



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held February 10, 2020
in Council Chambers

Present:

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

Also In Attendance:

Corey Levasseur, Acting City Manager
David Wolanski, General Manager of Community and Protective Services
Louise Frostad, Interim General Manager of Corporate Services
Jennifer Hetherington, Manager of Corporate Communications
Dave Walker, Manager of Economic and Business Development
Susan Armstrong, Director of Planning and Development
Janine Peter, Director of Community Social Development
Mark Puczko, Manager of Planning
David Towle, Senior Municipal Planner
Erin McKeown, Community Development Officer
Jamie-Lynn Scobie, Economic Development Specialist - Commercial
Carolynn Grey, City Clerk
Marj Bradshaw, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. AGENDA

022-20 (CS) Moved by Councillor Rothe that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Unanimously Carried

2. CONSENT AGENDA

023-20 (CS) Moved by Councillor Acker that the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 3.a. January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 11.b. Deputy Mayor Appointments, Revised
- Item 12.a. Various Board and Committee Meeting Minutes

Unanimously Carried



3. MINUTES

a. January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That the January 27, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. C-1074-19 - City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 6:07 p.m. on Bylaw C-1074-19 - City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan.

Two written submissions were received.

Victor Moroz with the Spruce Grove City Centre Business Association came before Council to speak in support of the proposed redevelopment plan and thanked Council and the affected residents for their input during the consultation process.

Johanna Ibsen of Queen Street came before Council to voice her concerns about the proposed downtown redevelopment and asked that Council consider the history of the area as changes are made in the city centre.

Tom Yeo representing the Parkland Regional Chamber of Commerce came before Council to speak in support of the proposed redevelopment and in particular the commercial core. Mr. Yeo asked that consideration be given to ensure that the public markets will continue and traffic will not be interrupted by construction in the area.

Sheila Mertz of Main Street came before Council to state that she is happy with the results of Administration's work with the residents and businesses within the area and is pleased that no changes will be made to the current zoning of her home.

Tarra Burvill of Jespersen Avenue came before Council to speak in favour of the revisions to the proposed redevelopment and is eager to see the redevelopment move forward. She asked that respect be given to the adjacent property owners as the redevelopment occurs and asked if the transition could be softened between the R1 and R2 districts.

Nicole Marcuk of Church Road came before Council to ask why the density exemptions were being removed from the properties on Church



Road and asked how the affected residents in the area were notified of proposed change.

Michael Marcuk of Church Road requested that notification be given to the affected residents about the proposed zoning changes for the area.

Cheryl Viau-Learing of Jespersen Avenue came before Council to state that she was not notified about the construction of an in-fill building adjacent to her property.

Mayor Houston indicated that the Public Hearing in progress did not relate to Ms. Viau-Learning's concern and advised that Administration would contact her for further discussion.

Frank DeAngelis of Main Street Law came before Council to speak in support of the proposed redevelopment and feels the revitalization of the area will make the city centre a destination for the people in the community.

Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

b. C-1099-19 - Road Closure Bylaw – Portion of Oswald Drive

Mayor Houston called the Public Hearing to order at 7:04 p.m. on Bylaw C-1099-19 - Road Closure Bylaw – Portion of Oswald Drive.

No written or verbal submissions were received.

Mayor Houston declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

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

David Fisher of Arlington Place came before Council to ask if the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw will affect churches in the community.

Administration provided Mr. Fisher with a response to his question.

Brian Coldwell of Spruce Grove came before Council to ask if conversion therapy is being practiced in Spruce Grove.



Administration provided Mr. Coldwell with a response to his question.

Darlene Wurster of Creekside Close came forward to ask what Council's position is on the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* as it applies to the language being drafted on the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw.

Administration provided Ms. Wurster with a response to her question.

Lorne Corbett of Havenwood Court came before Council to comment on the need for a fire services master plan that outlines minimum staffing levels on fire-fighting equipment.

Administration provided Mr. Corbett with a response to his question.

Trudy McKinnon of Spruce Garden Crescent came before Council to ask if further clarification on the definition of conversion therapy will be provided during the bylaw presentation.

Administration provided Ms. McKinnon with a response to her question.

Wing Witharana of Danfield Place came forward to ask that Council consider removing references to valid consent within the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw.

Administration provided Ms. Witharana with a response to her question.

Dr. Kristopher Wells of McEwan University came forward to ask if Council is aware of the various Canadian medical and professional associations that have restricted their members from the practice of conversion therapy. Dr. Wells also asked if Council is aware of the harm and long-term damage that conversion therapy inflicts on vulnerable young adults.

Administration provided Dr. Wells with responses to his questions.

Gerard Deverdene of Aspenglen Drive came before Council to ask if the intent of the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw is to prevent any opportunity for an individual to seek out conversion therapy.

Administration provided Mr. Deverdene with a response to his question.

Gerald Friesen of Church Road came before Council to ask if the proposed bylaw will include the prohibition of conversion therapy on all individuals.



Administration provided Mr. Friesen with a response to his question.

8. COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS AND UPDATES

No Council Updates were provided.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

There were no Administrative Updates provided.

10. BYLAWS

a. C-1074-19 - City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan

024-20 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1074-19 – City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan, as amended.

Unanimously Carried

b. C-1099-19 - Road Closure Bylaw - Portion of Oswald Drive

025-20 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1099-19 - Road Closure Bylaw - Portion of Oswald Drive.

Unanimously Carried

026-20 (P&I/CS)

Moved by Councillor Oldham that third reading be given to Bylaw C-1099-19 - Road Closure Bylaw - Portion of Oswald Drive.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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

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



027-20 (CAPS)

Moved by Councillor Acker that the motion for second reading for Bylaw C-1103-19 – Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw be referred back to Administration to incorporate Council’s feedback.

<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Acker	Rothe
Gruhlke	
Houston	
McKenzie	
Stevenson	

Carried

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. CP-1017-19 - Conversion Therapy Prohibition Policy

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

028-20 (CAPS)

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that Policy CP-1017-19, Prohibition on the Use of Municipal Resources for Conversion Therapy be referred back to Administration for further amendments.

Unanimously Carried

b. Deputy Mayor Appointments, Revised

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That the revised 2017-2021 Deputy Mayor Schedule be approved as presented.

c. 2019-2020 External Board and Committee Appointments, Revised

029-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that the revision to the 2019 - 2020 External Board and Committee Appointments be approved as presented.

Unanimously Carried



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.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Council did not go into Closed Session.

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

There was no business arising from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

030-20

Moved by Councillor Oldham that the Regular Meeting adjourn at 10:49 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY