



MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM - Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Council Chambers, 1 Parklane Drive, Strathmore AB

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Pat Fule, Councillor Claude Brown, Councillor Jim Chisholm, Councillor Matt Hyde, Councillor Melissa Langmaid, Councillor Richard Wegener, and Deputy Mayor 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 May 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.1. **Traditional Land Acknowledgement for the First Meeting in May (Litainsimopi)**

We honour all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge that the ancestral and traditional lands on which we gather are Land of the Blackfoot Confederacy and Treaty 7 territory, a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples, and in particular our neighbors, Siksika Nation on whose traditional territory we work, live, and play, and on whose traditional territory we stand and where Strathmore resides.

2. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. 133.05.26

Moved by Councillor Brown

THAT Council adopt the May 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as presented.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

3. **PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4.1. Registered Speakers – Public Spaces Neutrality Bylaw

Peter Jenner

Mandy Gillespie

Sarah Thornton

Marlow Lovelace

Trevor Ward

Alex Wright

Tiffany Carlson

Kaven Brewer

Sunday Adeola

Kateryna Rycar

Shane Devine

4.2. Written Submissions – Public Spaces Neutrality Bylaw

5. DELEGATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 134.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

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

7.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2026

11.2.1 Strathmore Library Regular Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2026

11.2.2 WADEMSA Report – April 20, 2026

12.1 Thank you from Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2026

The following motion was adopted by the consent agenda:

THAT Council adopt the April 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting Minutes as presented in Attachment I.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1. Public Spaces Neutrality Bylaw – Councillor Wiley

Resolution No. 135.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council direct Administration to draft a "Public Spaces Neutrality Bylaw" for Council's consideration, which shall include provisions to:

1. Limit the flags displayed on municipal buildings, flagpoles, and Town-owned property to official government flags, including the National Flag of Canada, the Province of Alberta Flag, the Town of Strathmore Flag, and the flags of our municipal partners, such as Siksika Nation and Wheatland County;
2. Ensure that all future municipal crosswalks and roadway markings are maintained in standardized traffic-safety configurations (such as continental or ladder patterns) and remain free from non-standard colors or symbols associated with specific ideological causes or social movements;
3. Include a grandfathering provision stating that any existing non-standard crosswalks, or those previously approved by Council motion, be permitted until such a time as scheduled maintenance or replacement is required, at which point they shall be converted to standardized configurations; and
4. Clarify that such regulations apply only to flagpoles and crosswalks on public municipal property and do not regulate displays or symbols on private property.

Resolution No. 136.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT the motion be amended to have point 1 read as follows:

"1. Limit the flags displayed on municipal buildings, flagpoles, and Town-owned property to official government flags, including the National Flag of Canada, the Province of Alberta Flag, the Town of Strathmore Flag, and the flags of our municipal partners, such as Siksika Nation;"

FOR: Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wiley

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 135.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wiley

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the Province of Alberta Flag, the Town of Strathmore Flag, and the flags of our municipal partners, such as Siksika Nation and Wheatland County;

2. Ensure that all future municipal crosswalks and roadway markings are maintained in standardized traffic-safety configurations (such as continental or ladder patterns) and remain free from non-standard colors or symbols associated with specific ideological causes or social movements;
3. Include a grandfathering provision stating that any existing non-standard crosswalks, or those previously approved by Council motion, be permitted until such a time as scheduled maintenance or replacement is required, at which point they shall be converted to standardized configurations; and
4. Clarify that such regulations apply only to flagpoles and crosswalks on public municipal property and do not regulate displays or symbols on private property.

FOR: Councillor Brown, Councillor Hyde, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 137.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council take a 10 minute recess at 7:48 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Mayor Fule reconvened the May 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

9. BYLAWS

9.1. 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw No. 26-12

Resolution No. 138.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council give First Reading to Bylaw No. 26-12, being the 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 139.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council give Second Reading to Bylaw No. 26-12, being the 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 140.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council give unanimous consent to give Third and Final Reading to Bylaw No. 26-12, being the 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 141.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council give Third Reading to Bylaw No. 26-12, being the 2026 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

10. BUSINESS

10.1. 911 Fire Dispatch Options

Resolution No. 142.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council go In-Camera to discuss this item as it relates to S. 29(1)(a), S. 19(1) and S. 30(1)(c) of the *Access to Information Act* at 8:19 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Councillor Wiley

CARRIED

Resolution No. 143.05.26

Moved by Councillor Brown

THAT Council move out of Camera at 8:52 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 144.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT the decision on 911 Fire Dispatch be deferred to the June 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

FOR: Councillor Brown and Councillor Wegener

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wiley

DEFEATED

Resolution No. 145.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council direct Administration to cease using the Wheatland and Adjacent Districts Emergency Medical Services Association for 911 call-taking and fire dispatch services only;

AND THAT Council direct Administration to secure a 911 call-taking and fire dispatch services agreement with Calgary 911.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Councillor Brown and Councillor Wegener

CARRIED

10.2. Post Secondary Fire School Partnership

Resolution No. 146.05.26

Moved by Councillor Chisholm

THAT Council support a post-secondary fire school partnership and the development of a one-year pilot firefighter training program in Strathmore for Fall 2026.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

11. COUNCILLOR INFORMATION & INQUIRIES

11.1. QUESTIONS BETWEEN COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STATEMENTS

11.1.1. Non-Priority Roadway Snow Management

Resolution No. 147.05.26

Moved by Councillor Brown

THAT Council direct Administration to return to a subsequent Committee of the Whole with a report on financial and operational implications and activating conditions for plowing or rut filling of roads and cul-de-sacs in town that are not currently covered under the priority roadways, as it relates to the Town's Service Levels.

FOR: Councillor Brown

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

DEFEATED

11.1.2 Alleyway Maintenance

Resolution No. 148.05.26

Moved by Councillor Brown

THAT Council direct Administration to return to a subsequent Committee of the Whole with a report on financial implications and triggering conditions for increased alleyway maintenance as it relates to the Town's Service Levels.

FOR: Councillor Brown and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: Mayor Fule, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, and Councillor Wegener

DEFEATED

11.1.3 Bayshore Health Care Aids

Councillor Langmaid stated that she spoke to a few Health Care Aids who work for Bayshore Health Care and provide services to residents of the community. She shared that the Health Care Aids were requesting Council's support in their call for an agreement, as they have been negotiating for 3 years without a resolution.

11.2. BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.2.1. Strathmore Library Regular Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2026

11.2.2. WADEMSA Report – April 20, 2026

11.3. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

None.

11.4. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES

None.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

12.1. Thank you from Mainsprings Pregnancy and Family Support

Resolution No. 149.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wiley

THAT Council extend the May 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting to 10:30 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

13. CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 150.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

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 9:34 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

13.1. Land Item – Advice from officials – ATIA S. 29(1)(a)

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

Resolution No. 151.05.26

Moved by Councillor Langmaid

THAT Council move out of Camera at 10:21 p.m.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 152.05.26

Moved by Councillor Wegener

THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Closed Meeting Item 13.1 - *Land Item*, as presented in the Confidential Administrative Report and as discussed In Camera.

AND THAT the details of the discussion remain confidential pursuant to S. 29(1)(a) of the *Access to Information Act*.

FOR: Mayor Fule, Councillor Brown, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Hyde, Councillor Langmaid, Councillor Wegener, and Councillor Wiley

AGAINST: None.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fule adjourned the May 6, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 10:26 p.m.



Mayor



Director of Strategic, Administrative,
and Financial Services