

Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in Council Chambers, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Liaisons 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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual 4 the Love of the Game Tournament being



held from December 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 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**

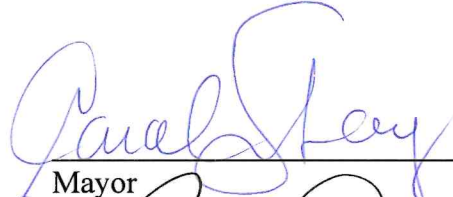
None.


**ADJOURNMENT**

**12273**      Resolution #12273      Moved by: Councillor Hills

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

**CARRIED 5-0**

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Chief Administrative Officer

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