



CITY OF ST. ALBERT  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MEETING MINUTES - UNADOPTED**

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Tuesday, December 1, 2020

2:00 PM Council Chambers

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**1. Attendance (at start of meeting)**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Heron  
Councillor MacKay

**VIA ZOOM**

Councillor Brodhead  
Councillor Hansen  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Joly  
Councillor Watkins

**STAFF:**

D. McMordie, Director, Finance & Assessment/Chief  
Financial Officer  
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk

**VIA ZOOM:**

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer  
K. Hilts, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leflar, Director, Legal & Legislative Services/Chief  
Legislative Officer  
T. Dallimore, Legislative Officer

**2. Presentations, Delegations, and Announcements**

Suzan Krecsy, Executive Director, St. Albert Food Bank,  
spoke regarding the Mayor's Task Force to End  
Homelessness-Social Housing Specialist.  
Neil Korotash, resident, spoke regarding Oakmont Trail.

Wylie Simmonds, resident, spoke regarding Akinsdale Pickleball Courts.

Travis Parayko, resident, spoke regarding Akinsdale Pickleball Courts.

Glenys Edwards, St. Albert Public School Board Chair and Renee Lukie, Director of Student Services, St. Albert Public Schools, spoke regarding the FCSS Contribution.

Matthias Brenholen, resident, spoke regarding Akinsdale Pickleball Courts.

Richard Plain, resident, spoke regarding Franchise Fees.

### 3. Consent Agenda

#### 3.1 AR-20-417

Consent Agenda

Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the recommendations in the following agenda reports be approved:

Municipal Capital:

4.3 PM-21-025 - ENGS-058 Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Strategy

Municipal Operating:

5.1 PM-21-006 - Reduce Residential Attraction

5.3 PM-21-008 - Athlete & Artist Development Grant

5.5 PM-21-010 - Servus Place Halloween Haunt

5.12 PM-21-021 - Inter Municipal Development Plan Funding

5.14 PM-21-033 - Bring Your Own Device Operating Budget Reduction

## 4. Municipal Capital

- 4.1**     PM-21-022     Oakmont Trail  
Notice given by: Councillor MacKay  
  
Moved by Councillor MacKay  
That the first phase of the Recr-045 Oakmont Trail Phase 2 Development move from unfunded to funded in 2021.  
CARRIED  
  
For:                 5 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,  
                                Councillor Hansen, Councillor Joly, and  
                                Councillor MacKay  
  
Against:            2 - Councillor Hughes, and Councillor Watkins

**4.2**     PM-21-024     Capital Project Charter DARP-016  
Notice given by: Councillor Hansen  
  
The following postponed motion was withdrawn by  
Councillor Hansen:  
That Capital Project Charter DARP-016 in the amount of  
\$102,000 move from unfunded to funded in 2021.

**4.3**     PM-21-025     ENGs-058 Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Strategy  
Notice given by: Councillor MacKay  
  
The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That Capital Project Charter ENG - 058 Neighbourhood  
Traffic Calming Strategies be reduced by \$100,000 in  
2021.

**4.4**     PM-21-026     Cogeneration  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly  
  
The following postponed motion was withdrawn by  
Councillor Joly:  
That CSS-005 Cogeneration (\$60,600) move from  
unfunded to funded in 2021.

Against: 2 - Councillor Joly, and Councillor Watkins

Against: 5 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,  
Councillor Hughes, Councillor MacKay,  
and Councillor Watkins

That the Alpine Park Pickleball Courts Sound Study for \$10,000 be approved, to be funded from Capital Reserve.

Council recessed at 3:50 p.m.

Council reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

## 5. Municipal Operating

- 5.1 PM-21-006 Reduce Residential Attraction  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That the operating budget be reduced by \$19,909 to  
reduce residential attraction permanently.

- 5.2 PM-21-007 Tourism Supports  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron  
That the operating budget be reduced by \$26,000 to  
reduce tourism supports temporarily.

Moved by Councillor Hughes  
That PM-21-007 be amended to reduce the amount by  
\$3,000 less.

DEFEATED

For: 2 - Councillor Hughes, and Councillor Watkins

Against: 5 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,  
Councillor Hansen, Councillor Joly, and  
Councillor MacKay

Moved by Mayor Heron  
That the operating budget be reduced by \$26,000 to  
reduce tourism supports temporarily.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,  
Councillor Hughes, Councillor Joly,  
Councillor MacKay, and Councillor  
Watkins

Against: 1 - Councillor Hansen

- 5.3**    PM-21-008    Athlete & Artist Development Grant  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That the operating budget be reduced by \$16,600 to permanently eliminate the Athlete & Artist Development Grant.
- 5.4**    PM-21-009    FCSS Contribution  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- Moved by Mayor Heron  
That the operating budget be permanently reduced by \$300,000 coming from our FCSS municipal contribution and that COSA facilitate discussions with funded agencies to consider how we can assist with operational costs to offset this reduction. That the Community Living Standing Committee discuss the two options at a future meeting.  
DEFEATED
- For:                    3 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead, and Councillor Joly
- Against:            4 - Councillor Hansen, Councillor Hughes, Councillor MacKay, and Councillor Watkins
- 5.5**    PM-21-010    Servus Place Halloween Haunt  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That the operating budget be increased by \$5000 to offer the Servus Place Halloween Haunt in 2021.
- 5.6**    PM-21-011    Mayor's Celebration of the Arts  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- Moved by Mayor Heron  
That the operating budget be temporarily reduced by \$24,300 supported by postponing the next Mayor's

Celebration of the Arts to 2022. Starting in the 2023 budget reduce the budget to \$12,150 per year. This will be pending the recommendation of the new Arts Development Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.7**    PM-21-012    Recreation and Sport Community Group Services

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was withdrawn by Mayor Heron:

That the operating budget be temporarily reduced by \$29,700 to reduce recreation and sport community group services.

**5.8**    PM-21-013    Public Art Reserve

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the public art operating budget be temporarily reduced to zero by reducing the annual transfer to the Public Art Reserve for 2021 from a maximum of \$220,000 to zero through the reduction of the pay-as-you-go operating contribution to off set taxes.

CARRIED

For:                    6 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,  
                                         Councillor Hansen, Councillor Hughes,  
                                         Councillor MacKay, and Councillor  
                                         Watkins

Against:            1 - Councillor Joly

**5.9**    PM-21-014    Canada Day

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the Recreation & Parks operating budget for Canada Day Event in 2021 be temporarily reduced by \$50,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5.10**    PM-21-015    Mayor's Special Events Budget  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron  
  
Moved by Mayor Heron  
That the operating budget for the Mayor's Special Events be increased by \$5,700 on an ongoing basis.  
DEFEATED  
  
For:                    3 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Hughes, and Councillor Joly  
  
Against:            4 - Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hansen, Councillor MacKay, and Councillor Watkins
- 5.11**    PM-21-016    Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness-Social Housing Specialist  
Notice given by: Councillor Hansen  
  
Moved by Councillor Hansen  
That the recommended operating business case Mayor's Task Force to End Homelessness-Social Housing Specialist be funded in the amount \$82,000. Funding Source - Assessment Growth.  
CARRIED  
  
For:                    4 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hansen, and Councillor MacKay  
  
Against:            3 - Councillor Hughes, Councillor Joly, and Councillor Watkins
- 5.12**    PM-21-021    Inter Municipal Development Plan Funding  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron  
  
The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That the IDP be postponed until 2022 and \$160,000 be added to the residual growth balance.
- 5.13**    PM-21-029    Electrical Franchise Fee  
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes



Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the electrical franchise fee be decreased to 7.5% on April 1, 2021 and then back up to 10% on January 1, 2022.

DEFEATED

For: 1 - Councillor Hughes

Against: 6 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hansen, Councillor Joly, Councillor MacKay, and Councillor Watkins

- 5.14**    PM-21-033    Bring Your Own Device Operating Budget Reduction  
Notice given by: Administration

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That the 2021 operating budget be reduced by \$15,000 related to a shift to a bring your own device approach to the cellular communication needs of the City as described in the City of St. Albert Operational and Fiscal Review final report.

## **6.     Utility**

- 6.1**     PM-21-030    Vacuum Truck  
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes
- The following postponed motion was withdrawn by Councillor Hughes:  
That the cost of the vacuum truck is funded 50% from the utility reserve and 50% from capital reserve.

Council recessed at 6:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

## **8.     Business Items**

- 8.1**     PM-21-032    Omnibus

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

That Administration adjust the proposed 2021 Municipal and Utility operating and capital budgets based on all late-breaking changes or discovered discrepancies including the following:

1. That the 2021 municipal operating budget be reduced by \$24,000 to remove the retainer cost of the Integrity Commissioner.
2. That the library be funded in the amount of \$4,348,900.
3. That the Arts and Heritage Foundation be funded in the amount of \$1,703,000.
4. That the 2021 Municipal Growth Capital recommendation of 17 capital growth projects be funded in the amount of \$35,782,700 and 14 projects be postponed.
5. That the 2021 Utility Growth Capital recommendation of 1 capital growth projects be funded in the amount of \$500,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8.2**     **AR-20-416**

Completion of Budget Deliberations

Presented by: Diane McMordie, Director, Financial and Assessment Department

Moved by Councillor Joly

That Council move out of Committee of the Whole.

That Administration prepare the 2021 proposed Municipal and Utility Operating Budgets, the proposed Municipal & Utility Capital Budgets and any associated bylaws, in accordance with the direction provided in the November Committee of the Whole deliberations and previous Repair, Maintenance & Replacement (RMR) decisions and Fees & Charges decisions, all for consideration by Council on December 21, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. Adjournment**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER