



## City Council - Orientation - Minutes

November 17, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette,  
T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A.  
Stevenson, K. Tang, J. Wright

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### 1. Call to Order and Related Business

#### 1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mayor A. Knack called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., Monday, November 17, 2025, and acknowledged that City Council 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.

*\*Clerk's note: The November 17, 2025, City Council - Orientation meeting was held over two days: November 17, 2025, and November 18, 2025.*

#### 1.2 Roll Call

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

Councillor M. Elliott was absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

E. Robar, City Manager; and A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, N. Jacobsen, B. Tyson, J. Taves and M. Friesen, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

#### 1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Mayor A. Knack asked whether there were any declarations of pecuniary interests or conflicts of interest. There were none.

#### **1.4 Adoption of Agenda**

**Moved by:** M. Janz

**Seconded by:** A. Salvador

That the November 17, 2025, City Council - Orientation meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (12): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

**Carried (12 to 0)**

**Moved by:** A. Salvador

**Seconded by:** T. Parmar

That the following item be added to the November 17, 2025, City Council - Orientation meeting agenda:

- 7.5 2025 Fall Supplemental Budget Adjustment Deliberation Process

In Favour (12): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

**Carried (12 to 0)**

#### **1.5 Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to be approved.

#### **1.6 Protocol Items**

There were no Protocol Items.

### **2. Items for Discussion and Related Business**

#### **2.1 Select Items for Debate**

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4.

*\*Clerk's note: Item 7.5 was added as an addendum report and was also selected for debate.*

**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. 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 City Council Orientation: Introduction to the City Structure, City Culture and The City Plan**

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

- E. Robar, City Manager
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services
- C. McKeown, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- M. Dorval, Employee and Legal Services

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor

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

- S. Ebrahim, Office of the City Manager
- J. Badry, Interim Chief Communications Officer
- S. Nichols, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- D. Schlitter, Employee and Legal Services
- C. Sparks, Employee and Legal Services

This item was dealt with.

## **7.2 City Council Orientation: Council Forecast**

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

- E. Robar, City Manager

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

- S. Ebrahim, Office of the City Manager

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk
- C. McKeown, Deputy City Manager, City Operations
- A. Laliberte, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services

This item was dealt with.

### 7.3 City Council Orientation: Fundamentals of Finance, Taxation and Reporting

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

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- C. Watt, Financial and Corporate Services
- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Nichols, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- N. Chow, Financial and Corporate Services

This item was dealt with.

### 7.4 City Council Orientation: Corporate Focus Area: Growth Planning

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

- E. Robar, City Manager

**Moved by:** J. Wright

**Seconded by:** M. Elliott

That City Council meet in private pursuant to section 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act* for the discussion of item 7.4.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

**Carried (13 to 0)**

City Council met in private at 1:35 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

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

- E. Robar, City Manager
- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Nichols, Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services
- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor
- S. Ebrahim, Office of the City Manager

**Moved by:** A. Salvador

**Seconded by:** J. Wright

That City Council meet in public.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

**Carried (13 to 0)**

City Council met in public at 2:59 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

**Moved by:** M. Janz

**Seconded by:** J. Wright

That the November 17, 2025, Office of the City Manager verbal report OCM03246 remain private pursuant to section 29 (advice from officials) of the *Access to Information Act*.

In Favour (13): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

**Carried (13 to 0)**

## **7.5 2025 Fall Supplemental Budget Adjustment Deliberation Process**

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

- A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Padbury, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager, Financial and Corporate Services

**Moved by:** A. Salvador  
**Seconded by:** A. Paquette

That the process for considering the 2025 Fall Supplemental Budget Adjustments, as outlined in the November 18, 2025, Office of the City Clerk report OCC03261, be approved.

In Favour (12): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

**Carried (12 to 0)**

**8. Bylaws**

There were no Bylaws 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**

**11.1 Fireworks Management: Communications, Regulatory Options, and 2026 Diwali Pilot (K. Tang)**

Councillor K. Tang stated that at the next regular meeting of City Council, the following motion would be moved:

That Administration provide a report with:

1. recommendations for improving proactive communications on the use and sale of fireworks, including but not limited to signage, online and print communications in multiple languages, and community outreach;
2. options and recommendations for piloting a Community Diwali Fireworks Show in 2026, in partnership with local community organizations, with considerations for cost sharing; and
3. regulatory options and analysis to address the unsafe purchase and discharge of fireworks through Bylaw 20700 - Public Spaces Bylaw, Bylaw 5590 - Traffic Bylaw, Bylaw 20002 - Business

Licence Bylaw, other municipal bylaws or existing provincial legislation, and/or a new bylaw regulating fireworks, and return to Committee in Second Quarter 2026.

- Notice of Motion Given: November 17, 2025, City Council - Orientation

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2025.

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Chair

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City Clerk