



City Council - Minutes

February 17, 2026

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

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

At the request of Mayor A. Knack, Deputy Mayor M. Janz called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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, Sauleaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Isga, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

**Clerk's note: The February 17, 2026, City Council meeting was held over two days: February 17, 2026 and February 18, 2026.*

1.2 Roll Call

Deputy Mayor M. Janz conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of City Council.

Councillors M. Janz, A. Paquette and J. Wright were absent with notice for a portion of the meeting.

E. Robar, City Manager; and A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, M. de Guzman, R. Yusuf and A. Karbashewski, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary or Conflict of Interest

Councillor J. Wright declared a pecuniary interest with respect to item 10.1, due to a small financial connection to the entity and will not participate in the deliberations or vote on this item.

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

1.4 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting agenda be adopted with the following changes:

Additions:

- 7.3 Options for Amendments to the RS Zone and Maintenance of Private Trees
- Attachment 5
- 10.4 2025-2029 City Council Priorities
(Private pursuant to sections 26 and 29 of the *Access to Information Act*)

Adjustment of Rules:

That City Council adjust its rules on time limits as set out in section 38 of Bylaw 18155 - Council Procedures Bylaw for the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting, so that each member of Council has:

- two minutes to introduce an item;
- three minutes to ask questions;
- Council may permit additional rounds of three minutes to ask more questions; and
- three minutes to close.

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)

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

Moved by: M. Elliott

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That the following item be postponed to the March 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting:

- 8.1 Bylaw 21424 - Spring 2026 Minor Revisions and General Repeals - Bylaws, Policies and Motions

Due Date: March 17/18, 2026, City Council

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)

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That the following items be postponed to the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting:

- 10.2 Edmonton 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) Update
- 10.3 Council Liaison Appointment - Do North Events
- 10.4 2025-2029 City Council Priorities

Due Date: February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular

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)

1.5 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Salvador

Seconded by: K. Tang

That the minutes from the following meetings be approved:

- January 26/28, 2026, City Council Public Hearing

- January 27/28, 2026, City Council
- February 3, 2026, City Council Public Hearing

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)

1.6 Council Protocol Recognition

1.6.1 Lunar New Year (K. Tang)

Councillor K. Tang, on behalf of City Council, recognized February 17 as Lunar New Year - the Year of the Horse. Lunar New Year occurs annually on the new moon of the first lunar month and is one of the most important holidays celebrated across many Asian cultures.

1.6.2 Canada Human Trafficking Awareness Day (E. Rutherford)

Councillor E. Rutherford, on behalf of City Council, recognized February 22 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada and urged all Edmontonians to learn the signs of human trafficking and to support the organizations on the front lines of human trafficking, such as the Ally Global Foundation and ACT Alberta.

1.6.3 Pink Shirt Day (J. Morgan)

Councillor J. Morgan, on behalf of City Council, recognized February 25 as Pink Shirt Day, a day to push back against bullying in all its forms. Pink Shirt Day has grown into an international day dedicated to promoting kindness, empathy and action against all forms of bullying, in our schools, workplaces and online spaces.

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

Deputy Mayor M. Janz, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from Our Lady of the Prairies Catholic Elementary School in Ward sipiwiniwak and their teachers, C. Lucas and A. Bussiere.

1.6.5 Father Michael Mireau Catholic Elementary/Junior High School (A. Knack)

Mayor A. Knack, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 4 class from Father Michael Mireau Catholic Elementary/Junior High School in Ward Karhiio and their teacher, V. Patrizi.

1.6.6 Earl Buxton School (A. Knack)

Mayor A. Knack, on behalf of City Council, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from Earl Buxton School in Ward pihêsiwin and their teachers, A. Carnegie and E. Compton.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 6.1, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.1, 8.2, 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

Moved by: T. Parmar

Seconded by: M. Elliott

That the recommendations in the following reports be approved:

- 7.4 Taxes Recommended for Cancellation (Write-Off) - Cancellation of Uncollectible Taxes and Penalties
- 7.5 Tax Forgiveness Options for the Alberta Craft Council
- 7.6 Tax Forgiveness Options for The Ethiopian Community Association
- 7.7 Tax Forgiveness Options - Homes 4 Hope
- 10.5 Office of the City Auditor 2026 Annual Work Plan

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)

2.3 Requests to Speak

Requests to Speak were not considered.

2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That the following item be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda:

- 10.4 2025-2029 City Council Priorities - Second item at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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)

2.5 Vote on Bylaws not Selected for Debate

All Bylaws were selected for debate.

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

6.1 Backroads Reclamation

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- T. Mansfield, Urban Planning and Economy

Moved A. Stevenson - A. Salvador (Made at the January 27/28, 2026, City Council meeting):

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Salvador

1. That the Urban Planning and Economy 2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$75,000 on a one-time basis with funding

from the 2026 Council Contingency to provide funding support for Backroads Reclamation to undertake their Wood Recycling Facility.

2. That the City Manager enter into a municipal funding agreement with Backroads Reclamation in form and content agreeable to the City Manager, including a condition that the facility be located within City of Edmonton boundaries.

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor A. Stevenson re-stated the motion.

Motion, put (Re-stated):

Moved by: A. Stevenson

Seconded by: A. Salvador

1. That the Urban Planning and Economy 2026 operating expenditure budget be increased by \$75,000 on a one-time basis with funding from the Commercial Revitalization Reserve to provide funding support for Northmark Materials (formerly Backroads Reclamation) to undertake their wood recycling facility.
2. That an exception to the Commercial Revitalization Reserve purpose be approved to allow for funding to advance the commercialization of Northmark Materials wood recycling facility, as noted in point 1.
3. That the City Manager enter into a municipal funding agreement with Northmark Materials in the form and content agreeable to the City Manager, including a condition that the facility be located within City of Edmonton boundaries, and aligns with the eligibility criteria and eligible costs of the Edmonton Edge Fund Start stream.

In Favour (7): A. Knack, M. Janz, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and J. Wright

Opposed (6): R. Clarke, M. Elliott, J. Morgan, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, and K. Tang

Carried (7 to 6)

7. Public Reports

7.1 GEF Seniors Housing - Lodge Program - 2026 Capital Budget

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

- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- H. Rai, Financial and Corporate Services

The following member of the delegation answered questions:

- K. Mah, GEF Seniors Housing

Moved by: J. Wright

Seconded by: T. Parmar

That the GEF Seniors Housing - Adjusted 2026 Capital Budget - Lodge Program, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the February 17, 2026, Community Services report CS03341, be approved.

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)

7.2 Midblock Redevelopment Amendments

With the unanimous consent of City Council, items 7.2 and 7.3 were dealt with together.

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

- T. Pawlyk, Urban Planning and Economy
- S. Kehrig, Community Services
- K. Snyder, Urban Planning and Economy

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Kuiper, Urban Planning and Economy
- J. Inkpen, Employee and Legal Services
- L. Drury, Urban Planning and Economy

Motion 1:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: M. Janz

That Administration:

1. Prepare draft amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Section 2.10 RS - Small Scale Residential Zone to Limit Sidewall Height (Section 4.1.6) to 9.5 metres and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.
2. Create a private tree bylaw to protect trees during development and redevelopment through the demolition permit process and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.

A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, answered questions.

The following member of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Kuiper, Urban Planning and Economy

Amendment 1 to Motion 1:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: T. Parmar

That the following be added to Part 1 of Motion 1:

- a. Decrease the maximum number of dwellings on interior sites from 8 to 6.
- b. Increase the minimum site area per dwelling for interior sites from 75 m² to 90 m².
- c. Increase the minimum site area per dwelling for corner sites from 75 m² to 80 m².

Amendment to Amendment 1 of Motion 1:

Moved by: T. Parmar

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That Part c. be deleted.

In Favour (9): A. Knack, R. Clarke, J. Morgan, T. Parmar, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): M. Elliott, and K. Principe

Carried (9 to 2)

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- S. Kuiper, Urban Planning and Economy
- T. Illingworth, Urban Planning and Economy
- T. Pawlyk, Urban Planning and Economy
- J. Lamarre, City Operations

Amendment 1 to Motion 1 as Amended, put:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: T. Parmar

That the following be added to Part 1 of Motion 1:

- a. Decrease the maximum number of dwellings on interior sites from 8 to 6.
- b. Increase the minimum site area per dwelling for interior sites from 75 m² to 90 m².

In Favour (4): R. Clarke, M. Elliott, T. Parmar, and K. Principe

Opposed (8): A. Knack, M. Janz, J. Morgan, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (4 to 8)

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

Amendment 2 to Motion 1:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: A. Stevenson

That Part 1 of Motion 1 be amended by deleting “to Limit Sidewall Height (Section 4.1.6) to 9.5 metres” and replace with “to reduce the maximum building height (Section 4.1.6) to 9.5 metres”.

In Favour (10): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Opposed (3): J. Morgan, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (10 to 3)

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

Motion 1 as Amended:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: M. Janz

That Administration:

1. Prepare draft amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Section 2.10 RS - Small Scale Residential Zone to reduce the maximum building height (Section 4.1.6) to 9.5 metres and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

2. Create a private tree bylaw to protect trees during development and redevelopment through the demolition permit process and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

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

Part 1 of Motion 1 as Amended, put:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: M. Janz

That Administration:

1. Prepare draft amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Section 2.10 RS - Small Scale Residential Zone to reduce the maximum building height (Section 4.1.6) to 9.5 metres and return to a City Public Hearing for Council consideration.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

In Favour (10): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, and A. Stevenson

Opposed (3): J. Morgan, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Carried (10 to 3)

Part 2 of Motion 1 as Amended, put:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: M. Janz

That Administration:

2. Create a private tree bylaw to protect trees during development and redevelopment through the demolition permit process and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

In Favour (11): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and J. Wright

Opposed (2): K. Principe, and K. Tang

Carried (11 to 2)

Summary of Council's Decision on Motion 1 of item 7.2:

Moved by: A. Knack

Seconded by: M. Janz

Bylaw 21474 - Building Height Amendments to Zoning Bylaw 20001 - Small Scale Residential Zone

That Administration:

1. Prepare draft amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, Section 2.10 RS - Small Scale Residential Zone to reduce the maximum building height (Section 4.1.6) to 9.5 metres and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

Bylaw XXXXX - To Protect Private Trees During Development and Redevelopment

That Administration:

2. Create a private tree bylaw to protect trees during development and redevelopment through the demolition permit process and return to a City Council Public Hearing for Council consideration.

Due Date: To be determined, City Council Public Hearing

Subsequent Motion:

Moved by: K. Principe

Seconded by: A. Knack

Charter Bylaw 21472 - To Amend the District Policy Charter Bylaw 24000 for Urban Mix Developments

That Administration prepare amendments to the District Policy as shown in Attachment 1 and to Zoning Bylaw 20001 as shown in Attachment 2 of the February 9, 2026, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE03201 and return to a City Council Public Hearing.

Due Date: April 7, 2026, City Council Public Hearing

In Favour (11): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Elliott, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, T. Parmar, K. Principe, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, and K. Tang

Opposed (2): E. Rutherford, and J. Wright

Carried (11 to 2)

7.3 Options for Amendments to the RS Zone and Maintenance of Private Trees

Items 7.2 and 7.3 were dealt with together (see item 7.2).

7.4 Taxes Recommended for Cancellation (Write-Off) - Cancellation of Uncollectible Taxes and Penalties

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

That the cancellation (write-off) of \$265,093.02 in uncollectible manufactured home, leased and Business Improvement Area (BIA) taxes, including all accrued penalties, as at December 31, 2025, as outlined in

Attachment 1 of the February 11, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03183, be approved.

7.5 Tax Forgiveness Options for the Alberta Craft Council

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

That tax forgiveness for Alberta Craft Council (account 3379708), be approved in the amount of \$7,377.05 along with associated charges and penalties.

7.6 Tax Forgiveness Options for The Ethiopian Community Association

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

That tax forgiveness for The Ethiopian Community Association in Edmonton, (account 3379708), be approved in the amount of \$59,802.73.

7.7 Tax Forgiveness Options - Homes 4 Hope

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

That tax forgiveness for 13039 83 Street, Homes 4 Hope (account 6390447), be approved in the amount of \$14,489.12.

8. Bylaws

8.1 Bylaw 21424 - Spring 2026 Minor Revisions and General Repeals - Bylaws, Policies and Motions

This item was postponed to the March 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting (see item 1.4).

8.2 Bylaw 21371 - Happy Beer Street Entertainment District Establishment Bylaw

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That Bylaw 21371 be read a first time.

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)

Moved by: M. Janz
Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That Bylaw 21371 be read a second time.

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)

Moved by: M. Janz
Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That Bylaw 21371 be considered for third reading.

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)

Moved by: M. Janz
Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That Bylaw 21371 be read a third time.

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)

9. Statutory Public Hearing

9.1 Explanation of Public Hearing Process

9.1.1 Call for Persons to Speak

Mayor A. Knack explained the public hearing process. A. Giesbrecht, City Clerk, asked whether there were any speakers to items 9.2.1 and 9.2.2:

Item 9.2.1 - Edmiston Industrial Municipal Reserve Removal and Land Sale, Lease or Other Disposal Approval

The following number of speakers registered:

- 0 speakers registered in favour
- 0 speakers registered in opposition

Item 9.2.2 - Wedgewood Heights Below Market Value Sale, Lease or Other Disposal Approval

The following number of speakers registered:

- 4 speakers registered in favour
- 18 speakers registered in opposition

9.2 Bylaws and Related Reports

9.2.1 Edmiston Industrial Municipal Reserve Removal and Land Sale, Lease or Other Disposal Approval

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: K. Principe

That the Public Hearing on item 9.2.1 be closed.

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)

Moved by: R. Clarke

Seconded by: K. Principe

1. That the removal of the municipal reserve designation from the land legally described as Lot 1MR, Block 1, Plan 8222110, as shown in Attachment 1 of the February 17, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03222, be approved.
2. That a designated officer within Administration notify the Registrar of the Northern Alberta Land Titles Office that the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26 have been complied with and request the Registrar to

remove the designation of municipal reserve from the land legally described as Lot 1MR, Block 1, Plan 8222110, as shown in Attachment 1 of the February 17, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03222.

3. That the sale or lease at market value or other disposal of Lot 1MR, Block 1, Plan 8222110, as shown in Attachment 1 of the February 17, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03222, be approved, and that the agreement be in form and content acceptable to the City Manager.

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)

9.2.2 Wedgewood Heights Below Market Value Sale, Lease or Other Disposal Approval

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

- B. Jarocki, Financial and Corporate Services

The following speakers made presentations in favour:

- T. Mercredi, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
- M. Jimmy

The following speakers made presentations and answered questions in favour:

- R. Meneen, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
- J. Koe, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

The following speakers made presentations and answered questions in opposition:

- K. Marcinkowski
- C. McFadyen, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- K. Gray, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- K. Steffen, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group

- M. Breckenridge
- B. Hillier
- P. Shewchuk
- W. Zelmer, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- L. Widynowski, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group

The following speakers made presentations in opposition:

- J. Watson
- A. Gandhi, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- M. Rhein, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- C. Eigenseher, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- J. Eisen, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- E. Medley, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group
- P. Leveille, Save Wedgewood Park Community Group

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- N. Osaduik, Financial and Corporate Services
- B. Jarocki, Financial and Corporate Services
- S. Kehrig, Community Services
- S. Feldman, City Operations
- K. Thurston, Employee and Legal Services
- J. Inkpen, Employee and Legal Services
- C. Churchill, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- C. Ashmore, Employee and Legal Services
- J. Flaman, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

Mayor A. Knack asked if Council Members had any clarifying questions of anyone registered to speak.

The following speakers answered questions in favour:

- T. Mercredi, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta
- J. Koe, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta

Mayor A. Knack asked if Council Members had any clarifying questions of anyone registered to speak. There was no one.

Moved by: T. Parmar

Seconded by: M. Elliott

That the February 17, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03329, be referred back to Administration to:

1. review the surplus school site legally described as Lot 100, Block 44, Plan 2520892 located in the Wedgewood Heights neighbourhood and assess the feasibility and implications of relocating the proposed project to an alternative location;
2. analyze the planning, zoning, infrastructure, financial, and community-level impacts associated with relocating the project to an alternative location;
3. work with the project proponent (Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta) as per the February 17, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03329 to review the alternative locations;
4. complete an assessment of current market value for the site legally described as Lot 100, Block 44, Plan 2520892 in the Wedgewood Heights neighbourhood; and

report back with findings and recommendations.

Due Date: Third Quarter 2026, Executive Committee

In Favour (4): R. Clarke, M. Elliott, T. Parmar, and K. Principe

Opposed (9): A. Knack, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Defeated (4 to 9)

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That the Public Hearing on item 9.2.2 be closed.

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)

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: J. Wright

That the below market value sale, lease or other disposal of Lot 100, Block 44, Plan 2520892, as shown in Attachment 1 of the February 17, 2026, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS03329, be approved, and that the agreement be in form and content acceptable to the City Manager.

In Favour (10): A. Knack, R. Clarke, M. Janz, J. Morgan, A. Paquette, E. Rutherford, A. Salvador, A. Stevenson, K. Tang, and J. Wright

Opposed (3): M. Elliott, T. Parmar, and K. Principe

Carried (10 to 3)

10. Private Reports

Moved by: E. Rutherford

Seconded by: A. Salvador

That City Council meet in private pursuant to sections 19 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 26 (disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations), 29 (advice from officials), 30 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and 32 (privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act* for the discussion of items 10.1 and 10.4.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

City Council met in private at 12:05 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Moved by: A. Salvador

Seconded by: M. Elliott

That City Council meet in public.

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

Carried (12 to 0)

City Council met in public at 4:18 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

10.1 Confidential Negotiation Update

Councillor J. Wright declared a pecuniary interest regarding a small financial connection to the entity. As such, they did not participate in the deliberations or vote on this item. Councillor J. Wright left the meeting.

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

- M. Gunther, Acting City Solicitor

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

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

**Clerk's note: Members of an external delegation also answered questions and remain private pursuant to section 30 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) of the Access to Information Act.*

Moved by: K. Tang

Seconded by: A. Paquette

1. That the actions outlined in Attachment 7 of the February 17, 2026, Employee and Legal Services report ELS03319, be approved.
2. That the February 17, 2026, Employee and Legal Services report ELS03319, inclusive of attachments, remain private pursuant to sections 19 (disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party), 29 (advice from officials), 30 (disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body) and 32 (privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*.

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

10.2 Edmonton 2026 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference (FCM) Update

This item was postponed to the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting (see item 1.4).

10.3 Council Liaison Appointment - Do North Events

This item was postponed to the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting (see item 1.4).

10.4 2025-2029 City Council Priorities

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

- E. Robar, City Manager
- S. Ebrahim, Office of the City Manager

This item was postponed to the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting (see item 1.4).

10.5 Office of the City Auditor 2026 Annual Work Plan

This item was not selected for debate and was dealt with as part of item 2.2. The following motion carried:

1. That the Office of the City Auditor 2026 Annual Work Plan, as set out in Attachment 1 of the February 4, 2026, Office of the City Auditor report OCA03273, be approved.
2. That the February 4, 2026, Office of the City Auditor report OCA03273 remain private pursuant to sections 29 (advice from officials) and 34 (information that is or will be available to the public) of the *Access to Information Act*.

11. Motions Pending

11.1 City Policy C603 - Events Policy, Community Legacy Review (R. Clarke)

With the unanimous consent of City Council, Councillor R. Clarke re-stated the motion.

Moved by: R. Clarke

Seconded by: A. Paquette

That Administration provide a report, that:

1. Quantifies and showcases the legacy outcomes of major sport and cultural events attracted to Edmonton and sponsored by the City in recent years (2024 to 2025) as well as the planned legacies for events in 2026, detailing the positive community impacts, including, but not limited to, economic activity, reputation opportunities (i.e. broadcast numbers), community participation, and infrastructure utilization.
2. Identifies the accountable parties for oversight of the legacy requirement.
3. Identifies potential funding options to ensure that major sport and cultural events generating \$3 million or higher in economic impact have formal legacy plans that benefit Edmonton, written into funding agreements.
4. Proposes a shared, evidence-based definition and impact framework for legacy outcomes to ensure that legacy expectations are proportionate to event scope and measured consistently across Edmonton's attracted events portfolio;

and return to the June 29, 2026, Community and Public Services Committee meeting.

Moved by: A. Paquette

Seconded by: A. Salvador

That the Motion on the Floor be postponed to the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting.

Motion on the Floor

Moved R. Clarke - A. Paquette (Made at the February 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting):

That Administration provide a report, that:

1. Quantifies and showcases the legacy outcomes of major sport and cultural events attracted to Edmonton and sponsored by the City in recent years (2024 to 2025) as well as the planned legacies for events in 2026, detailing the positive community impacts, including,

but not limited to, economic activity, reputation opportunities (i.e. broadcast numbers), community participation, and infrastructure utilization.

2. Identifies the accountable parties for oversight of the legacy requirement.
3. Identifies potential funding options to ensure that major sport and cultural events generating \$3 million or higher in economic impact have formal legacy plans that benefit Edmonton, written into funding agreements.
4. Proposes a shared, evidence-based definition and impact framework for legacy outcomes to ensure that legacy expectations are proportionate to event scope and measured consistently across Edmonton's attracted events portfolio;

and return to the June 29, 2026, Community and Public Services Committee meeting.

Due Date: February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular

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)

11.2 Removal of Restrictive Covenants and Exclusivity Controls for Grocery Stores (M. Janz)

Moved by: M. Janz

Seconded by: A. Salvador

That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, advocate to the provincial government to enable grocery store competition via the removal of restrictive covenants and exclusivity controls for grocery stores via the *Land Titles Act* or other legislation.

Moved by: A. Paquette

Seconded by: E. Rutherford

That the Motion on the Floor be postponed to the February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular meeting.

Motion on the Floor

Moved M. Janz - A. Salvador (Made at the February 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting):

That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, advocate to the provincial government to enable grocery store competition via the removal of restrictive covenants and exclusivity controls for grocery stores via the *Land Titles Act* or other legislation.

Due Date: February 20, 2026, City Council - Non-Regular

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)

11.3 Options for Enhanced Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) Service Delivery (J. Morgan)

Due to time constraints and because this notice of motion was made at the January 19, 2026, Community and Public Services Committee meeting and was laid over at the January 27/28, 2026, City Council meeting to the February 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting, the motion was not put.

11.4 Snow and Ice Control Surge Capacity Strategy (A. Paquette)

Due to time constraints and because this notice of motion was made at the January 20, 2026, Urban Planning Committee meeting and was laid over at the January 27/28, 2026, City Council meeting to the February 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting, the motion was not put.

11.5 Review of Traffic Bylaw 5590: Enforcement Trends, Penalty Efficacy, and Deterrence Strategies (A. Salvador)

Due to time constraints and because this notice of motion was made at the January 21, 2026, Executive Committee meeting and was laid over at the January 27/28, 2026, City Council meeting to the February 17/18, 2026, City Council meeting, the motion was not put.

11.6 Minor Sport Rental Subsidy Options (J. Wright)

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

That Administration provide a report to Committee regarding options to amend the Minor Sport rental subsidy for City-operated amenities (including arenas, gymnasiums, pools and sports fields), including:

1. Options to reduce the current subsidy level for the Minor Sport rate, including an analysis of adjusting the rate from the current 50% of the adult rate to a higher cost recovery level.
2. An analysis on the viability and implications of requiring all minor sport organizations to mandate Community League memberships for their participants as a condition of receiving the subsidized Minor Sport rate.
3. An assessment of the potential impacts on sport participation, registration costs for families, and the financial sustainability of Community Leagues.
 - Notice of Motion Given: February 3, 2026, City Council Public Hearing
 - Laid Over: February 17/18, 2026, City Council to March 17/18, 2026, City Council

12. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

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

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Chair

City Clerk