



**CITY OF ST. ALBERT
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - UNADOPTED**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

9:30 AM Council Chambers/Hybrid

1. Attendance (at start of meeting)

PRESENT:

Councillor Biermanski
Councillor Clark
Councillor Hughes
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Korotash
Councillor Patrick

VIA ZOOM:

Mayor Olivier

STAFF PRESENT:

W. Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Victoor, Acting Managing Director, Corporate & Emergency Services/Chief Financial Officer
A. Slacht, Managing Director, Infrastructure & Planning
D. Alex, Managing Director, Operations
M. Caufield, Director, Legal, Legislative & Records Services/Chief Legislative Officer
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk
R. McDonald, Legislative Officer

Deputy Mayor Patrick assumed the role of Chair for the January 27, 2026 City Council Meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 AR-26-012 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That the January 27, 2026 Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Presentations, Delegations, and Announcements

Tony Druett, BLESS Board Member, and Al Henry, President of BLESS, addressed Council in regard to Meadowview Drive. Additionally, provided an update on BLESS priorities.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 CA-26-002 Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the recommendations in the following agenda reports be approved:

6.1 Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026.

8.1 Appointments to the Community Services Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 MIN-26-007 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That the Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026, be approved.

10. Civic and External Agencies - Councillors' Updates

Councillors provided updates on the work and activities

of the civic and external agencies on which they serve as Council's representatives.

Council recessed at 9:51 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

7. Public Hearing 10:00 am

7.1 PH-26-002 Bylaw 2/2026 - Land Use Bylaw Amendments (1st, 2nd, 3rd Readings)

Presented by:

Craig Walker, Senior Planner, Planning & Development Department

Barb Dupuis, Planner, Planning & Development Department

Deputy Mayor Patrick opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Kerri Ralph, Resident, addressed Council in regard to the Public Hearing for Bylaw 2/2026 Land Use Bylaw Amendments.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That the Public Hearing on Bylaw 2/2026 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council recessed at 2:35 p.m.

Council reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That Bylaw 2/2026, being amendment 12 to Land Use Bylaw 18/2024, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That Bylaw 2/2026 be read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Hughes
That Bylaw 2/2026 be amended by deleting sections 57, 62, 124, 59, 64, 121 as well as any other remaining sections pertaining to parking.

CARRIED

For: 4 - Olivieri, Biermanski, Clark, and Hughes

Against: 3 - MacKay, Korotash, and Patrick

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That Bylaw 2/2026 be read a second time, as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Korotash
That unanimous consent be given for consideration of third reading of Bylaw 2/2026.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That Bylaw 2/2026 be read a third time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Olivieri left the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

8. Committee Business - Requests for Decision

8.1 CB-26-009 Appointments to the Community Services Advisory Committee
Presented by: Councillor Patrick and Councillor Hughes
The following was approved on Consent Agenda:
That Libby Thomas and Ashley Peck be appointed as members of the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) for a term beginning on January 27, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026.

11. Council Motions

11.1 CM-26-002 Fire Training Facility

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Administration be approved to spend up to \$150,000 from the Stabilization Reserve, to complete and present a feasibility study to Council for further direction, related to potential facility locations, capital and operating costs, revenue as well as regional partnership opportunities for the construction and operation of a live fire training facility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Information Requests / Notices of Motion / Announcements

Notice of Motion - Councillor Patrick

That Administration incorporate a water station that will serve both people and dogs into the Lions Park capital project.

Information Request - Councillor Clark

Snow and ice control standards require the City to clear sidewalks and pathways when 2-5 cm of snow or ice has accumulated. However, the Community Standards Bylaw permits snow accumulation on residential sidewalks adjacent to private property up to 30 cm, provided the condition is not deemed “dangerous.”

Please provide the following information:

1. What is the rationale for the significant difference between the City’s snow-clearing standard (2-5 cm) and the residential standard permitted under the Community Standards Bylaw?
2. What policy objectives were considered when establishing the current residential threshold and the reliance on the definition of a “dangerous condition”?
3. What snow and ice removal standards apply to residential sidewalks in other municipalities within the

Edmonton metropolitan region?

4. For municipalities that require residents to clear sidewalks, what timelines are provided for compliance following a snowfall event?
5. How is “dangerous condition” interpreted and applied in practice by Peace Officers, and what guidance is provided to ensure consistent enforcement?
6. Does Administration consider the current bylaw sufficiently clear and objective for both residents and enforcement officers?
7. Does the current Community Standards Bylaw support the City’s Flourish objective of “Accessibility and Comfort: Design St. Albert to be accessible and inviting, to everyone in all seasons,” particularly for residents using mobility aids, strollers, wheelchairs, or scooters?
8. Has Administration evaluated whether the lack of a requirement to clear residential sidewalks to pavement creates barriers to year-round pedestrian accessibility?
9. Has Administration considered amendments to the Community Standards Bylaw to introduce clearer, measurable snow-clearing requirements (e.g., accumulation thresholds or timelines) for residential sidewalks to improve consistency, accessibility, and public understanding?

Information Request - Councillor MacKay

Is there an existing Policy or Service Level that addresses clearing snow and ice from the public art at St Albert Place? i.e the Stewart Steinhauer exhibit plus the Legacy of Love and Learning and Hide and Seek. If not, can Administration provide information on what would be the impacts on implementing such a Policy or Service Level.

13. In Camera

13.1 INC-26-004 Council/Chief Administrative Officer Dialogue
Presented by: William Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer

ATTENDANCE

W. Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer (Advice and Information)

Moved by Councillor Clark

That Council move in camera to have a confidential dialogue with the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to section 29(1)(a) of the Access to Information Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council went in camera at 3:57 p.m.

W. Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer, left the meeting prior to the Council Dialogue agenda item.

13.2 INC-26-005 Council Dialogue
Presented by: Mayor Olivieri

Council remained in camera to have a confidential dialogue in accordance with section 28(1)(b) of the Access to Information Act.

Moved by Councillor Biermanski

That Council reconvene in Public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council reconvened in public at 4:49 p.m.

14. Adjournment

The Deputy Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER