

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in the Town Council Chambers, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, commencing at 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Jones, Deputy Mayor Tremblay, Councillor Beaton, Councillor Hills, Councillor Malott

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Robert Proulx – Chief Administrative Officer  
Gizele St Jean – Manager of Corporate Services  
Susan Pearce – Safety & Community Coordinator  
Jean Paul Berube – Public Works Supervisor

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and acknowledged the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of the Treaty 6 region and the Métis Settlements and Métis Nation of Alberta, Regions 2, 3 and 4. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.

**ADDITIONS**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councillor Malott that the Agenda for the September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED 5-0**

**DELEGATIONS:**

**Susan Pearce, FCSS Coordinator**

Susan Pearce presented Council with the Family Community Support Services programs for the upcoming year. Susan briefed Council with the recreation programming for 2024. Council provided Susan with a few ideas suggested a few ideas and views.

**Ben Van de Walle**

Mayor Jones welcomed Ben Van de Walle to the Governance and Priorities meeting. Ben grew up in Legal and felt like this evening was like a homecoming. Ben thanked Council for the memories that continue to be made in Legal. There was historic information shared on Rouleauville, the Francophone origins of Calgary. On April 23, 2019, in Calgary, Ben who director of the CDEA, was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Pleiade medal, a prestigious award that recognizes achievements related to the Francophonie and the dialogue of cultures. The medal was presented to Ben by Calgary Midnapore MP, Stephanie Kusie on behalf of the Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie. Ben would like to give back to the community that has given him so much. This could be accomplished possibly through inspiration through our lives. Ben would like to better understand the plans of Town Council and economic development initiatives so he can give back to the community in some capacity. Ben thanked Council for what they do. Mayor Jones proposed a letter of collaboration be sent to Council with Ben's specific thoughts he has in mind. Council thanked Ben for his dedication with the francophone community.

**Fete au Village Committee**

**(Andre Montpetit, Raymonde Roulston, Gizelle Schryver)**

Mayor Jones welcomed three (3) members of the Fete au Village Committee to proceed with recapping the 2023 Fete au Village festivities. Town Council and the Fete au Village Committee conversed back and forth on different topics of the Fete.

The Fete Committee feels there needs to have more communication with the Town. There has been growth of the Fete au Village over the last couple of years. Does the fete provide value to the Town of Legal was a question posed to Town Council with the consensus being that the Fete au Village festivities brings people back to the community, showcases businesses in the community, is a pillar of the Town, and is a huge part of our history. The Fete continuing to grow every year makes for a very successful event for the Town. The volunteerism from community residents is very much recognized and valued.

The Fete Committee felt there is room for improvement such as better communication between the town and the committee, recruitment of volunteers, advertising improvements from the Town of Legal, more space at the demolition derby, more space for the show and shine especially if it continues to grow, signage and RV parking. Concerns such as relocation of some events and safety of the visitors were brought up regarding the losing of the arena during the retrofit phase in 2024. Clarification was given on the role of an elected official who is appointed by Council to sit on the Fete Committee. As an elected official cannot make any decisions at the Fete meetings, the committee would have to send a letter or email to administration for further assistance. If finances are requested by the Fete, then administration would present it to Council for a decision. Otherwise, administration would delegate the tasks requested to the staff. It was determined the best way for the Fete Committee to understand what the Town will assist with during the Fete would be for the Fete Committee to create a list of duties that would be required and send to administration. There was discussion on the legacy project and the vision of any future buildings at the Citadel Centre. Council discussed the intentions of the preliminary drawings of a future build to accommodate the fete and possible community events such as weddings, etc.

Mayor Jones thanked the three committee members for taking the time to discuss the Fete au Village and looked forward to working with the fete in the future.

Public Works Supervisor entered Council Chamber at 7:20 PM.

Council went into recess at 7:32 PM.

Council resumed the Council meeting at 7:37 PM.

Chief Administrative Officer, Manager of Corporate Services and Public Works Supervisor remained in Chambers during the closed session.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOVED** by Councillor Beaton that Council enter a Closed Session at 7:37 P.M. as per the Municipal Government Act (Section 197) to discuss "Third Party Interests" as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section 16).

**CARRIED 5-0**

#### **BR2 and Associated Engineering**

**MOVED** by Councillor Malott that Council return to the regular session at 8:55 P.M.

**CARRIED 5-0**

#### **Council Committee List Review (Attachment)**

Add Sponsorship Committee with two (2) Councillors.

Change one (1) Councillor as an Alternate to two (2) Councillors for Economic Development Committee.

Remove Councillor from Sturgeon Victim Services Board.



**Alberta Municipalities Resolutions Review (Attachment)**

Council reviewed the Alberta Municipalities Resolutions prior to the Alberta Municipalities Conference from September 27-29, 2023.

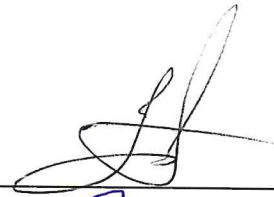
**Legal Arena Farewell**

Free skating and hot dogs or final hockey game with some old timers were a few ideas discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by Councillor Malott that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

**CARRIED 5-0**



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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer