

Regular Council Meeting of the Town of Legal in the Province of Alberta held in Council Chambers, January 20, 2025, 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 6:57 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: Centralta Tourism Society Community Initiatives Program
Cheque Presentation

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

12295

Resolution #12295

Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Agenda for the January 20th, 2025, regular meeting of Council be adopted as amended.

CARRIED 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

12296

Resolution #12296

Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Minutes for the December 16th, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

DELEGATIONS

James MacDonald, Executive Director, Northern Lights Library System

Mayor Tremblay welcomed James MacDonald, Executive Director for Northern Lights Library System (NLLS). James reviewed the Legal Public Library statistics for 2024. Since opening, the Legal Public Library has issued 122 library cards, currently there are 137 eBooks in circulation and 553 physical items in stock, and 59 service tickets were created (Administration or Board requiring assistance). This equates to an approximation of \$29,748 in total library savings for 2024. A similar municipality had saved over \$400,000.00 in 2024. The NLLS seen new websites for their participating libraries, BoLibrary self-registration (for Indigenous communities), and welcomed 2 new communities/organizations to the System. New initiatives coming in 2025 include Wireless Printing, major updates to the

library catalogue in TRACPac+, and shelf-ready pilot program for enhanced processing efficiency. James also provided local and System success stories. Mayor Tremblay thanked James for the presentation and update on the NLLS.

Sturgeon County Protective Services: Chad Moore (Manager of Protective Services/Fire Chief), Matthew Roblin (Supervisor of Enforcement Services) and Susie Pestana (Team Lead, Enforcement Services)

Mayor Tremblay welcomed Chad Moore (Manager of Protective Services and Fire Chief), Matthew Roblin (Supervisor of Enforcement Services) and Susie Pestana (Team Lead, Enforcement Services).

Chad provided a 2024 wrap-up and overview of activity for Fire and Protective Services. Currently, they are staffed well, and are looking for 1 position due to a retirement. Morinville and Gibbons has the most contracted firefighters in the region. A 2-year pilot program began with a Safe Communities Facilitator, and is going well. An evaluation of the programs effectiveness will take place towards the end. Chad reviewed the collaborations in the region relating to Fire and Protective Services, as well as Animal Control Contracts. Highlights in 2024 include: a new tower apparatus was purchased for the region and is operational, with ongoing training for the firefighters; Safe Communities Facilitator pilot program; Launch of Fire Master Plan project; Several joint exercised with industry; Fire Service Awards; Expansion of Disaster Response Training; Establishment of Critical Incident Stress Peer Group. Some of the challenges Emergency Services encounter include firefighter recruitment and retention, daytime response capacity, increase in development and evolving hazards, increasing incident volume, infrastructure challenges with aging fire stations and organizational capacity to support growth.

Matthew and Susie provided an update of Protective Services for Legal for 2024. There were 614 total incidents reported in Legal, with the majority being from Proactive Patrol, Community Standards Complaints and Traffic Enforcement. A total of 180 citations were issued, with the majority being from Community Standards related offences and other traffic offences. Relating to rural crime, Sturgeon County Enforcement Services also works with the RCMP (Morinville, Redwater and Fort Saskatchewan detachments). Over 2,285 proactive patrols were conducted in 2024 which covered rural areas, industrial parks and natural areas. The Safe Communities Facilitator conducted numerous public engagements, education sessions, workshops and built partnerships with external organizations. Some of the challenges Enforcement Services encounter include resource allocation and prioritization, public perception and access to enforcement, managing public and stakeholder expectations, and vehicle and technology integration and management trends. 2024 also seen 69 emergency incidents in Legal (the highest year on record).

Protective Services 2025 initiatives include completing the Fire Master Plan (will schedule a briefing with Council in the near future), Safe Communities Facilitator Pilot completion, Critical Incident Stress Peer Group Development, and reviewing and updating mutual-aid agreements with neighboring municipalities.

Council raised a concern regarding animal control and the partnerships with the 3 external organizations; with animals not being accepted, what is the public supposed to do with animals at large, when they are a consistent issue. Shelters are feeling the pressure since COVID. There is a capacity of a maximum of 4 dogs and 4 cats per month that are allowed to be brought to the shelters. Enforcement Services must be strategic in which animals they will take. Priority is to relocate the animal with their owner, however, the public will be asked to keep the stray/loose animal for a short time so the owner can be located. Another concern brought forward was regarding animal welfare/abuse. Enforcement Services does not deal with animal welfare situations; those would need to go to the Edmonton Humane Society.



Mayor Tremblay thanked Chad, Matthew and Susie for the presentation and update on Emergency and Protective Services in Legal and the region.

Susan Berry, Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission

Mayor Tremblay welcomed Susan Berry, Executive Director for Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission. Susan gave a bit of history on the Roseridge Landfill, when it opened and when it became a Commission. The purpose of her visit to Council is to introduce a motion for Council to debate, regarding Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission to explore coordinating waste collection across the region. The intent is to decrease waste going to the landfill, and by being able to offer the best dollar value for residential waste collection by conglomerating the region, aligning service levels and providing consistent advertising to the public. The coordination of waste collection across the region can be more efficient for member municipalities. Susan mentioned that 3 municipalities will be debating the motion in the next 2 weeks, and would like to have a response from all municipalities by the end of February. Public consultation will not take place until Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission knows how many municipalities will be taking part in the regional collaboration. Commercial pickup will also be explored, but Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission is unsure on the total number of schools, industrial or commercial properties would require servicing. Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission would like to see a model similar to Fort Saskatchewan, with 1 hauler being utilized, not 6 for example.

Susan Berry, Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Assistant remained in Chambers during the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

12297 Resolution #12297 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED Council move into a “Closed Session” as per the Municipal Government Act (Section 1(3)(c)) to discuss “Third Party Interests” as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section16) at 7:57 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

12298 Resolution #12298 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED Council return to the regular session at 8:13 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

Mayor Tremblay thanked Susan for the presentation and information regarding the exploration of coordinating waste collection across the region.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Report was submitted and will form part of the Council Agenda Package. Chief Administrative Officer offered Council an opportunity to tour the SVF Arena and Curling Rink to view the progress being made to date. A tour will be scheduled for February 3, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES



Community Services Coordinator report was submitted and forms part of the Council Agenda Package.

Mayor Tremblay, Deputy Mayor Beaton and Councillor Jones will assist during the Family Day event on Monday, February 17, 2024 at the Legal Curling Rink.

OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR

Operations Supervisor report was submitted and forms part of the Council Agenda Package.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Mayor Tremblay

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Other Meetings:

Attended the Infrastructure and Transportation Committee meeting on January 17, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Beaton

No report.

Councillor Hills

Report was submitted and forms part of the Council Agenda Package.

Councillor Jones

Town of Legal Committee Meetings:

Other Meetings:

Attended the Alberta Municipalities Executive Committee meeting on January 16, 2025.

Councillor Malott

No report.

12299

Resolution #12299

Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the reports be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

Sturgeon County Bylaw Statistics, December 2024

Received as information.

Sturgeon County Bylaw Statistics, Year End 2024

Received as information.

Go East of Alberta 2024 Roadtrip Adventure Game Success Report

Received as information.

Legal & District Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer and Annual General Meeting

12300 Resolution #12300 Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED that Deputy Mayor Beaton attend the Legal & District Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer and Annual General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2025.

CARRIED 5-0

Alberta Municipalities President's Summit and Municipal Leaders Caucus

12301 Resolution #12301 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the Alberta Municipalities President's Summit and Municipal Leaders Caucus be postponed to the February 18, 2025 regular Council meeting.

CARRIED 5-0

ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. Franchise Agreement Reapprovals
Received as information.

Letter from Minister of Health, Re: Morinville X-Ray Services
Received as information.

Centralta Tourism Society Community Initiatives Program Cheque Presentation

12302 Resolution #12302 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that Deputy Mayor Beaton and Councillor Malott attend the Centralta Tourism Society Community Initiatives Program Cheque Presentation scheduled for Friday, February 28, 2025.

CARRIED 5-0

12303 Resolution #12303 Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED that the correspondence be accepted as presented.

CARRIED 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Morinville Regional Waterline Master Plan

12304 Resolution #12304 Moved by: Councillor Jones

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal accept the Town of Morinville Regional Waterline Master Plan as presented as information.

CARRIED 5-0

Tourisme Alberta Travel and Tourism Guide Advertisement

12305 Resolution #12305 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the cost of advertising for a Banner advertisement in the amount of three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00) plus GST for the 2025-2026 Tourisme Alberta Travel and Tourism Guide.



CARRIED 5-0

Centralta Community Hall Usage Request from Legal & District Chamber of Commerce

12306 Resolution #12306 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the Legal & District Chamber of Commerce’s request to have access to the gym, lobby and potentially the kitchen space of the Centralta Community Centre for the Annual Business Mixer and Annual General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 5:00pm to 11:30pm.

CARRIED 5-0

Sponsorship Request for 2025 Legal-Lerie and Membership Renewal from Legal & District Chamber of Commerce

12307 Resolution #12307 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the 2025 Legal & District Chamber of Commerce Membership in the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

CARRIED 5-0

12308 Resolution #12308 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal approve the Legal & District Chamber of Commerce’s sponsorship request for the 2025 Legal-Lerie in the amount of one thousand nine hundred thirty-five dollars and thirty-six cents (\$1,935.36) for twelve issues (one page) and for FCSS to sponsor the 2025 Legal-Lerie in the amount of one thousand two hundred ninety dollars and twenty-four cents (\$1,290.24) for twelve issues (one-half page).

CARRIED 5-0

Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission Future Collaboration on Regional Curbside Collection Program

12309 Resolution #12309 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED that the Town of Legal enter into conversations with Roseridge Waste Management Services Commission to explore coordinating waste collection across the region.

CARRIED 5-0

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

CLOSED SESSION

12310 Resolution #12310 Moved by: Councillor Malott

RESOLVED Council move into a “Closed Session” as per the Municipal Government Act (Section 1(3)(c)) to discuss “Third Party Interests” as per the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (Part 1, Division 2, Section16) at 9:13 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

12311 Resolution #12311 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Beaton

RESOLVED Council return to the regular session at 9:37 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

12312 Resolution #12312 Moved by: Councillor Hills

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

CARRIED 5-0



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

