



City Council Non-Regular - Minutes

May 10, 2023

1:30 p.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, J. Wright

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor A. Sohi called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023, and acknowledged that City Council meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory and Metis Homelands. The Chair also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Metis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

1.2 Roll Call

Mayor A. Sohi conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of City Council.

Councillor S. Hamilton was absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

A. Corbould, City Manager; and A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, K. Stolarz, Deputy City Clerk, B. Tyson and C. Martin, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: S. Hamilton

Seconded by: J. Rice

That the May 10, 2023, City Council - Non-Regular meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

Addition:

- 5.1 Intergovernmental Update
- Attachment 5

Replacement report:

- 5.1 Intergovernmental Update
- Communications and Engagement report CE01810

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

1.4 Protocol Items

1. Our Lady of the Prairies (A. Sohi)

Mayor A. Sohi, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grades 5 and 5/6 classes from Our Lady of the Prairies School in Ward sipiwiniwak and their teachers, W. Steynen and S. Brunelle.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 5.1 and 7.1.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

All items were selected for debate.

2.3 Requests to Speak

There were no Requests to Speak.

2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda

There were no requests for items to be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda.

2.5 Vote on Bylaws not Selected for Debate

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

3. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting

There were no Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting.

4. Requests to Reschedule Reports

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

5. Public Reports

5.1 Intergovernmental Update

The following member of Administration's delegation made a presentation:

- R. Barkway, Acting Deputy City Manager, Communications and Engagement

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- D. Jones, Community Services
- A. Corbould, City Manager
- C. Watt, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Kjenner, Community Services
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- Y. Oke, Communications and Engagement

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

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investment limit;

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1.4 Increase the maximum financing limit of \$1 million for non-residential properties; and,

1.5 Expand eligible items to include additional clean energy and adaptation upgrades such as, but not limited to, EV Chargers, while allowing municipalities to retain the ability to choose which elements of an expanded program to offer.

2. It is therefore resolved that Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta to:

2.1. Provide increased capital and operating funds to address growing gaps in supporting affordable housing needs across Alberta and help further accelerate housing supply.

2.2. Amend provincial legislation to exempt all non-profit affordable housing providers from both municipal and education tax, and establish a clear definition to indicate which properties will qualify for the exemption.

3. It is therefore resolved that Alberta Municipalities advocate to the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada to increase their financial commitment to supporting the recovery and ongoing vitality efforts for the downtowns, business districts, and main streets of communities throughout Alberta.

4. It is therefore resolved that Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to:

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4.2. Amend the definition of Peace Officer under the Workers Compensation Act, Part 4, section 24.2(1)(f) to include all Peace Officers appointed under section 7 of the Peace Officer Act.

5. It is therefore resolved that Alberta Municipalities advocate for the Government of Alberta to amend the Traffic Safety Act to accommodate the daily use of e-Scooters Alberta wide, for rental and personal use.

Members of City Council requested that the motion be split for voting purposes.

Motion 1, put:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

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In Favour (12): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (12 to 0)

Motion 2:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: K. Tang

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Amendment:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: J. Rice

That 2.2 be deleted.

In Favour (3): M. Janz, K. Principe, and J. Rice

Opposed (10): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, A. Knack, A. Paquette, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (3 to 10)

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Motions 3, 4 and 5, put:

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Knack

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Summary of Council's Decision on item 5.1:

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6. **Bylaws**

There were no Bylaws on the agenda.

7. **Private Reports**

7.1 **Intergovernmental Update - Verbal report**

The following member of Administration's delegation made a presentation:

- A. Corbould, City Manager

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: J. Wright

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 21 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations), 24 (advice from officials) and 25 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the discussion of item 7.1.

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Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in private at 2:46 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That City Council meet in public.

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Carried (13 to 0)

City Council met in public at 3:16 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the May 10, 2023, Communications and Engagement report CE01891, be received for information.

In Favour (13): A. Sohi, T. Cartmell, S. Hamilton, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, J. Rice, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (13 to 0)

8. Motions Pending

There were no Motions Pending on the agenda.

9. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

Mayor A. Sohi asked whether there were any Notices of Motion. There were none.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Chair

City Clerk