



Urban Planning Committee - Minutes

April 1, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, J. Rice

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Councillor M. Janz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and acknowledged that Urban Planning Committee meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory and the Métis homeland. The Chair also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Sauteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

1.2 Roll Call

Councillor M. Janz conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of Urban Planning Committee.

Councillors A. Paquette, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Stevenson and K. Tang; and E. Norton, M. Moussa and J. Taves, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: J. Rice

That the April 1, 2025, Urban Planning Committee meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (4): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, and J. Rice

Carried (4 to 0)

1.4 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Knack

That the minutes from the following meetings be approved:

- March 4, 2025, Urban Planning Committee
- March 12, 2025, Urban Planning Committee - Non-Regular

In Favour (4): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, and J. Rice

Carried (4 to 0)

1.5 Protocol Items

1.5.1 Our Lady of the Prairies Catholic Elementary School (M. Janz)

Councillor M. Janz, on behalf of Urban Planning Committee, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from Our Lady of the Prairies Catholic Elementary School in Ward sipiwiniwak and their teachers, M. McDonald and C. Lucas.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1 and 7.2.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

All items were selected for debate.

2.3 Requests to Speak

Moved by: A. Knack

That Urban Planning Committee hear from the following speakers, in panels when appropriate:

- 7.2 Old Strathcona Public Realm Strategy: Reserve Fund
 1. C. Klassen, Old Strathcona Business Association
 2. J. Mackell, Old Strathcona Business Association
 3. M. Wilson

In Favour (4): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, and J. Rice

Carried (4 to 0)

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.

3. Councillor Inquiries

There were no Councillor Inquiries.

4. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting

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

5. Requests to Reschedule Reports

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business on the agenda.

7. Public Reports

7.1 Options for Regulating Congregate Sleeping Areas for Shelters

The following members of Administration's delegation made a presentation and answered questions:

- T. Pawlyk, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Kuiper, Urban Planning and Economy

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- H. Quan, Community Services
- C. Chan, Urban Planning and Economy
- J. Inkpen, Employee and Legal Services
- R. Putt, Community Services

Moved by: J. Rice

That the April 1, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02714, be received for information.

With the unanimous consent of Urban Planning Committee, Councillor J. Rice withdrew the motion.

Withdrawn

Moved by: J. Wright

That Administration prepare amendments to Zoning Bylaw 20001, as outlined in Attachments 1 and 2 of the April 1, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02714, and return for consideration to a future City Council Public Hearing.

Not put to vote

Councillors A. Knack and J. Wright requested the April 1, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02714 be requisitioned to City Council without a Committee Recommendation.

7.2 Old Strathcona Public Realm Strategy: Reserve Fund

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

- K. Snyder, Urban Planning and Economy
- E. Backstrom, Urban Planning and Economy

The following public speakers made presentations:

- J. Mackell, Old Strathcona Business Association
- M. Wilson

The following public speaker made a presentation and answered questions:

- C. Klassen, Old Strathcona Business Association

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- K. Snyder, Urban Planning and Economy
- E. Backstrom, Urban Planning and Economy
- R. Toohey, Urban Planning and Economy
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services
- B. Jarocki, Financial and Corporate Services

- C. Zerebeski, City Operations

Moved by: M. Janz

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That Administration establish a reserve fund to dedicate net parking revenues and net land sale proceeds from properties identified within the Old Strathcona Public Realm Strategy to support design and/or construction of amenities identified in the Old Strathcona Public Realm Strategy, as outlined in the April 1, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02727.

Moved by: M. Janz

With the unanimous consent of Urban Planning Committee, Councillor M. Janz re-stated the motion so that it reads as follows:

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That Administration establish a reserve fund to dedicate net parking revenues from the ePark lot located in Plan I, Block K (11 Tommy Banks Way NW), to support design and/or construction of amenities identified in the Old Strathcona Public Realm Strategy, as outlined in the April 1, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02727.

In Favour (3): M. Janz, J. Wright, and A. Knack

Opposed (1): J. Rice

Carried (3 to 1)

Moved by: A. Knack

That Administration, as part of the 2027-2030 budget cycle, explore opportunities for Parking Benefit Districts, which would allow the City to reinvest parking fee revenues back into the area from where they were charged to facilitate local improvements. These improvements could include things like enhanced sidewalks, secure bicycle parking, and local amenities like benches, lighting, plants, trees and public art.

Moved by: A. Knack

With the unanimous consent of Urban Planning Committee, Councillor A. Knack re-stated the motion so that it reads as follows:

Parking Benefit Districts

That Administration provide a report to Committee exploring opportunities for Parking Benefit Districts, which would allow the City to reinvest parking fee revenues back into the area from where they were charged to facilitate local improvements. These improvements could include things like enhanced sidewalks, secure bicycle parking, and local amenities like benches, lighting, plants, trees and public art.

Due Date: Second Quarter 2026, Urban Planning Committee

In Favour (4): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, and J. Rice

Carried (4 to 0)

8. Responses to Councillor Inquiries

There were no Responses to Councillor Inquiries on the agenda.

9. Private Reports

There were no Private Reports on the agenda.

10. Motions Pending

There were no Motions Pending on the agenda.

11. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

Councillor M. Janz asked whether there were any Notices of Motion. There were none.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Chair

City Clerk