.5.

Proposed Advocacy Letter Regarding the Prohibition of Tabulators in Municipal Government

That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the City's request to reinstate the ability to use ballot tabulation machines during municipal elections, as attached as Appendix A to the September 10, 2024 administrative report.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes

***3.1 Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting**

Approved under consent agenda.

4. Delegations

Fort Saskatchewan Disc Golf - Kurtis Smit attended to speak to item 8.2 Disc Golf Feasibility Study.

5. Bylaws

5.1 Bylaw C16-24 Municipal Development Plan Update to Reflect the Regional Agricultural Master Plan - 1st Reading

Presented by: Shree Shinde, Manager, Current & Long-Range Planning, and Craig Thomas, Director, Planning & Development

R141-24

MOVED BY Councillor Noyen that Council give first reading to Bylaw C16-24 to amend the Municipal Development Plan to reflect the Regional Agriculture Master Plan, and further that a Public Hearing be held.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Public Hearing

6.1 Bylaw C16-24 Municipal Development Plan Update to Reflect the Regional Agricultural Master Plan - Public Hearing

Presented by: Shree Shinde, Manager, Current & Long-Range Planning, and Craig Thomas, Director, Planning & Development

Mayor Katchur opened the Public Hearing at 2:52 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held to hear any submissions in favour or in opposition of Bylaw C16-24 Municipal Development Plan Update to Reflect the Regional Agricultural Master Plan. Bylaw C16-24 received first reading at the September 10, 2024 regular Council meeting.

Mayor Katchur asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak in favour or in opposition of Bylaw C16-24.

There were no submissions.

Mayor Katchur closed the Public Hearing at 2:57 p.m.

7. Business Arising from Public Hearing

None.

8. Unfinished Business

8.1 Bike Skills Park Study

Presented by: Sheila Gagnon, Coordinator, Recreation Development, and Brad Babiak, Director, Culture & Recreation

R142-24

MOVED BY Councillor Makin that Council direct Administration to include a Class 2 design estimate of the bike skills park to be located at West River's Edge North, as outlined in the Bike Skills Park Study, in the 2025 Capital budget deliberations.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Katchur called a recess at 3:34 p.m.

The regular Council meeting reconvened at 3:44 p.m.

8.2 Disc Golf Feasibility Study

Presented by: Sheila Gagnon, Coordinator, Recreation Development, and Brad Babiak, Director, Culture & Recreation

R143-24

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council direct Administration to include a 9-hole disc golf course to be located northeast of West River's Edge Pavilion, as outlined in the Disc Golf Feasibility Study, in the 2025 Capital budget deliberations.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. New Business

9.1 Energy Management Strategy

Presented by: Sadie Miller, Director, Utilities & Sustainability, and Grant Schaffer, Director, Fleet, Facilities & Engineering

R144-24

MOVED BY Councillor Kelly that Council approve a maximum of \$269,585 over two years for staffing resources to support the development and implementation of an Energy Management Plan, of which \$180,000 will be funded through the Municipal Energy Manager program and \$89,585 of municipal funding to be split over two years, to be included in the 2025 and 2026 City of Fort Saskatchewan Budgets.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 2024 Property Tax Penalty Waiver - Tax Roll #3022000

Presented by: Trish Norman, Coordinator, Revenue Services

R145-24

MOVED BY Councillor Kelly that Council approve the waiver of late payment penalties for tax roll 3022000 in the amount of \$85.90.

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

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 2024 Property Tax Penalty Waiver - Tax Roll #4710504

Presented by: Trish Norman, Coordinator, Revenue Services

R146-24

MOVED BY Councillor Noyen that Council approve the waiver of late payment penalties for tax roll 4710504 in the amount of \$80.44.

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

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 2024 Property Tax Penalty Waiver - Tax Roll #1353127 & Tax Roll #0755000

Presented by: Trish Norman, Coordinator, Revenue Services

R147-24

MOVED BY Councillor Makin that Council approve the waiver of late property tax payment penalties for tax roll 1353127 in the amount of \$9.15 and for tax roll 0755000 in the amount of \$194.16.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.5 * Proposed Advocacy Letter Regarding the Prohibition of Tabulators in Municipal Government

Approved under consent agenda.

10. Notice of Motion

None.

11. Points of Interest

Members of Council were given the opportunity to bring forward information that would be of interest to the public.

12. Councillor Inquiries

Members of Council were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide concerns and comments.

13. Closed Session

R148-24

MOVED BY Councillor Abitoye that Council move to closed session at 4:29 p.m. to discuss the following items:

a) **Intergovernmental Affairs Update**, FOIP Section 21(1), Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations

- **Edmonton Metropolitan Region Task Force Update**
- **Secondary / Alternatives Water Source**

b) **City Manager Update**, FOIP Section 24(1)(a), Advice from Officials (advice, proposals, recommendations for or by a public body)

c) **Code of Conduct Complaints**, FOIP Section 17(1), Harmful to Personal Privacy

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Business Arising out of Closed Session

No Business Arising out of Closed Session.

R149-24

MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council return to open session at 5:25 p.m.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Adjournment

The regular Council meeting of September 10, 2024 adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services