



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

Thursday, December 2, 2021

2:00 PM Council Chambers/Hybrid

1. Attendance (at start of meeting)

PRESENT:

Mayor Heron
Councillor Biermanski
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor Joly
Councillor Killick
Councillor MacKay

VIA ZOOM

Councillor Hughes

STAFF:

K. Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Hilts, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
D. McMordie, Director of Finance Services &
Information Technology/Chief Financial Officer
T. Dallimore, Legislative Officer

STAFF VIA ZOOM:

D. Leflar, Director of Legal & Legislative Services/Chief
Legislative Officer
C. Wong, Deputy City Clerk
B. Switzer, Legislative Officer

2. Presentations, Delegations, and Announcements

K. Kowal spoke regarding Annual Flower Planting
Funding.

D. Malayko spoke regarding Transit Budget

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 AR-21-423 Consent Agenda
Presented by: Kevin Scoble, Chief Administrative Officer
Moved by Councillor Joly
That the recommendations in the following agenda reports
be approved:

Municipal Operating:

- 7.1 PM 22 004 Freezeways
7.3 PM 22 006 Indigenous Program Funding
7.7 PM 22 009 Public Toilets at Outdoor Recreation and
Parks Funding
7.14 PM 22 018 Artist Mentorship Program Subsidy
7.18 PM 22 024 Budget World Cafe Events
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Utility Capital

- 4.1 PM-22-028 Waste to Energy Funds
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes
Moved by Councillor Hughes
That the "Pilot Scale Waste to Energy" project be closed
and the unused funds be uncommitted within the reserve.
DEFEATED
For: 3 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Hughes,
and Councillor Killick
Against: 4 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,
Councillor Joly, and Councillor MacKay

5. Utility Operating

- 5.1 PM-22-017 Utility Budget Amendment

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the 2022 Utility budget be amended such that the average household would experience a 3.1% increase in rates.

DEFEATED

For: 2 - Councillor Biernanski, and Councillor Hughes

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

5.2 PM-22-011 Take it or Leave it Event Funding

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

That \$15,000 be put back in the Public Works budget for the Take It Or Leave It Event, funded from utility rates.

DEFEATED

For: 1 - Mayor Heron

Against: 6 - Councillor Biernanski, Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Joly, Councillor Killick, and Councillor MacKay

5.3 PM-22-032 Compost Facility

Notice given by: Councillor Killick

Moved by Councillor Killick

City to resume accepting the drop off by residents of sod and dirt at the compost facility at an estimated cost of \$93,000 and adjust the 2022 utility rates accordingly.

DEFEATED

For: 2 - Councillor Brodhead, and Councillor Killick

Against: 5 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Biermanski,
Councillor Hughes, Councillor Joly, and
Councillor MacKay

6. Municipal Capital

- 6.1** PM-22-015 Kingswood Boat Dock
Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly
That RECR-073 Kingswood Boat Dock for \$182,100 is
funded from the capital reserve.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 6.2** PM-22-025 Plan - 010 Postponed
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes
That Plan - 010 is postponed to 2024 and the funding
returned to the capital reserve.
DEFEATED

For: 3 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Hughes,
 and Councillor MacKay

Against: 4 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Brodhead,
 Councillor Joly, and Councillor Killick

Council recessed at 3:37 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:45 p.m.

- 6.3** PM-22-027 Badger Lands
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes
That the Badger Lands ASP portion of PLAN-006 is
postponed to 2023.
DEFEATED

For: 3 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Hughes,
and Councillor Killick

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

6.4 PM-22-029

Solar Farm - Unfunding

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the budget and scope of Project Charter ENV-004

Solar Farm, as originally approved at the June 21, 2021

Council meeting, is reduced from \$26,100,000 to \$135,000

to include only that portion of the project related to the

pre-construction work on the Solar Farm that was

approved at the August 30, 2021 Council meeting.

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Hughes,
and Councillor Killick

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

6.5 PM-22-039

Rescind Borrowing Bylaw

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the following motion be rescinded:

BL-21-039 June 21, 2021

That Bylaw 35/2021, being a Borrowing Bylaw to design

and construct a Solar Farm, be read a first time.

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Hughes,
and Councillor Killick

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

6.6 PM-22-030

Policing Services Building

Notice given by: Councillor Biermanski

Moved by Councillor Biernanski

That Poli-006 Policing Services Building Accommodations for 5,000,000 is postponed to 2023 for consideration in Capital Budget.

DEFEATED

For: 1 - Councillor Biernanski

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

Council recessed at 4:56 p.m.

Council reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

7. Municipal Operating

7.1 PM-22-004 Freezeaways

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
To provide freezeaways as an ongoing service standard in the community, increase the base budget by \$42,000. This would result in the freezeaways becoming part of the service provision of outdoor skating in the winter 2022/23 and beyond.

7.2 PM-22-005 Home Energy Retrofit Accelerator Program Funding

Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron

That \$50,000 be added to the budget for the Home Energy Retrofit Accelerator Program for a 3 year program funded from year one stabilization reserve and years 2 and 3 Energy efficiency reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.3** PM-22-006 Indigenous Program Funding
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
That \$181,600 be added to the budget to fund the 1 FTE within the Indigenous Program.
- 7.4** PM-22-007 Annual Flower Planting Funding
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- Moved by Mayor Heron
That \$72,300 be put back in the Public Works budget for the Annual Flower Planting Contract, funded from the tax levy.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 7.5** PM-22-008 Dog Waste Collection Funding
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- Moved by Mayor Heron
That \$11,000 be put back in the Public Works budget for Dog Waste Collection to enable two waste pick-ups per year and that the entire program of \$22,000 be funded from the dog licence revenue.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 7.6** PM-22-019 Dog Waste Pick Up Funding
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes
- The following motion was withdrawn by Councillor Hughes:
That the funding for the annual costs of \$22,000 for dog waste pick up is changed from tax dollars to the dog license revenue and that the 2022 tax rate is reduced accordingly.
- 7.7** PM-22-009 Public Toilets at Outdoor Recreation and Parks Funding
Notice given by: Mayor Heron
- The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:

7.8 PM-22-010 Beautification Cost Sharing Program Funding
Notice given by: Mayor Heron

Moved by Mayor Heron
That \$20,000 be put back in the Economic Development budget for the Beautification Cost Sharing Program, funded from the tax levy.
CARRIED

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

Against: 1 - Councillor Hughes

7.9 PM-22-012 Feasibility Study - Convert Fire Station
Notice given by: Councillor Biermanski

The following motion was withdrawn by Councillor Biermanski:
That \$115,000 be approved from the Capital Reserve to fund a feasibility study which would consider converting Fire Hall #1 into an Emergency Homeless Shelter including cost sharing and operating models with external entities.

7.10 PM-22-037 Fire Station #1 Decommissioning
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

The following motion was withdrawn by Councillor Hughes:
That Fire 026, Fire Station #1 Decommissioning, for \$862,500 is postponed for consideration in the 2023 RMR budget.

7.11 PM-22-013 Municipal Naming
Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly

That "Municipal Naming" be funded for \$325,000 from the stabilization reserve.

CARRIED

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

Against: 1 - Councillor Biermanski

- 7.12** PM-22-014 Municipal Energy Specialist
Notice given by: Councillor Joly

Moved by Councillor Joly

That the City of St. Albert FTE base be increased by 1.0 to support the permanent appointment of a Municipal Energy Specialist effective January 1, 2022. Funding for the position will be through the reallocation of operating savings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.13** PM-22-016 Procurement Audit Recommendation
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That Financial Services and Information Technology Procurement Audit Recommendation for \$102,000 is funded for 2022 from the Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 7.14** PM-22-018 Artist Mentorship Program Subsidy
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

The following motion was approved on Consent Agenda:
The artist mentorship program subsidy for \$10,000 is discontinued and the savings is applied to reduce the tax base.

- 7.15** PM-22-020 Part Time Position - Finance
Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That the part time position for finance 1 is funded for \$39,000, funded from tax base.

DEFEATED

For: 3 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Brodhead, and Councillor Hughes

Against: 4 - Mayor Heron, Councillor Joly, Councillor Killick, and Councillor MacKay

7.16 PM-22-021

Internal Auditor Contracts

Notice given by: Councillor Hughes

Moved by Councillor Hughes

That internal auditor contracts are funded for a total of \$350,000 from the Stabilization reserve.

CARRIED

For: 5 - Councillor Biermanski, Councillor Brodhead, Councillor Hughes, Councillor Killick, and Councillor MacKay

Against: 2 - Mayor Heron, and Councillor Joly

9. Recess to December 7, 2021

The Chair recessed the meeting at 6:53 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on December 7, 2021.