



THE CITY OF SPRUCE GROVE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council
held March 23, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Present:

Mayor Houston, 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
Jennifer Hetherington, Manager of Corporate Communications
Dave Walker, Manager of Economic and Business Development
Louise Frostad, Chief Financial Officer
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 6:00 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Councillor Rothe was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the period of March 24, 2020 to June 22, 2020.

1. AGENDA

The following amendments were made to the agenda:

Councillor Gruhlke - add TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre Board Update –
Councillor Statements and Updates – Item 8.a.

City Manager - move Bylaw Item 10.i. C-1112-20 King Street Borrowing
Bylaw to follow Item 11.a. Property Acquisition Proposal
- add COVID-19 Discussion – Closed Session Item 13.c.
- remove Business Item 9.b. 2019 – 2021 Corporate Plan
Update
- remove Bylaw Item 10.b. C-1107-20 Municipal Utility
Services Bylaw Amendment



- remove Bylaw Item 10.c. C-1108-20 2020 Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment
- remove Bylaw Item 10.g. C-1114-20 2020 Business Improvement Area Tax Bylaw
- remove Bylaw Item 10.h. C-1115-20 2020 Business Improvement Area Tax Rate Bylaw

053-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Rothe that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Unanimously Carried

2. CONSENT AGENDA

054-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that the recommendations contained in the following reports be approved:

- Item 3.a. March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- Item 10.d. C-1104-19 - 2019 Land Use Bylaw Review Amendments - First Reading
- Item 10.f. C-1113-20 - Supplementary Assessment Bylaw – First Reading
- Item 11.e. Community Road Safety Advisory Committee Public Member Appointments

Unanimously Carried

3. MINUTES

a. March 9, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

That the March 9, 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. DELEGATIONS

No Delegations came before Council.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Trisha Vyse of Westglen Crescent asked what provisions the City has made for community members living unsheltered during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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

Stacey Rogers of Veronica Hill asked if the City will be offering a utility payment deferral program for residents who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Council and Administration provided Ms. Rogers with a response to her question.

Darlene Wurster of Creekside Close asked for clarification on several sections of the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw that is currently under consideration by Council.

Administration provided Ms. Wurster with responses to her questions.

Enoch Gray of Virginia Avenue asked several questions related to the proposed conversion therapy prohibition bylaw that is currently under consideration by Council.

Administration provided Mr. Gray with responses to his questions.

8. COUNCILLOR STATEMENTS AND UPDATES

a. TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre Board Update

Councillor Gruhlke provided Council with a brief update on operations at the TransAlta Tri Leisure Centre as they relate to the temporary closure of the facility due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

055-20

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that her update be received as information.

Unanimously Carried



9. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

a. COVID-19 Pandemic Update

The City Manager provided Council with an update on the City’s plans to ensure the continuation of services for the community in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

056-20

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that the update on the COVID-19 Pandemic be received as information.

Unanimously Carried

Item 9.b. 2019-2021 Corporate Plan Implementation Update was removed from the agenda.

10. BYLAWS

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

057-20 (CAPS/CS)

Moved by Councillor Oldham that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1103-19 - Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw, as amended.

In Favour Opposed

Gruhlke	Acker
Houston	Rothe
McKenzie	
Oldham	
Stevenson	

Carried

Item 10.b. C-1107-20 - Municipal Utility Services Bylaw Amendment was removed from the agenda.

Item 10.c. C-1108-20 - 2020 Fees and Charges Bylaw Amendment was removed from the agenda.

d. C-1104-19 2019 Land Use Bylaw Review Amendments

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

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



e. C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw

058-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Rothe that second reading be given to Bylaw C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Unanimously Carried

059-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Rothe that third reading be given to Bylaw C-1106-20 - Committee Code of Conduct Bylaw.

Unanimously Carried

f. C-1113-20 - Supplementary Assessment Bylaw

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

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

Item 10.g. C-1114-20 - 2020 Business Improvement Area Tax Bylaw was removed from the agenda.

Item 10.h. C-1115-20 - 2020 Business Improvement Area Tax Rate Bylaw was removed from the agenda.

Item 10.i. C-1112-20 King Street Borrowing Bylaw was moved down on the agenda to follow Business Item 11.a.

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

11. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Property Acquisition Proposal

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that the purchase by the City of the remaining portion of King Street Plaza be approved at a cost of \$6,697,500 and that this be funded through \$4,697,500 from Municipal Sustainability Initiative funds and a debenture in the amount of \$2,000,000 subject to approval of a debenture borrowing bylaw.

060-20 (EBD)

Moved by Councillor Rothe that the motion on the Property Acquisition Proposal be postponed to April 27, 2020.

Unanimously Carried



Item 10.i. C-1112-20 King Street Borrowing Bylaw was contingent on the approval of Item 11.a. Property Acquisition Proposal and therefore was not addressed.

b. Transit Local Service Growth

061-20 (P&I)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke 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.

Unanimously Carried

c. Relocation of Eco Centre to Public Works

062-20 (P&I)

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

Unanimously Carried

d. Construction of Snow Dump Site

063-20 (P&I)

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

Unanimously Carried

e. Community Road Safety Advisory Committee Public Member Appointments

The following motion was approved on the Consent Agenda:

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.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no Information Items scheduled on the agenda.



064-20

Moved by Councillor Oldham that Council go into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m. under Section 21 - Disclosure Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000 c F-25.

Unanimously Carried

Mayor Houston called for a recess at 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Houston reconvened the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Economic Development Initiative Partnership Opportunity
- b. Board Appointment – 2020 Assessment Review Boards

065-20

Moved by Councillor Stevenson that Council come out of Closed Session at 10:42 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

066-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke 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.

Unanimously Carried

067-20 (CS)

Moved by Councillor Gruhlke that Raymond Ralph be appointed as Chairman to the Assessment Review Boards for a one year term ending February 28, 2021.

Unanimously Carried

ADJOURNMENT

068-20

Moved by Councillor McKenzie that the Regular Meeting adjourn at 10:48 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

MAYOR

RECORDING SECRETARY