



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

Committee of the Whole

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Thursday, November 21, 2019

3:00 PM Council Chambers

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

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Heron  
Councillor Brodhead  
Councillor Hansen  
Councillor Hughes  
Councillor Joly  
Councillor MacKay  
Councillor Watkins

Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer  
Kelly Hilts, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Chief  
Legislative Officer  
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 CA-19-028 Consent Agenda**

Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer

Moved by Councillor Joly

That the recommendations in the following agenda report  
be approved:

4.1 PM-20-049 Mike Mitchell Recycling Depot Hours

Municipal Capital:

5.7 PM-20-071 Snow Storage

Municipal Operating:

6.3 PM-20-053 2020 Census

6.10 PM-20-077 Council Contingency Budget

6.11 PM-20-078 Mayor's Telephone & Mobile Device  
Charges

6.12 PM-20-079 Office & Operating Supplies for the Mayor

6.13 PM-20-080 Mayor's Office Event Registration

6.14 PM-20-081 Mayor's Office Advertising & Promotion  
Budget

6.15 PM-20-082 Annual Remuneration

6.23 PM-20-076 Enhanced Housing Options

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 4. Utility Operating

- 4.1 PM-20-049 Mike Mitchell Recycling Depot Hours  
Notice given by: Councillor MacKay

The following postponed motion was approved on  
Consent Agenda:

"That Mike Mitchell Recycling Depot hours of operation  
be extended to six days a week (Tuesday through  
Sunday), for an increased operational cost of \$17,592,  
and the utility rates are increased by \$0.07/month to  
reflect this."

#### 5. Municipal Capital

- 5.1 PM-20-054 Lacombe Park West - Fitness Equipment  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly  
Moved by Councillor Joly

That fitness equipment is removed from the scope of RECR-010 - Lacombe Park West.

CARRIED

For: 4 - Brodhead, Hughes, Joly, and MacKay

Against: 3 - Heron, Hansen, and Watkins

**5.2**    PM-20-058    ENGS-058 Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Strategies

Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly

That the budget for ENGS-058 Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Strategies is reduced to \$50,000 to enable necessary data collection, public engagement, acquisition and placement of temporary measures with associated signage and road-markings and incidental costs for outstanding plans.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.3**    PM-20-066    Fire Tanker Vehicle

Notice given by: Councillor Hansen

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That FIRE 032 Fire Tanker Vehicle be unfunded.

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Brodhead, Hansen, and Joly

Against: 4 - Heron, Hughes, MacKay, and Watkins

**5.4**    PM-20-069    Lakeview/Badger Lands ASP

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the Lakeview/Badger Lands Area Structure Plans are postponed for consideration to 2021.

CARRIED

For: 4 - Hansen, Hughes, MacKay, and Watkins

Against: 3 - Heron, Brodhead, and Joly

## 5.5 PM-20-072 Fire Hall #4

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

Firehall #4 – Motion to proceed with land acquisition for \$2.5 million in 2020 and delay design, construction and all related mobile equipment by one year to commence in 2022 with exception of the tanker truck in 2021.

Moved by Councillor Heron

Firehall #4 - Motion to proceed with land acquisition for \$2.5 million in 2020.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes, Joly,  
and MacKay

Against: 1 - Watkins

Moved by Mayor Heron

Firehall 4 - Delay design, construction and all related mobile equipment by one year to commence in 2022 with exception of the tanker truck in 2021.

CARRIED

For: 4 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, and Joly

Against: 3 - Hughes, MacKay, and Watkins

## 5.6 PM-20-083 Firehall #4 and related Capital Projects

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

The following postponed motion was withdrawn by Councillor Hughes:

That the decision for firehall #4 and its related capital projects is postponed to Q1 2020, following an analysis report of the cost, feasibility and expected improvement in response times across the city of expanding firehall no 1 compared to building firehall no 4.

- 5.7**    PM-20-071    Snow Storage  
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes  
  
The following postponed motion was approved on Consent Agenda:  
That the PW snow storage site design is delayed for consideration until a permanent snow storage site is determined, and the \$50,000 is returned to the capital reserve.
- 5.8**    PM-20-073    Community Amenities Site Planning  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron  
  
Moved by Mayor Heron  
That RECR-065 - Community Amenities Site Planning be postponed by one year.  
CARRIED  
  
For:                    5 - Heron, Brodhead, Hughes, MacKay, and Watkins  
  
Against:            2 - Hansen, and Joly
- 5.9**    PM-20-074    SAP Flag Poles  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron  
  
Moved by Mayor Heron  
Move that CULTR-033 - SAP Flag Poles and associated operating costs be unfunded until the flag policy is brought back to council for review.  
CARRIED  
  
For:                    6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes, Joly, and MacKay  
  
Against:            1 - Watkins
- 5.10**   PM-20-050    Servus Place Aquatics Expansion  
Notice given by: Councillor Hansen  
  
Moved by Councillor Hansen

That the public consultation portion of the project charter (2020) be funded in the amount of \$78,000 to determine whether to expedite this project ahead of a recreation facility being built.

DEFEATED

For: 2 - Hansen, and Watkins

Against: 5 - Heron, Brodhead, Hughes, Joly, and MacKay

**5.11** PM-20-063

Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Program

Notice given by: Councillor Hansen

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That ENV 002 - Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Program be funded in the amount of \$500,000 through Capital Reserve and conditional on Eligible Grants.

CARRIED

For: 5 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, and Watkins

Against: 2 - Hughes, and MacKay

**5.12** PM-20-070

Neil Ross Road Design and Construction

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Neil Ross Road Design and Construction - OSL 100% is approved for \$250,000 in 2020 funded from the Off-Site Levy Recovery Fund (Reserve).

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Brodhead, Hughes, and MacKay

Against: 4 - Heron, Hansen, Joly, and Watkins

The Committee recessed from 5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

## 6. Municipal Operating

- 6.1**    PM-20-051    C-CC-021 Council Sponsorship Policy  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly
- Moved by Councillor Joly  
That C-CC-21 Council Sponsorship Policy is amended to allow cash donations to eligible not-for-profits up to the maximum already specified in the policy.  
CARRIED
- For:                    6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes, Joly, and Watkins
- Against:            1 - MacKay
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- 6.2**    PM-20-052    Rescind C-CC-021 Council Sponsorship Policy  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly
- The following motion was withdrawn by Councillor Joly:
- That C-CC-21 Council Sponsorship Policy is rescinded and;  
That any guiding principles deemed to be relevant to overall sponsorship activities of the City be added into other appropriate policies for Council consideration and;  
That the 2020 Council budget related to individual Council Member Sponsorships be reduced in the amount of \$7,000.
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- 6.3**    PM-20-053    2020 Census  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- The following postponed motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That the 2020 municipal census be cancelled and;  
That the 2020 and ongoing transfer of \$90,000 per year  
to the census reserve be eliminated with the 2020  
savings used to offset the tax base and;  
That administration make recommendations to the  
Community Growth and Infrastructure Standing  
Committee for a potential future municipal census  
program including budget implications.

- 6.4**    PM-20-060    RAP and Income Supplement for Residents in Need  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly
- Moved by Councillor Joly  
That the RAP and Income Supplement for Residents in  
Need business case be unfunded.

DEFEATED

For:                1 - Joly

Against:        6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes,  
                              MacKay, and Watkins

- 6.5**    PM-20-065    Public Participation Program  
Notice given by: Councillor Hansen
- Moved by Councillor Hansen  
Public Participation Program: That Community Relations  
be funded up to one FTE from taxes to centralize the  
implementation/organization of all corporate public  
engagement events/opportunities.

DEFEATED

For:                2 - Hansen, and Joly

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

- 6.6**    PM-20-064    Smart City Engagement



Notice given by: Councillor Hansen

Moved by Councillor Hansen

That Smart City Public Engagement be funded at \$30,000 from \$50,000.

CARRIED

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

Against: 1 - Joly

**6.7**     PM-20-067

Smart City Public Engagement

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the operating business case for Smart City Public Engagement for \$50,000 is unfunded and the funds applied to reduce the tax base.

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Hansen, Hughes, and Watkins

Against: 4 - Heron, Brodhead, Joly, and MacKay

**6.8**     PM-20-068

Council Chambers AV Support

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the operating business case for Council Chambers AV Support for \$40,000 is unfunded and provide additional information in 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.9**     PM-20-075

Total Advertising Budget

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

That the total advertising budget for the corporation is reduced by 10% for a budget impact of \$120,220.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6.10**    PM-20-077    Council Contingency Budget  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That the Council Contingency budget be reduced from \$69,000 to \$15,000.

- 6.11**    PM-20-078    Mayor's Telephone & Mobile Device Charges  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That the Mayor's Telephone & Mobile Device Charges be reduced to the same as the Councillor's (\$3,200 down to \$1500).

- 6.12**    PM-20-079    Office & Operating Supplies for the Mayor  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That the Office & Operating Supplies for the Mayor be reduced from \$10,000 to \$4000.

- 6.13**    PM-20-080    Mayor's Office Event Registration  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

That the Mayor's office Event Registration be reduced

from \$10,000 to \$5,000.

- 6.14**    PM-20-081    Mayor's Office Advertising & Promotion Budget  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was approved on  
Consent Agenda:

That the Mayor's office Advertising & Promotion budget  
be reduced from \$13,200 to \$6,000.

- 6.15**    PM-20-082    Annual Remuneration  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following postponed motion was approved on  
Consent Agenda:

Notwithstanding the provisions of C-CC-03 City Council  
Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement Policy and  
Procedure which adjusts Council Member  
Remuneration on April 1 of each year based on the  
Edmonton Consumer Price Index (ECPI), Council  
Members Annual Remuneration not be increased on  
April 1, 2020.

- 6.16**    PM-20-056    Weekday Evening Local Handibus Service  
Notice given by: Councillor Brodhead

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That the Public Works & Transit Weekday Evening Local  
Handibus Service business case be funded for \$57,500  
within the 2020 operating budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6.17**    PM-20-062    Weekday Evening Local Handibus Service  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly

The following motion was withdrawn:

That \$57,500 for Public Works & Transit Weekday Evening Local Handibus Service be funded through taxes.

**6.18**    PM-20-061

Additional Dial-A-Bus

Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly

That \$67,400 for Public Works & Transit Additional Dial-A-Bus be funded through taxes.

DEFEATED

For:                1 - Joly

Against:        6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes,  
                         MacKay, and Watkins

**6.19**    PM-20-047

Transit Fees Waived for "All Aboard" Patrons

Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly

That fees for local (not commuter) passes for all persons who qualify for the Community and Protective Services "All-Aboard" Subsidy Program are waived and that the 2020 revenue budget be reduced, on an ongoing basis, in the amount of \$5,800.

CARRIED

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

Against:        1 - Hansen

**6.20**    PM-20-048

Free Local Transit for Youth

Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly

That the Free Local Transit for Youth program is extended to December 31, 2020 and that the 2020 revenue budget be reduced, on a one-time basis, in the amount of \$9,000.

CARRIED

- 6.21**   PM-20-057   Emergency Services Municipal Enforcement Officer  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly  
  
Moved by Councillor Joly  
That Emergency Services Municipal Enforcement Officer  
for \$86,600 in 2020, with an April 1 start date be funded  
through taxes .  
DEFEATED  
  
For:                    1 - Joly  
  
Against:            6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes,  
                                 MacKay, and Watkins
- 6.22**   PM-20-059   Senior Homeowners Property Tax Assistance  
Notice given by: Councillor Joly  
  
Moved by Councillor Joly  
That the Senior Homeowners Property Tax Assistance  
Grant be increased by \$50 per grant, to be funded through  
taxes.  
CARRIED  
  
For:                    4 - Brodhead, Hansen, Joly, and Watkins  
  
Against:            3 - Heron, Hughes, and MacKay
- 6.23**   PM-20-076   Enhanced Housing Options  
Notice given by: Mayor Heron  
  
The following postponed motion was approved on  
Consent Agenda:  
  
"That the unfunded business case "Enhanced Housing  
Options" be funded for \$60,000 from the growth  
assessment pool if there is money available or if not  
from the Stabilization reserve."
- 6.24**   PM-20-084   Amplify Festival  
Notice given by: Councillor Hansen

Moved by Councillor Joly

That Amplify Festival is funded for \$60,000 in 2020, \$45,000 in 2021 and \$30,000 2022; and that a plan for transitioning into a self-sustaining program (cost recovery) is presented to Council by October 30, 2020.

CARRIED

For: 5 - Heron, Brodhead, Hughes, Joly, and MacKay

Against: 2 - Hansen, and Watkins

Moved by Councillor Joly

That a maximum of 40% of total funding (including external sources) is used for COSA staffing.

CARRIED

For: 6 - Heron, Brodhead, Hansen, Hughes, Joly, and Watkins

Against: 1 - MacKay

**6.25** PM-20-085

Omnibus

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Administration adjust the 2020 Municipal and Utility operating and capital budgets based on all late-breaking changes or discovered discrepancies including the following:

1. That the 2020 municipal operating budget be amended to reduce the expected revenue related to provincial offences/fines for \$620,000 related to amendments to provincial regulations which changes the municipal share of fines from 73.3% down to 60%.

2. That the 2020 municipal operating budget be amended to reduce the expected revenue related to the Grants in Place of Taxes (GIPOT) program for \$37,500 related to

provincial budget changes to reduce these grants amount by 50% over 2 years

3. That the library be funded in the amount of \$4,661,900.

4. That the Arts and Heritage Foundation be funded in the amount of \$1,801,500

5. That the 2020 Family festival funding in the amount of \$100,000 be discontinued and the tax rate be reduced accordingly.

6. That Administration reduce the operating budget by \$200,000 , with no impacts to service levels, to offset the 2019 Provincial budget impacts.

7. That the 2020 Municipal Growth Capital recommendation of 13 capital growth projects be funded in the amount of \$51,594,400.00 and 29 projects be postponed. (the number of projects and # will be known at the end of the capital deliberations)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 8. Business Items

8.1 AR-19-482 Completion of Budget Deliberations  
Presented by: Diane McMordie, Director, Financial and Assessment Department

Moved by Councillor Brodhead

That Council move out of Committee of the Whole.

That Administration prepare the 2020 proposed Municipal and Utility Operating Budgets, the proposed Municipal & Utility Capital Budgets and any appropriate bylaws in accordance with the direction provided in the November Committee of the Whole deliberations, and previous Repair, Maintenance & Replace (RMR), and Fees &

Charges decisions for consideration by Council on  
December 16, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notice of Motion - Councillor Hughes

That administration bring back to council for  
consideration by April 30, 2020, additional options and  
efficiencies that would not affect service levels but that  
would maintain the tax increase at no more than 2.4%.

**9. Adjournment**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER