

# COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRATEGIC GROWTH STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

HYBRID - COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND MICROSOFT TEAMS  
400 Main Street SE

### PRESENT

Councillor A. Jones (Chair) (Voting)  
Mayor P. Brown (Voting)  
Councillor T. Petrow (via MS Teams) (Voting)  
Councillor H. Spearman (Voting)  
M. Elsoogheir (Non-Voting)  
K. Mitchell (Non-Voting)

### STAFF

L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure  
S. Utz, Director Strategic Growth and Investment  
A. Dormer, Team Leader Engineering  
G. Gibeau, Team Leader Current Planning  
S. Rice, Team Leader Waste and Recycling Services  
L. Moreira, Program Coordinator  
S. Tuli, Planner II  
J. Bayly-Atkin, Senior Legislative Officer/Committee Clerk  
C. Phillips, Legislative Officer I  
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jones called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and confirmed that quorum has been met for this meeting.

### 2. DIRECTOR'S BRIEF (verbal only)

L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure, gave an overview of the snow and ice control program. The Parks Operations team runs two weekday shifts and there are four on-call staff for weekend coverage. The focus is major pathway transportation routes and rinks. We have a contractual arrangement with Rocky View School Division to undertake snow removal around schools. We do not have a similar arrangement with the Catholic or Francophone schools. For normal one time snow events, all pathways and parks parking lots are cleared by early afternoon.

The Roads Operations team has four shifts providing 24/7 coverage. We currently have seven combination sander/snow plow units in operation with another one to be delivered this season. We also deploy two graders and three loaders as needed. The priorities for snow removal are outlined in our Snow and Ice Removal Policy. With the recent service improvements endorsed by Council, including adding a 10,000 litre tank to increase de-icing capabilities, there will be additional anti-

icing products on residential main carriageways. All Highway 2 infrastructure, including on and off ramps, are maintained by Alberta Infrastructure. All drivers are requested to stay back at least 10 meters from plow trucks and to not pass a plow truck when it is plowing. Residents are responsible for clearing windrows left by equipment in front of their driveways. Snow should not be cleared from sidewalks and driveways onto the roadway.

S. Utz, Director Strategic Growth and Investment, advised that building and business licensing applications are at record levels. Our Inter-Governmental Services team is busy working on preparations for Airdrie Day at the Legislature on November 6th. It is National Small Business Week so we encourage everyone to shop local. In relation to Small Business Week, we are very proud of our SMARTstart program and that special event is tomorrow. Finally, we are making excellent progress on the first phase of the Northeast Regional Park.

It was asked what staff are forecasting for snow for October, November and December. L. Stevens advised that we are forecasting the amount that will actually fall. We will ensure that we have 24/7 resources in place regardless of what the actual conditions are. We now have an Extreme Weather Event policy to call in additional resources as needed. We are subscribed to a customized weather information system with in-ground and camera monitoring, providing real time conditions to our crews so they can adjust their snow and ice response quickly as needed.

A question was asked about the snow storage facility northwest of the City and how the volume of that facility relates to the anticipated growth of the community. L. Stevens advised that in 2023, Council approved a doubling in size of the capacity of that snow storage facility. This will provide some level of growth into the future. Administration is conceptually planning for an additional southwest location to keep up with growth.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Regular Meeting of September 24, 2024**

**2024-CISG-035**

**Moved By** Councillor Spearman

That the Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth Standing Committee adopts the minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2024 as presented.

**Carried**

### **4. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

There are no items.

### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

There are no items.

### **6. AGENDA REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Development Permit - PL2401060 - Child Care, General (Samina Tuli, Planner II)**

The Chair called a Recess at 2:17 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:29 p.m.

**2024-CISG-036**

**Moved By** Councillor Petrow

That the Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth Standing Committee approves the Development Permit Application PL2401060 with the requested variance, subject to the recommended conditions of approval as Attachment 5, and with an amendment to condition 12 in Attachment 5 to read:

“The Developer shall install, at the Developer's sole cost, all signs required by the Development Authority to address restricted parking and traffic flow during and after construction, to the satisfaction of the Development Authority.”;

To add condition 22:

“22. The Applicant shall provide a comprehensive lighting plan to ensure the safety and security of the site and to minimize the impact on adjacent properties in keeping with section 7.20 of the Land Use Bylaw.”;

And to amend condition 7 to read:

“All operations and vehicle trips associated with the Child Care, General shall be restricted to the following hours: a) Monday to Friday between 6:00 am and 8:00 p.m.”

**Defeated by a vote of 2 in favour, 2 opposed**

**In favour: Mayor Brown  
Councillor Jones**

**Opposed: Councillor Petrow  
Councillor Spearman**

6.2 Extended Producer Responsibility Update Report (Steven Rice, Team Leader Waste and Recycling Services)

**2024-CISG-037**

**Moved By** Councillor Spearman

That the Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth Standing Committee accepts the report entitled "*Extended Producer Responsibility Update*", for information.

**Carried**

6.3 Bylaw No. B-27/2024 LUB Amendment for Sign Regulations (Gail Gibeau, Team Leader Current Planning)

**Member Leaves**

Mayor Brown left the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

**2024-CISG-038**

**Moved By** Councillor Petrow

That the Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth Standing Committee recommends that Council approves Bylaw No. B-27/2024 as presented.

**Carried**

**7. ITEMS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL**

There are no items.

**8. UPDATE OF COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS**

There are no items.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

There are no items.

**10. ITEMS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

There are no items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Councillor Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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Committee Chair

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Committee Clerk