



MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, Deputy Mayor Debbie Mitzner, Councillor Jason Montgomery, Councillor Denise Peterson, and Councillor Richard Wegener

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Councillor Brent Wiley

STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Scoble (Chief Administrative Officer), Jamie Dugdale (Director of Infrastructure, Operations, and Development Services), Mark Pretzlaff (Director of Community and Protective Services), Kara Rusk (Director of Strategic, Administrative, and Financial Services), and Johnathan Strathdee (Manager of Legislative Services)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fule called the September 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 256.09.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council adopt the September 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as amended.

ADDITION:

11.1.1. Alberta Court of Appeal Court Case – Koester v. Wheatland County

11.2.1. Culture and Wellbeing Task Force

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 257.09.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move In Camera to discuss items related to sections 29(1)(a) and 29(1)(b)(iii), of the *Access to Information Act* at 6:06 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3.1 Annexation Agreement Negotiations – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

3.2 Legal Update – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

3.3 Water License – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

3.4 Physician Incentive Program – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

3.5 Building Condition Assessment – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

3.6 Council CAO Dialogue – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(b)(iii)

Resolution No. 258.09.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council move out of Camera at 7:17 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 259.09.25

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council approve the purchase of a Water License as presented and discussed during closed meeting item *Water License – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)*;

AND THAT the details of the discussion remain confidential pursuant to Section 29(1)(a) of the *Access to Information Act* until a mutually agreed upon date between the two parties;

AND THAT Council approves a 2025 budget amendment in the amount of \$350,000 for the purchase of a Water License, funded out of the Capital Reserve – Water.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 260.09.25

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council approve the awarding of two Physician Incentive Program grants as discussed during the closed meeting item *Physician Incentive Program – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)* for up to \$45,000 each for reimbursable costs in establishing new primary care medical centres in Strathmore;

AND THAT the names of the grant recipients remain confidential until the primary care medical offices are announced publicly by the applicant;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to bring the *Physician Incentive Program Policy No. 1113* and *Physician Sponsorship Grant Policy No. 1111* to the March 4, 2026 Regular Council Meeting for discussion, including a discussion on how the Town can support the expansion or renovation of established primary care medical offices.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Councillor Mitzner

CARRIED

Resolution No. 261.09.25

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Closed Meeting Item *Annexation Agreement Negotiation – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)*, as presented in the Confidential Administrative Report and as discussed In Camera.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 262.09.25

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council direct Administration to reach out to the Strathmore Hospital Auxiliary and other interested parties to discuss collaborative possibilities related to enhancing local health care and to have completed by October 15, 2025.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

4. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Claude Brown commented on agenda items:

9.1 Government of Canada Cyber Security Cooperation Program (CSCP) for Town of Strathmore Cybersecurity Resilience Program 2026, and;

11.5.1 Councillor Peterson – Boardwalk Through the Wetlands

6. **DELEGATIONS**

None.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution No. 263.09.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council adopt the recommendations of the following agenda reports by an omnibus motion:

8.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2025

9.1 Government of Canada Cyber Security Cooperation Program (CSCP) for Town of Strathmore Cybersecurity Resilience Program 2026

9.2 Municipal Election Voting

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

8. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

8.1 **Regular Council Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2025**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the September 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

9. **BUSINESS**

9.1 **Government of Canada Cyber Security Cooperation Program (CSCP) for Town of Strathmore Cybersecurity Resilience Program 2026**

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council to authorize Administration to apply for funding under the time-limited Government of Canada Cyber Security Cooperation Program (CSCP) for the Town of Strathmore Cybersecurity Resilience Program 2026;

AND THAT Council pre-approve the following budget item for the 2026 Capital Budget:

- Cybersecurity Resilience Program 2026 (\$75,000).

9.2 Municipal Election Voting

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council establish Institutional Voting Stations at Wheatland Lodge, AgeCare Sagewood, and Strathmore Hospital for the 2025 Municipal Election, with dates and times determined by the Town's Returning Officer.

AND THAT Council approve of the acceptance of Special Ballots for electors who apply for a special ballots package in accordance with Section 13 of Bylaw No 24-18.

10. BYLAWS

10.1. 2026 Fees Bylaw No. 25-23

Resolution No. 264.09.25

Moved by Councillor Montgomery

THAT Council give first reading to Bylaw 25-23, being the 2026 Fees Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 265.09.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council give second reading to Bylaw 25-23, being the 2026 Fees Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery

CARRIED

Resolution No. 266.09.25

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council give unanimous consent to give third and final reading to Bylaw 25-23, being the 2026 Fees Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Debbie Mitzner, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Montgomery

DEFEATED

11. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION & INQUIRIES

11.1. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS

11.1.1. Alberta Court of Appeal Court Case – Koester v. Wheatland County

Councillor Peterson shared the result of the Alberta Court of Appeal Court Case – Koester vs Wheatland.

11.1.2. Councillor Appreciation – Councillor Montgomery

Councillor Montgomery thanked Council and Administration for their work over the last 4 years.

11.1.3. Councillor Appreciation – Mayor Fule

Mayor Fule thanked Council and Administration and spoke to the successes created over this term.

11.2. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.2.1. Culture and Wellbeing Task Force

Councillor Langmaid shared feedback from the Culture and Wellbeing Task Force, including consideration for the Culture and Wellbeing Task Force to continue with the incoming Council. Councillor Langmaid shared her appreciation for the Boards, Committees, and Task Force throughout her term.

11.2.2. Councillor Appreciation – Councillor Wegener

Councillor Wegener shared his appreciation to be on the Wheatland Housing Management Body (WHMB) and the Wheatland and District Emergency Management Services. (WADEMSA). The reports will be distributed before October 20, 2025.

11.3. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

None.

11.4. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES

None.

11.5. NOTICES OF MOTION

11.5.1 Councillor Peterson – Boardwalk Through the Wetlands

Resolution No. 267.09.25

Moved by Councillor Peterson

THAT Council direct Administration, to investigate the following:

1. Feasibility Study: assess the feasibility of constructing a sustainable pathway in the Town of Strathmore owned wetland south of Gray's Park, including an assessment of the scope of ecological assessment required and environmental regulatory compliance requirements to be met, and ensuring compliance with Parks and Pathways Bylaw No. 14-07.
2. Cost Estimation: Provide a preliminary cost estimate for, the preliminary assessments and any 3rd party studies required, construction, maintenance, and potential funding sources (partnerships) for the pathway project.
3. Community Engagement: Outline a plan for engaging with the local community and stakeholders to gather input and feedback regarding the sustainable pathway.
4. Implementation Timeline: Develop a projected timeline for the investigative process, from initial study through to potential construction phases, if approved.

AND THAT the findings and recommendations resulting from this investigation be reported back to Council by January 21, 2026.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Mitzner, Councillor Montgomery, Councillor Peterson, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fule adjourned the September 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting at 8:23 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Strategic, Administrative,
and Financial Services