

Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in Council Chambers, December 2nd, 2024, commencing at 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT:

STAFF: Robert Proulx – Chief Administrative Officer
Christine Young – Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tremblay 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 AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADDITION:

Correspondence: News Release, Turning your thoughts to Budget 2024

DELETION:

New Business: Transfer of Reserves

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

12259

Resolution #12259

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the Agenda for the December 2nd, 2024, regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

12260

Resolution #12260

Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the November 18th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

12261

Resolution #12261

Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the November 25th, 2024, Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

Staff Sergeant Darcy McGunigal, Morinville RCMP

Mayor Tremblay welcomed Staff Sergeant Darcy McGunigal, Chief of Police, RCMP Morinville Detachment, to the Council meeting. S/Sgt McGunigal

presented to Council the quarterly Community Policing Report that covers the July 1 to September 30, 2024 reporting period. The Morinville RCMP detachment provides 24-hour policing services to several municipalities and communities including the Towns of Legal, Gibbons, Bon Accord and Morinville, Sturgeon County and Alexander First Nation. The current policing priorities for the Town of Legal are Crime Reduction, Enhanced Awareness and Education, Employee Wellness and Respect, and Enhanced Road Safety; the S/Sgt stated that they will be engaging Council in the coming months to review the current policing priorities and give an opportunity for Council to provide the RCMP with new or updated policing priorities for the Town of Legal. The Morinville detachment is comprised of 40 personnel and officers are supported by Central Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (CARVSS) and 5 guards.

Crime statistics in Quarter 2 for the Town of Legal have either seen decreases or have remained consistent in comparison to Quarter 2 of 2023:

OFFENCE	Quarter 2 (July 1 to Sept 30)	Quarter 2 (2023 Comparison)	Year to Date (April 1 to Sept 30)	Year to Date (2023 Comparison)
Spousal Abuse	4	4	5	8
Mental Health Act	3	7	4	10
RPACT Referrals	0	0	0	2
Break and Enter (Residential)	0	2	4	5
Break and Enter (Commercial)	2	2	4	3
Theft of Vehicles	2	6	4	7
Fraud	6	3	7	8
Suspicious Persons	7	6	16	15

Where RCMP calls for service with the Town of Legal have dropped:

Total RCMP Calls for Service with the Town of Legal

Quarter 2 (July 1 to Sept 30): 79

Previous Quarter (April 1 to June 30): 62

Year to Date (April 1 to Sept 30): 141

2023 Quarter 2 Comparison (July 1 to Sept 30): 90

2023 Year to Date Comparison (April 1 to Sept 30): 169

S/Sgt McGunigal also notified Council that Morinville has been selected in August 2024 as one of two new Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) locations in Central Alberta District, and RPAS have been in use since September 2024. There are two Morinville Detachment members who are currently trained as pilots, and have used on 10 occasions since the arrival. They provide cost effective aerial photos, HD video, 3D imagery, FLIR video/photos, IR night vision, vegetation disturbance patterns, old burial sites, and real-time situational awareness. Examples of allowable use of RPAS include traffic related investigations, emergency or disaster response, search and rescue, major crime scenes, investigations in areas where no expectation of privacy exists and when a warrant has been obtained.

Community engagement continues in the Town of Legal. School Liasons continue to do work in their assigned schools, a Positive Ticketing Campaign is scheduled to be launched in Spring 2025, and Officers have been attending the Legal COP meetings and will assist the group in looking for perspective members to join, as the service is very valuable if it is done right.

Mayor Tremblay opened the floor for Council to ask questions to the S/Sgt. The Regional Policing Committee has not seen any progress to date, and the new regional model for RCMP-based victim services (Central Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society (CARVSS)) is working towards determining their new mandate. Council reiterated their appreciation the RCMP presence at the Legal COP meetings and in the community, and is pleased to learn about the RPAS program and the capability of having this new tool to be utilized in the region.

Mayor Tremblay thanked Staff Sergeant McGunigal for attending the Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Report was submitted and will form part of the Council Agenda Package.

Council had requested from administration a resolution listing to be provided at Council meetings to track items that have been assigned to ensure completion. Administration asked for an example of what Council would like to see specifically, as a resolution listing for one (1) year would equate to numerous pages. Council requested to only present any items that have yet to be completed or are in progress. Administration will also review the Procedural Bylaw to see if it will require changes to accommodate Council's request.

Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund provides funding opportunities: the maximum federal cost share that CHIF may contribute toward a project is based on recipient type:

- Up to 40% of total eligible expenditures for the following entities in the provinces: municipal or regional governments, public sector bodies, and not-for-profit organizations.
 - Up to 50% of total eligible expenditures for municipal or regional governments with a population of 30,000 and under.

Administration has been in contact with a potential Economic Development contractor, and will bring the information to the annual Council Workshop.

MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES

Community Services report was submitted and forms part of the Council agenda package.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Report was submitted and forms part of the Council agenda package.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Tremblay

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Attended the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting – November 25, 2024

Attended Homeland Housing meeting – November 27, 2024

Other Meetings:

Deputy Mayor Beaton

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Attended the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting – November 25, 2024

Other Meetings:

Councillor Hills

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Attended the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting – November 25, 2024
Attended Town of Legal Library Board meeting – November 28, 2024

Other Meetings:

Councillor Jones

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Attended the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting – November 25, 2024

Other Meetings:

Attended Beverage Container Management Board meeting – November 20, 2024

Attended Alberta Municipalities Board meeting – November 28, 2024

Councillor Malott

Report was submitted and forms part of the Council agenda package.

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Attended the Governance and Priorities Committee meeting – November 25, 2024

Attended Edmonton Salutes Committee meeting – November 27, 2024

Other Meetings:

12262 Resolution #12262 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter Re: Designation of Affordable Housing Accommodations

Received as information.

Save the Date Emerging Trends in Municipal Law

Emerging Trends in Municipal Law is to be brought forward to the December 16, 2024 regular Council meeting for Council decision.

News Release, Turning your thoughts to Budget 2025

Received as information.

12263 Resolution #12263 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the correspondence be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Sponsorship Request from Sturgeon Hockey Club, Re: 4 the Love of the Game Tournament

12264 Resolution #12264 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the Sturgeon Hockey Club's sponsorship request by providing a donation equivalent to one (1) hour of ice time per day (based on ice slots previously used at the Legal Arena for the 4TLOTG Tournament), in the form of a gift valued up to a dollar amount determined by Council for the silent auction for the 27th Annual 4 the Love of the Game Tournament being

held from December 6th to 8th, 2024.

CARRIED 5-0

Staff/Christmas Bonus

12265 Resolution #12265 Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the request for the staff bonus in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for full time staff for 2024.

CARRIED 5-0

Annual Council Workshop Date

12266 Resolution #12266 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal schedule the Council Workshop date for February 4th and 5th, 2025.

CARRIED 5-0

Municipal Heritage Designation

12267 Resolution #12267 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal direct administration to request the St. Emile Parish Council to seek support from the St. Paul Diocese for the municipal historical designation of the St Emile Church and Rectory and then to have the St. Emile Parish Council submit a Statement of Significance to Council for consideration.

CARRIED 5-0

2025 Interim Operating Budget

12268 Resolution #12268 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve an interim operating budget for the year 2025, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the 2024 operating budget, pending final approval of the 2025 budget.

CARRIED 5-0

Neptune Water Meter Replacement Program

12269 Resolution #12269 Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED the Town of Legal authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with the purchase of two hundred twenty (220) of the MACH 10 ULTRASONIC, M3, W/R900I water meters as described in Quote #134050 that was submitted by Accu-Flo Meter Service Ltd.

CARRIED 5-0

Extended Producer Responsibility Program

12270 Resolution #12270 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal rescind resolution #12239 approving the Town of Legal to move forward with the Opt-In Service model as presented by Circular Materials.

CARRIED 5-0

12271 Resolution #12271 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal rescind resolution #12240 approving the Town of Legal to accept the Compensation Offer as presented by Circular Materials.

CARRIED 5-0

12272 Resolution #12272 Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal move forward with the Opt-Out Service Model of the Extended Producers Responsibility program for the administration of the residential curbside recycle collection, as per the information provided by Circular Materials.

CARRIED 5-0

Transfer of Reserves

Item was deleted from the Council Agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

12273 Resolution #12273 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

