



Community and Public Services Committee - Minutes

August 11, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Sohi, A. Stevenson

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Councillor E. Rutherford called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., Monday, August 11, 2025, and acknowledged that Community and Public Services 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, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Isga, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

1.2 Roll Call

Councillor E. Rutherford conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of Community and Public Services Committee.

Councillor S. Hamilton was absent with notice.

Mayor A. Sohi is a Committee Member pursuant to section 15(3), Council Committees Bylaw 18156.

Councillors T. Cartmell, M. Janz, A. Knack, A. Paquette, K. Principe, K. Tang and J. Wright; and A. Karbasheski, R. Yusuf and M. Friesen, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: A. Salvador

That the August 11, 2025, Community and Public Services Committee meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

1.4 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Salvador

That the June 16, 2025, Community and Public Services Committee meeting minutes be approved.

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

1.5 Protocol Items

1.5.1 Former City Councillor Michael Phair (A. Salvador)

Councillor A. Salvador, on behalf of Community and Public Services Committee, welcomed former City Councillor Michael Phair who was on Council from 1992-2007. He was joined by his family.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

All items were selected for debate.

2.3 Requests to Speak

Moved by: A. Salvador

That Community and Public Services Committee hear from the following speakers, in panels when appropriate:

- 7.1 Community Leagues Life Safety Infrastructure Needs
 1. L. Cunningham-Shpeley, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues

2. S. Good, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
 3. S. Varga
- 7.2 Bylaw 21244 - Animal Care and Control Bylaw
 1. L. Sunley, Edmonton Humane Society
 2. A. Bachand
 3. C. Karsten, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program
 4. K. Kowalchuk
 - 7.3 Improved Accessibility - Active Pathway Snow Removal and Sidewalk Repair
 1. E. Estrada, Alberta Avenue Business Association
 2. F. Agbor

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

Moved by: E. Rutherford

That Community and Public Services Committee hear from the following additional speaker:

- 7.2 Bylaw 21244 - Animal Care and Control Bylaw
 1. A. Buttnor

With the unanimous consent of Community and Public Services Committee, the motion carried.

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 Community Leagues Life Safety Infrastructure Needs

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

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- S. Gellatly, Community Services

The following public speakers made presentations and answered questions:

- L. Cunningham-Shpeley, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- S. Good, Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues
- S. Varga

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- P. Ladouceur, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- S. Gellatly, Community Services
- R. Diederichs, Community Services

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Community Leagues Life Safety Infrastructure Needs - Additional Information

1. That the August 11, 2025, Community Services report CS02978, be referred back to Administration with instructions to request from the Edmonton Federation of Community Leagues further details and prioritization of the life safety deficiencies per building within all Community League facilities, and

2. That Administration incorporate this new information into the upcoming Community Services report CS03147 - Community League Facility and Amenity Review.

Due Date: Second Quarter 2026, Community and Public Services Committee

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

7.2 Bylaw 21244 - Animal Care and Control Bylaw

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

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- J. Wilson, Community Services

The following public speakers made presentations:

- C. Karsten, UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program
- A. Buttner

The following public speakers made presentations and answered questions:

- L. Sunley, Edmonton Humane Society
- A. Bachand
- K. Kowalchuk

A handout provided by A. Bachand was distributed to Members of the Committee and a copy was filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- J. Wilson, Community Services
- C. Zerebeski, City Operations
- J. Afonne, Employee and Legal Services

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: E. Rutherford

That Bylaw 21244 be amended as follows:

Section 35 be amended to add subsection 5 to allow the City Manager the ability to place conditions on existing pigeon licences to reduce problematic issues.

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

Moved by: E. Rutherford

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 21244 be given the appropriate readings.

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Pet Licence Subsidy Programs

That, as part of Administration's report on pet licence subsidy programs, Administration analyze options for using pet licence fees to fund the implementation of Dogs in Open Spaces strategy.

Due Date: Fourth Quarter November 2026

In Favour (2): A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Opposed (1): E. Rutherford

Carried (2 to 1)

7.3 Improved Accessibility - Active Pathway Snow Removal and Sidewalk Repair

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

- C. Zerebeski, City Operations
- C. Fereday, City Operations
- C. Perizzolo, Community Services

The following public speaker made a presentation:

- F. Agbor

The following public speaker made a presentation and answered questions:

- E. Estrada, Alberta Avenue Business Association

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- C. McKeown, Deputy City Manager, City Operation
- C. Zerebeski, City Operations
- C. Fereday, City Operations
- V. Dacyk, City Operations
- C. Perizzolo, Community Services

Moved by: E. Rutherford

That Administration prepare an unfunded service package for consideration during the 2025 Fall Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment to implement Option 3 - Moderate Changes to Cost and Service Levels (\$1,430,000 capital one time and \$8,070,000 operating Ongoing) as outlined in Attachment 5 of the August 11, 2025, Community Services report CO03079, including an unfunded capital profile to be presented at the 2025 Fall Supplemental Capital and Operating Budget Adjustment.

Due Date: 2025 Fall Supplemental Capital and Operating Budget Adjustment

In Favour (4): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Sohi, and A. Stevenson

Carried (4 to 0)

Moved by: A. Salvador

That Administration provide a memo on the Total Cost of Ownership project in advance of 2025 Fall Supplemental Operating Budget Adjustment.

Due Date: 2025 Fall Supplemental Capital and Operating Budget Adjustment

In Favour (4): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Sohi, and A. Stevenson

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

10.1 External Review of the Business Licence Review Policy (A. Stevenson)

Moved by: A. Stevenson

External Review of the Business Licence Review Policy

That Administration undertake an external review of the Business Licence Review policy to investigate opportunities to:

1. improve the transparency of the licence process; set out minimum expectations of business operations within the community;
2. streamline license reviews while maintaining fairness to all impacted parties, including enhancing policy to better enable the cancellation of business licence that pose significant health and life safety risks, and
3. provide a report to Committee in third quarter of 2026 including any relevant amendments to Business Licence Bylaw 20002.

Due Date: Third Quarter 2026, Community and Public Services Committee

In Favour (3): E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Carried (3 to 0)

11. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

Councillor E. Rutherford asked whether there were any Notices of Motion. There were none.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m., Monday, August 11, 2025.

Chair

City Clerk