



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – City Hall

Present:

Members of Council:

Mayor Gale Katchur
Councillor Birgit Blizzard
Councillor Sheldon Bossert
Councillor Frank Garritsen
Councillor Stew Hennig
Councillor Arjun Randhawa
Councillor Ed Sperling

Administration:

Kelly Kloss, City Manager
Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services
Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services
Brenda Molter, Director, Legislative Services
Jen McEwen, Acting Director, Communications & Marketing
Josie Krokis, Director, Protective Services
Reade Beaudoin, Digital Media Coordinator
Sheryl Exley, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Mayor Katchur called the regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2015 to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

R155-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that the minutes of the August 25, 2015 regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa,
Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Delegations

The following individuals were in attendance to speak in favour of Councillor Bossert's Notice of Motion to explore the feasibility of utilizing the old Health Care Centre site for a hospice:

- Avril Frost
- Leo Genier
- Zen Lefebvre

4. Review of Community Standards Bylaw Order to Comply

Presented by: Josie Krokis, Director, Protective Services

Resident, Mr. Dick Easton was in attendance to explain the grounds of his appeal.

R156-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Council confirm the July 28, 2015 Order to Comply for the property located at 9605 – 101 Street, with a new compliance date of September 24, 2015.

R157-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council Resolution #156-15 be amended by replacing the date of September 24, 2015 with the date of October 6, 2015.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Ed Sperling

Against: Sheldon Bossert

CARRIED

Council Resolution #156-15 was approved, as amended.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Unfinished Business

5.1 Bylaw C18-15 - ATCO Gas Distribution System Franchise Agreement - 2nd & 3rd reading

Presented by: Brenda Rauckman, General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services

R158-15 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council give second reading to Bylaw C18-15 authorizing the City of Fort Saskatchewan to enter into a natural gas distribution system franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R159-15 MOVED BY Councillor Blizzard that Council give third reading to Bylaw C18-15 authorizing the City of Fort Saskatchewan to enter into a natural gas distribution system franchise agreement with ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. New Business

6.1 Draft Growth Study

Presented by: Troy Fleming, General Manager, Infrastructure & Community Services

R160-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council move in-camera at 7:05 p.m.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R161-15 MOVED BY Councillor Sperling that Council return to open session at 7:26 p.m.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R162-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council accept the Draft Growth Study provided in-camera as information, and direct Administration to circulate the document as per the schedule provided in-camera, which includes a public release on September 10, 2015.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R163-15 MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that Council direct Administration to proceed with public engagement once the Draft Growth Study has been provided to Strathcona County.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Bylaws

None.

8. Notice of Motion

8.1 Hospice

R164-15 MOVED BY Councillor Bossert that Administration explore the feasibility of utilizing the land or a portion of land at the old Health Care Centre site for a hospice, and further that the land not be put on the market until a feasibility review is complete.

In Favour: Sheldon Bossert

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa,
Birgit Blizzard, Ed Sperling

DEFEATED

8.2 Municipal Election Campaign Donations

R165-15

MOVED BY Councillor Randhawa that Council direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Premier of Alberta that:

1. Fort Saskatchewan calls for amendments to the Local Authorities Election Act to eliminate corporate and union donations for all local election candidates;
2. Should the Legislature move to limit corporate and union contributions for all local elections, that the Province level the playing field by introducing tax credit eligibility for local elections;
3. Restrictions on contributions and related disclosure requirements be the same for third party advocacy groups/individuals as they are for municipal candidates; and
4. The letter be submitted on behalf of City of Fort Saskatchewan Council by October 1, 2015.

In Favour: Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

Against: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Birgit Blizzard

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

R166-15

MOVED BY Councillor Hennig that the regular Council Meeting of September 8, 2015 adjourn at 8:19 p.m.

In Favour: Gale Katchur, Frank Garritsen, Stew Hennig, Arjun Randhawa,
Birgit Blizzard, Sheldon Bossert, Ed Sperling

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Director, Legislative Services