

Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in the Town Council Chambers, February 26, 2024, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Gizele St Jean – Manager of Corporate Services

STAFF: Robert Proulx – Chief Administrative Officer
Anna Keane – Finance Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 / DELETIONS

No additions or deletions

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Malott that the Agenda for the February 26th, 2024, Governance and Priorities Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS:

Sgt. Lew Simms, Morinville RCMP (7:00 P.M.)

Mayor Jones welcomed Sgt Lew Simms, Morinville RCMP to the Governance and Priorities meeting. Sgt Simms briefed Council on the Quarter 3 Police Report which formed part of the Council Report. The Morinville RCMP detachment provides 24-hour policing services to several communities and municipalities. The detachment is comprised of 34 personnel and will be filling the vacant position of Staff Sergeant. Officers are supported by Sturgeon Victim Services and guards. Sgt Simms spoke about the community priorities which is focused on the following Crime Reduction strategies:

- Hot Spots
- Proactive Patrols
- Lock it/Lose it

As well as Enhancing Awareness & Education such as:

- Coffee with a Cop
- Pop with a Cop
- Candy Cane Check Stop
- Participation in Rural Crime Watch
- Participation in Youth Advisory Committee

Team Building activities are provided for Employee Wellness and Respect. Traffic stops, Radar enforcement and on-going violation tickets are key to enhancing road safety. In terms of Crime, there is a 9% decrease in 2023 compared to the previous year. Property crime has decreased 26% from the previous year. Sgt Simms is asking for the Town of Legal's feedback about key areas that the Town would like to have the detachment focus on.

The RCMP has been utilizing Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) to support specialized units. Options are being looked at to review how RPAS drones could better assist with select calls. While helicopters resources will always be utilized when needed, RPAS technology is proving an opportunity for communities to effectively have their own police air support at a significantly lower cost.

A study has also been conducted for using body cams and the RCMP is currently exploring several cameras.

Council suggested that Morinville RCMP be made aware of upcoming community events that may provide community engagement opportunities and police presence, i.e. Arena Farewell Event, the construction area for the Arena, Fete au Village, as well as engaging in more community involvement for these events. Mayor Jones thanked Sergeant Lew Simms for their presentation.

Arena & Curling Rink Retrofit Project

Mayor Jones provided an update to Council regarding the Arena Farewell. All volunteer positions are filled for the Farewell Event. The Arena Ad Hoc committee is finalizing the schedule and details for the event. There was discussion regarding formal invitations for the farewell event to be sent to government officials and Ministers. It was determined that the farewell event was a community celebration and not a political event therefore no invitations will be sent. Future political representation will be available at events such as groundbreaking ceremonies etc. A suggestion was made to request members of the Station 3 Fire Department be in attendance for the farewell event. The Chief Administrative Officer will contact the Station 3 Captain to see availability.

Review of the Pre-Construction Timeline provided by Delnor Construction was discussed.

RC Strategies provided a written summary of the comments received from the Stake Holder Engagement open house held on February 13th, 2024 and the feedback received from the online survey was circulated for Council's review. Stakeholder feedback included:

- The penalty boxes on the bleacher side impair spectators' ability to see the entire ice surface. (3 mentions)
- Consideration should be given to the entry doors into the arena – sliding doors will make it easier for people carrying equipment bags to pass through. (2)
- Designated storage for the Sturgeon Hockey Club was suggested.
- It is important to have two change rooms for female players on co-ed teams. It is not appropriate to have females from opposing teams sharing the same change room.
- The possibility of an indoor walking / running track in the facility was raised.
- Two comments were provided regarding accessibility to the building:
 - A direct path from the Citadel Centre parking lot to the arena is desired.
 - Building access from the rear is desired (considering the Francophone school).
- Concern about the cost impacts to the community was raised. (3 mentions)
- Through the improvements, having the 2024-2025 curling season is important. (2)
- The exterior of the facility in the renderings is aesthetically pleasing. (2)
- A concern was raised about the design getting dated quickly. A suggestion was to use a more “timeless” design.
- There were two comments about community use of the facility.
 - With the enhancement, what is the expectation for community access. Will there be more or less?
 - The ability of the school to access the amenities is good and the placement of the outdoor surface supports this.



Edmonton Home & Garden Show –

The areas that will be prioritized for the Edmonton Home and Garden Show are Soft Services available, School Selections, Affordable housing price point and larger lot sizes. Those working the booth will be prepared to discuss the large number of community organizations and services they provide in the community, have local Realtors on hand with the focus of promoting Legal. Administration and staff are working on the slideshow with anticipation that a draft slideshow will be presented to Council in short order.

Fete au Village

Council discussed items relating to the Fete au Village Committee which included:

a) Legacy Project

A preliminary concept drawing was developed after the 2023 Council workshop and was sent to the Fete Au Village Committee for review and comments. The building was designed to open more opportunities for the public and organizations and is not specifically designed solely for Town functions and events. Could generate more rentals for the Gazebo. The building would provide an AHS approved food serving facility and make available adequate washroom facilities for the public. It is the intent to spur conversations with the Committee to get feedback in order to finalize building design and get quotes to pursue grant funding.

b) Casino Funds

It was not clear as to how much funding was available from the Fete committee for this project. The Committee has received some casino funds, however it was unclear as to when the funding needs to be spent and if the Fete Committee had projects in mind to exhaust the funding.

c) CFEP Grant

As the Fete au Village Committee is now a registered society, there was discussion whether the Committee would have an appetite to submit an application for funding for this Legacy Project.

d) 2024 Fete Event

The Committee has made strides in organizing the 2024 Fete which is scheduled to take place July 26-28, 2024.

With the absence of the Town arena for the retrofit project, the Fete would like to use the community hall. Administration will be working with the Committee to see if the Cultural Centre usage could fall under the Town's facility usage with ACFA.

RV Park

Policy 4.7

The existing RV Park rates are very low. Council would like to see the following increases:

Nightly Rate - Full Service (Power/Water/Sewer) from \$25 to \$30

Nightly Rate – No Service & Tent Area from \$15 to \$20

Monthly Rate – Full Service (Power/Water/Sewer) from \$550 to \$750

The power only option fee will no longer apply as occupants are tying up a full-service stall and should pay accordingly. If using a full-service stall, full-service rates apply. If occupying a non-service site, then the non-service rate applies with an option for monthly rates. There will no longer be an option for Group Reservations due to challenges with managing the park in the event the stalls are



occupied due to the self-registration process in place. This will alleviate issues with respect to asking anyone to exit the space.

Code of Conduct Bylaw Review

The Code of Conduct Bylaw was reviewed and there were no noted concerns from Council.

Land Use and Municipal Development Zoning Maps

There is an opportunity to change some of the zoning on the Town of Legal Map. Discussions were had to possibly rezone some areas to higher density. As the Town is in the process of Land Use Bylaw review, it was recommended that Council note any changes to the zoning and that when Municipal Planning Services meets with Council that we discuss zoning matters at that time.

The Chief Administrative Officer and Finance Assistant remained in Chambers during the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED by Councillor Hills that Council enter a Closed Session at 9:00 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

MOVED by Councillor Beaton that Council return to the regular session at 9:12 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Beaton that the meeting be adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0



Deputy Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

