



Town of Morinville
Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Morinville Civic Hall

Members Present: Mayor S. Boersma
Deputy Mayor J. Anheliger
Councillor R. Balanko
Councillor S. Dafoe
Councillor S. Richardson
Councillor M. St. Denis
Councillor R. White

Staff Present: N. Narayan, CAO
S. Edwards, General Manager, Community & Infrastructure Services
M. Hay, General Manager, Administrative Services
J. Betteridge, Manager, Infrastructure Services
B. Boddez, Fire Chief / Manager, Community Safety Services
T. Auer, Manager, Planning & Economic Development
T. Dalzell-Heise, Manager, Communications & Legislative Services
T. Nosko, Manager, Financial Services
J. Potocnik, Manager, Community Services
J. Brush, Manager, Human Resource Services
V. Anoliefo, Infrastructure Projects Coordinator
C. Longoz, Operations Supervisor
R. Gilbert, Legislative & Corporate Initiatives Coordinator
S. Davis, Legislative Consultant

1. Call to Order

Mayor S. Boersma called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and acknowledged that Town Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory, traditional land of the Cree, Dene, Stony Nakota Sioux, Saulteaux and Ojibwe First Nations and Metis people.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Notice of Identified Meal break: 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Mayor S. Boersma provided notice of an identified meal break between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

2.2 Adoption / Additional Items

241/2023

Moved by R. Balanko

That Council approves the agenda as presented.

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

2.3 Consent Agenda

242/2023

Moved by S. Dafoe

That Council approve the following items on the Consent Agenda and respective recommendations:

- 4.1 Adoption of Minutes, September 19, 2023, Committee of the Whole
- 4.2 Adoption of Minutes, September 22-23, 2023, Special Meeting of Council
- 7.3.1 Updated 2024 Taxation Policy
- 8.1 Council Boards / Committees / Commission Reports
- 8.2 Action Tracking List

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

3. Public Hearing

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 September 19, 2023, Committee of the Whole

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve the September 19th, 2023, Committee of the Whole minutes.

4.2 September 22-23, 2023, Special Meeting of Council - Budget 2024

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve the September 22-23, 2023, Special Meeting of Council minutes.

5. Protocol Items

The Morinville Halloween Dance was held on October 28 and was highly attended.

Council attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies held at local schools this past week.

Lite Up the Nite Christmas Festival occurs on November 24-26, 2023. This 3-day event is a celebration of family, community, and the holiday season. Just a few of the events taking place are a Dance Party, a Parade, and Fireworks – and of course pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Mayor S. Boersma encouraged attendees to visit the Morinville website to obtain a full list of all the activities.

The Giving Tree – stop by the Morinville Community Cultural Centre (MCCC) between November 14 and December 1, 2023 to pick up an envelope from the Giving Tree. Each envelope contains the information you need to purchase a gift for a deserving individual. Gifts must be provided to the MCCC no later than December 15, 2023.

There are a number of public engagement opportunities on the Morinville website. I encourage all residents to take the time to participate and have your say on the projects and initiatives listed.

Metis Week will be celebrated November 18 - 24, 2023.

6. Presentations

6.1 Public Presentations

There were no public presentations.

7. Business

7.1 Bylaws

7.1.1 2024 Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 20/2023

T. Nosko, Manager, Financial Services, made a verbal presentation.

T. Nosko, J. Potocnik, Manager, Community Services, and N. Narayan, Chief Administrative Officer, answered questions from Council.

243/2023

Moved by J. Anheliger

That Council approve 2nd Reading of Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 20/2023.

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

244/2023

Moved by S. Dafoe

That Council defer 3rd Reading of the Fees & Charges Bylaw No. 20/2023 to the December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council.

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

7.2 New Business

7.2.1 2024-2026 Operating Budget and 2024-2033 Capital Budget Approval

N. Narayan, Chief Administrative Officer, made opening remarks.

T. Nosko, Manager, Financial Services, made a PowerPoint presentation (Attached to Agenda).

N. Narayan, made closing remarks, addressing previous questions from Council, and an overview of previous Budget 2024 presentations.

T. Nosko, N. Narayan, and J. Potocnik, Manager, Community Services, answered questions from Council.

245/2023

Moved by J. Anheliger

That Council approve the 2024 – 2026 Operating Budget.

Amendment:

246/2023

Moved by M. St. Denis

That Council directs Administration to amend the 2024 - 2026 Operating Budget to reflect a change to the hours of operation at the Morinville Leisure Centre as follows:

March 31 - August 2024 (19 weeks) 6am - 8pm Monday - Saturday, closed Sundays.

Open Statutory Holidays, 8am - 8pm, with the exception of being closed Christmas Day.

Council recessed at 5:02 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Council reconvened at 5:16 p.m.

Amendment to the Amendment:

247/2023

Moved by S. Richardson

To amend the preceding motion, that the hours of operation at the Morinville Leisure Centre as follows:

March 31 - August 2024 (19 weeks) 6am - 9pm Monday - Saturday, closed Sundays.

Open Statutory Holidays, 8am - 8pm, with the exception of being closed Christmas Day.

For (4): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, R. Balanko, and S. Dafoe

Against (3): J. Anheliger, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (4 to 3)

As Amended,

246/2023

Moved by M. St. Denis

That Council directs Administration to amend the 2024 - 2026 Operating Budget to reflect a change to the hours of operation at the Morinville Leisure Centre as follows:

March 31 - August 2024 (19 weeks) 6am - 9pm Monday - Saturday, closed Sundays.

Open Statutory Holidays, 8 am - 8 pm, with the exception of being closed Christmas Day.

For (6): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, and M. St. Denis.

Against (1): R. White

Carried (6 to 1)

248/2023

Moved by S. Richardson

That Council direct Administration to refer the approval of the 2024-2026 Operating Budget to bring forward a report outlining the options and potential impacts of reducing salaries, wages, and benefits by \$700,000 at a future meeting.

Amendment:

249/2023

Moved by S. Dafoe

To amend the preceding motion, that the sum of \$700,000 be replaced with the sums of \$200,000, \$300,000, \$500,000, and \$700,000.

For (5): S. Richardson, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Against (2): S. Boersma, and J. Anheliger

Carried (5 to 2)

As Amended,

248/2023

Moved by S. Richardson

That Council direct Administration to refer the approval of the 2024-2026 Operating Budget to bring forward a report outlining the options and potential impacts of reducing salaries, wages, and benefits by \$200,000, \$300,000, \$500,000, and \$700,000 at a future meeting.

For (5): S. Richardson, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Against (2): S. Boersma, and J. Anheliger

Carried (5 to 2)

250/2023

Moved by S. Dafoe

That Council directs Administration to bring forward a report outlining a general reduction of \$200,000 to the 2024 - 2026 Operating Budget to a future meeting.

For (5): S. Richardson, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Against (2): S. Boersma, and J. Anheliger

Carried (5 to 2)

7.3 Policy

7.3.1 Updated 2024 Taxation Policy

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve the Taxation Policy as amended.

8. Committee of the Whole

251/2023

Moved by R. White

That Council move into Committee of the Whole at 5:55 p.m.

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

Mayor S. Boersma passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor J. Anheliger.

8.1 Business

8.1.1 CAO Update

N. Narayan, Chief Administrative Officer, made a verbal report.

252/2023

Moved by S. Dafoe

That Committee accept the CAO Update verbal report as information.

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

8.2 Council Boards/Committees/Commissions Report

Approved on Consent Agenda;

There were no Council Boards/Committees/Commission Reports.

8.3 Action Tracking List

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Committee accept the Action Tracking List as information.

253/2023

Moved by R. Balanko

That Committee of the Whole move into Council at 6:00 p.m.

For (7): S. Boersma, S. Richardson, J. Anheliger, R. Balanko, S. Dafoe, M. St. Denis, and R. White

Carried (7 to 0)

Deputy Mayor J. Anheliger passed the Chair to Mayor S. Boersma.

9. Business Arising From Committee of the Whole

There was no Business Arising from Committee of the Whole.

10. Council Correspondence

There was no Council Correspondence.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

12. Closed Session

There were no Closed Session Items.

12.1 Return to Open Session

13. Business Arising from Closed Session

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Mayor

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Recording Secretary

December 12th, 2023

Date Approved by Council