

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

March 4, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 Main Street SE

PRESENT

Mayor P. Brown
Deputy Mayor A. Jones
Councillor R. Chapman (arrived at 2:09 p.m.)
Councillor C. Kolson
Councillor T. Petrow
Councillor H. Spearman

STAFF

H. Galanti, City Manager
M. Lock, Director Community Services
L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure
M. Bigney, Manager Finance
C. Satink, Manager Legislative Services/City Clerk
T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk
P. Clark, Team Leader Social Planning
A. Dormer, Team Leader Engineering
J. Furness, Team Leader Policy Planning
C. Maclsaac, Team Leader Transit & Active Transportation
A. Angel, Social Planner
J. Bayly-Atkin, Senior Legislative Officer
D. McDonald, Senior Planner
K. Spence, Council Technician
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

ABSENT

Councillor D. Belyk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - 1:00 PM

3. Public Hearing on Bylaw No. B-47/2023 - West Hills CASP Amendment (Jordan Furness, Team Leader Policy Planning)

A Public Hearing is being held on Bylaw No. B-47/2023, being a bylaw to amend the West Hills Community Area Structure Plan (CASP) by adding 233 hectares (576 acres) providing high level planning and servicing details for three quarter sections of land west of the original lands within the West Hills CASP.

Mayor Brown declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. B-47/2023 open at 1:04 p.m.

D. McDonald, Senior Planner, presented Bylaw No. B-47/2023.

A question was asked about the timing of the high order transit corridor on 24th Street. C. Maclsaac, Team Leader, Transit & Active Transportation, advised that functional details of the corridor will not be available until 2026. It is not anticipated that the corridor will be serviced until 2039 so this bylaw will reference the Transportation Master Plan. A high order transit corridor was designated to protect the right-of-way. A. Dormer, Team Leader Engineering, advised that 4-laning of 24th Street is planned for 2027 and that 4-laning of Veterans Boulevard north of this development is planned for 2032.

A question was asked about public engagement with respect to the buffer zone to the north. D. McDonald confirmed that the process for engagement with residents will be similar to the process used in Yankee Valley Estates.

A question was asked about traffic flow. A. Dormer advised that the entrances will all be from 24th Street, Range Road 13 (RR 13) or Yankee Valley Boulevard. There will be a signalized intersection at 24th Street and Veterans Boulevard once warranted by traffic count (forecasted for 2027/2028). Signalization will also be needed along 24th Street between Yankee Valley Boulevard and Veterans Boulevard. J. Furness confirmed that traffic was studied during the CASP Justification process and each Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP) will require an updated Traffic Impact Assessment.

Mayor Brown asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favour of Bylaw No. B-47/2023.

Shelly McIntosh, Freedom Planning, and Charles Boechler, Minto Communities, were present to answer questions from Council. With respect to the buffer zone, Mr. Boechler confirmed that the applicant has been working with residents in the area and that public engagement will continue with the NSP process. It is not common to add municipal reserve space for buffering. The applicant will work with homeowners individually so they can have control over the landscaping they want while meeting the City's requirements.

Mayor Brown asked for a second and third time if there was anyone else present who wished to speak in favour of Bylaw No. B-47/2023. There were no responses.

Mayor Brown asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to Bylaw No. B-47/2023.

Charlene Maines, Range Route 13, advised that the new lands that have been added were not included in the Wet Land Evaluation, Slope Analysis, Environmental Assessment, Drainage Course or Nose Creek Watershed Management Plan. She would like to see the evaluations re-done to include the proposed lands.

J. Furness advised that those studies have been prepared for the three new quarter sections. He will email the studies to Ms. Maines. No significant issues were raised and the studies will be required again at NSP stage. Ms. Maines advised that there is no APEGA certification on the cross-section drawings of wells and drainage ponds. She would like to see the drawings re-submitted and certified with the APEGA stamp. Mr. Boechler advised that the applicant has already had that conversation and the study should be updated with the proper stamps and certifications in the next few months.

Ms. Maines advised she would like to see the speed limit on RR 13 reduced to 60/kmh immediately as it will be a direct transport route for construction materials and for people trying to avoid the construction route. L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure, advised that this is a high order land use plan and development timeframes have been indicated. The Traffic Advisory Committee will look at safety and resident concerns as traffic volumes change, but reducing the speed limit would be premature at this point.

Ms. Maines advised that she has a number of issues regarding widening of RR 13. She would like to know whether the City will be expropriating land currently used for driveways to access RR 13 in order to widen the road. A. Dormer advised that widening of RR 13 is quite a long way out. Road widening would be taken from the east side of the road since the west side is within Rocky View County. The City has never had to expropriate land but if that becomes necessary, homeowners would be compensated.

Mayor Brown asked for a second and third time if there was anyone else present who wished to speak in opposition to Bylaw No. B-47/2023. There were no responses.

The Clerk confirmed that no written e-mail submissions had been received in favour of or in opposition to Bylaw No. B-47/2023, other than the three letters which Council received previously.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. B-47/2023 at 1:48 p.m.

D. McDonald concluded the Staff presentation by reviewing alternatives for Council's consideration and presenting the Staff recommendation.

2024-C-067

Moved By Deputy Mayor Jones

That Council gives First Reading to Bylaw No. B-47/2023, being a bylaw to amend the West Hills Community Area Structure Plan as outlined and illustrated in the attached Schedule "A" and refers it to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

Carried

2024-C-068

Moved By Councillor Mayor Petrow

That Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw No. B-47/2023.

Carried

RECESS

Mayor Brown called a recess at 2:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

4. PUBLIC AGENDA - Immediately following Public Hearing

5. MINUTES

1. Special Meeting of February 15 and Regular Meeting of February 20, 2024

A typographical error was noted in the Public Hearing portion of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 20, 2024.

2024-C-069

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council adopts the minutes of the special meeting of Council of February 15, 2024 as presented, and the regular meeting of Council of February 20, 2024, as amended.

Carried

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There are no items.

7. PRESENTATIONS - Items for information only

1. Advancing Our Understanding of Homelessness and Airdrie's First Homelessness Estimation Study (Pauline Clark, Team Leader Social Planning and Angela Angel, Social Planner)

Angela Angel, Social Planner, and Emma Wallace, Project Manager, Rural Development Network, provided Council with an educational presentation about homelessness and an update on the City of Airdrie's first Homelessness Estimation Study, set to commence in March 2024, for information.

Councillor Petrow left the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

It was asked how the project team proposes to connect with homeless people to complete the survey. Ms. Wallace advised that the team will connect with service agencies to collect information from their clients in order to get a wholesome picture of homelessness in Airdrie. The team will also go to known locations where unsheltered people are staying and ask them to complete the survey.

A comment was made that the presentation did not provide a game plan to rectify the situation. Ms. Wallace advised that recent data on homelessness in the community is required for any funding application. The team will collect data and do an analysis of the information and then prepare a report with recommendations or actions that the community can use to help address homelessness.

It was asked whether the survey will be available in different languages. Ms. Wallace advised that the survey will be in English only at this point, but the team is working with service providers to provide translations. A. Angel confirmed that the Airdrie Library will be participating and will have hard copies of the survey for individuals to fill out.

In response to a question, Ms. Wallace advised that Calgary was selected for comparison because of the geographical location. The demographic information is comparable with all of the seven major cities.

2024-C-070

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council accepts the report entitled, "Advancing our Understanding of Homelessness and Airdrie's First Homelessness Estimation Study" for information.

Carried

8. **BYLAWS - Not Requiring Public Hearing**

1. Borrowing Bylaw No. B-05/2024 - South West Recreation Centre Design (Meghan Bigney, Manager Finance)

2024-C-071

Moved By Deputy Mayor Jones

That Council gives First Reading to Bylaw No. B-05/2024, being a bylaw to fund \$12,629,800 of the South West Recreation Centre – Design Project 000271.

Carried

2. Borrowing Bylaw No. B-07 2024 - Highland Park Fire Station (Meghan Bigney, Manager Finance)

2024-C-072

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council:

1. amends Bylaw No. B-07/2024, replacing “East Lake Road Water Booster Pump Station Project” with “Highland Park Fire Station Project”; and
2. gives First Reading to Bylaw No. B-07/2024, being a bylaw to fund \$29,460,200 of the Highland Park Fire Station Project 000505.

Carried

3. Borrowing Bylaw No. B-08 2024 – Fire Vehicle and Equipment (Meghan Bigney, Manager Finance)

2024-C-073

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council gives First Reading to Bylaw No. B-08/2024 to fund \$2,566,300 for 2024 Fire Vehicle and Equipment projects.

Carried

Councillor Petrow returned to the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

9. **FINANCIAL POSITION**

There are no items.

10. **BUSINESS ARISING**

There are no items.

11. **AGENDA REPORTS**

1. Airdrie Multi-Use and Library Facility Naming (Michelle Lock, Director of Community Services)

2024-C-074

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council accepts the Airdrie Multi-Use and Library Facility Naming report for information and directs that Administration schedule a strategic workshop with Council at a future date.

Carried

12. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Request for Proclamation - Airdrie Transit (Charlotte Satink, Manager of Legislative Services and IGM/City Clerk)

2024-C-075

Moved By Deputy Mayor Jones

That Council proclaims the week of March 18 to 24, 2024 as Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Week in Airdrie to recognize the safe and customer-centric service that Transit employees provide to the Airdrie community and to communities across the province.

Carried

13. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public registered with the City Clerk.

14. BOARD/MEMBER REPORTS

2024-C-076

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council excuses Councillor Belyk from the meeting.

Carried

15. REVIEW OF COUNCIL FOLLOW UP

1. Council Follow up to March 4, 2024

H. Galanti advised that there are three items on the Follow Up list. The third item (1st Airdrie Scouts) will be coming forward at the next Council meeting. The first item (Zero Lot Line Housing) will be expedited to hopefully come forward in May. The other item is in progress.

16. CLOSED MEETING

2024-C-077

Moved By Councillor Spearman

That Council enters the Closed Meeting at 3:37 p.m. to discuss the following items:

1. Land Update - Section 24 (Advice from officials) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

2. Infrastructure Update - Section 24 (Advice from officials) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

With the following:

PRESENT

Mayor P. Brown
Deputy Mayor A. Jones
Councillor R. Chapman
Councillor C. Kolson
Councillor T. Petrow
Councillor H. Spearman

The following staff members were present to provide advice to officials:

STAFF

H. Galanti, City Manager,
S. Utz, Director Strategic Growth and Investment,
J. Maric, Manager Procurement, Insurance and Risk Management,
C. Satink, Manager Legislative Services/City Clerk,
T. Belsham, Team Leader, Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk,
K. Spence, Council Technician, and
K. Rushford, who recorded the meeting.

ABSENT

Councillor D. Belyk

Carried

2024-C-078

Moved by Councillor Spearman

That Council leaves the Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

Carried

17. RESOLUTIONS ARISING from Closed Meeting

2024-C-079

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council directs Administration to proceed as discussed during Item 16.1 in the Closed Meeting.

Carried

18. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD AND PRESENTATIONS

There are no items.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

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