



CITY OF ST. ALBERT
STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES - FINAL

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

9:30 AM Council Chambers/Hybrid

Attendance (at start of meeting)

PRESENT

Mayor Cathy Heron
Councillor Shelley Biermanski
Councillor Wes Brodhead
Councillor Sheena Hughes
Councillor Natalie Joly
Councillor Mike Killick
Councillor Ken MacKay

STAFF PRESENT:

W. Fletcher, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Slaght, Managing Director, Infrastructure & Planning
D. Alex, Managing Director, Operations
M. Caufield, Director, Legal, Legislative & Records
Services/Chief Legislative Officer
J. Melnychuk, IT Service Desk Technician
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk
K. Drogers, Legislative Officer

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 AR-25-208 Adoption of Agenda July 8, 2025

Moved by Councillor MacKay
That July 8, 2025 Agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 MIN-25-045 Standing Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025

Moved by Councillor Killick
That the Standing Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. New Business - Requests for Decision

5.1 AR-25-298 Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability Policy (C-CG-11)

Presented by: Darija Slokar, Manager, Strategic Services

Moved by Councillor Brodhead
That Standing Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the updated Vision and Pillars of Sustainability Policy (C-CG-11), attached to the report dated July 8, 2025 entitled "Community Vision and Pillars of Sustainability Policy (C-CG-11)" be approved.

CARRIED

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

Against: 1 - Councillor Biermanski

Committee recessed at 10:18 a.m.

Committee reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

5.2 AR-25-311 Council Policy on Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA)

Presented by: Laura Horton and Jenny Bourne, Human Resources & Safety, with representatives from NorQuest College Colbourne Institute for Inclusive Leadership.

Committee recessed at 12:01 p.m.

Committee reconvened at 12:33 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Joly

1. That Standing Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that Policy C-HR-04 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility attached to the July 8, 2025 agenda report entitled “IDEA Council Policy” be approved.
2. That Standing Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that upon the approval of C-HR-04 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility, Policy C-HR-03 Inclusive Hiring be rescinded.

CARRIED

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

Against: 1 - Councillor Biermanski

6. New Business - For Information Only

6.1 AR-25-041 Inclusive & Accessible Playground Strategy
Presented by: Manda Wilde, Supervisor, Parks Planning & Stewardship, Recreation & Parks
Committee received an overview of the draft Inclusive & Accessible Playground Strategy for information.

5. New Business - Requests for Decision (con't)

5.3 AR-25-313 Social Development Policy (C-CS-16)
Presented by: Amy MacKinnon, Social Investment Coordinator, Community Services, Connie Smigielski, Senior Manager, Community Services and Elizabeth Wilkie, Director, Community Services

Moved by Councillor Killick

1. That Standing Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve revisions to Council Policy C-CS-16, Social Development Policy, provided as an attachment to the agenda report entitled "Social Development Policy (C-CS-16)" dated July 8, 2025.
2. That Standing Committee of the Whole recommends that, upon approval of C-CS-16, Council Policies C CS-14 FCSS Program Funding Policy and C-CS-17 Youth Development Policy be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 AR-25-291 Review of Financial Council Policies C-FS-01 and C-FS-05

Presented by: Suzanne Findlay, Manager, Financial Services, and Stephen Bannerman, Senior Manager, Assessment & Taxation, Financial & Strategic Services

Moved by Councillor Joly

That Standing Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that amendments to the following Council policies, provided as attachments to the agenda report entitled "Review of Financial Council Policies" dated July 8, 2025, be approved:

C-FS-05 Budget and Taxation Guiding Principles and C-FS-01 Financial Reserves.

Moved by Councillor MacKay

That the main motion be amended by changing "3.5" to "5.0".

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Killick, and Councillor MacKay

Against: 4 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hughes, and Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That proposed Policy C-FS-05 be amended by deleting both instances of the number "6.5" and replacing them with "3.5" in section 14(b)(v).

CARRIED

For: 4 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hughes, and Councillor Killick

Against: 3 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Joly, and Councillor MacKay

Moved by Councillor Joly

That Standing Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that amendments to the following Council policies, provided as attachments to the agenda report entitled "Review of Financial Council Policies" dated July 8, 2025, be approved:

C-FS-05 Budget and Taxation Guiding Principles (as amended); and

C-FS-01 Financial Reserves.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee recessed 2:24 p.m.

Committee reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

6. New Business - For Information Only (con't)

6.2 AR-25-310 Off-Site Levy Recovery Fund- Policy Compliance Report
Presented by: Stephen Graham, Senior Business Analyst, Financial & Strategic Services

Committee received The Off-Site Levy Recovery Fund Utilization, Framework, and Prioritization Criteria for information.

8. Information Requests / Notices of Motion / Announcements

Information Request - Councillor Killick

Based on the recent fire at Poundmakers lodge please provide an estimate cost to upgrade the fire hydrant infrastructure to a current standard municipal capacity. This budget estimate would be used to inform a Postponed Motion addition to the 10 year capital plan.

Information Request - Councillor Hughes

Please provide the analysis to justify not amending the financial policies to accommodate the increased staff salary and benefit costs for all new Full Time Employees in the 2nd year of the hiring. Please provide as much detail as possible.

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER