

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**February 18, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 Main Street SE**

PRESENT

Mayor P. Brown
Deputy Mayor H. Spearman (via MS Teams and then in person)
Councillor D. Belyk (joined at 2:08 p.m.)
Councillor R. Chapman
Councillor A. Jones
Councillor C. Kolson
Councillor T. Petrow (via MS Teams)

GUESTS

George Dunn, Airdrie Legion and ANAVETS
George Carbert, Airdrie Legion and ANAVETS
Steve Slawuta, Managing Partner & Project Lead, RC Strategies
Allan MacLeod, Partner, Airdrie Tim Hortons Group
Jennifer Grieve, Business Administration Manager, Airdrie Tim Hortons Group

STAFF

K. Weinberger, Acting City Manager
L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure
M. Labait, Manager Treasury
E. Lund, Manager Utility Operations
C. Satink, Manager Legislative Services and IGM/City Clerk
T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk
K. McKague, Team Leader Water Services
S. Ward, Team Leader Cultural and Event Services
W. Czaban, Senior Planner
K. Harris, Culture Specialist
J. Sugden, Operations Program Coordinator
K. Spence, Council Technician
K. Rushford, Recording Technician

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS - 1:00 PM

1. Bylaw B-05/2025 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Willow Czaban, Senior Planner)

A Public Hearing is being held on Bylaw B-05/2025, being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw B-01/2016 by redistricting the property legally described as Lot 9, Block 3, Plan

2590GU at 516 Centre Avenue NE from CS, Service Commercial District to M1, Neighbourhood Mixed Use District.

Mayor Brown declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw B-05/2025 open at 1:06 p.m.

W. Czaban, Senior Planner, presented Bylaw B-05/2025.

W. Czaban confirmed that the development permit for this site will fall within the development officer's authority, as will any variances. Planning staff is very cognizant of parking needs in the area.

Mayor Brown asked three times if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favour of Bylaw B-05/2025. There were no responses.

The Clerk confirmed that no written e-mail submissions had been received in favour of Bylaw B-05/2025.

Mayor Brown asked three times if there was anyone present who wished to speak in opposition to Bylaw B-05/2025. There were no responses.

The Clerk confirmed that no written e-mail submissions had been received in opposition to Bylaw B-05/2025.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing for Bylaw B-05/2025 at 1:24 p.m.

W. Czaban gave final remarks and Staff's recommendation.

2025-C-047

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council gives First Reading to Bylaw B-05/2025, being a bylaw to amend Land Use Bylaw B-01/2016 by redesignating the land legally described as Lot 9, Block 3, Plan 2590GU from CS, Service Commercial District to M1, Neighbourhood Mixed Use District as shown and illustrated in the attached Schedule "A".

Carried

2025-C-048

Moved By Deputy Mayor Spearman

That Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw B-05/2025.

Carried

2025-C-049

Moved By Councillor Petrow

That Council grants permission for Third Reading of Bylaw B-05/2025.

Carried Unanimously

2025-C-050

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw B-05/2025.

Carried

3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS

There are no items.

4. PUBLIC AGENDA - Immediately following Public Hearing

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 4, 2025

2025-C-051

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council adopts the Minutes of the Regular meeting of February 4, 2025, as presented.

Carried

6. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Proclamation - Freedom to Read Week (Charlotte Satink, Manager of Legislative Services and IGM/City Clerk)

2025-C-052

Moved By Deputy Mayor Spearman

That Council accepts the proclamation of February 23 to March 1, 2025 as Freedom to Read Week in Airdrie, included in the consent agenda, for information.

Carried

7. AGENDA REPORTS

1. Additional Enhancements to the Veterans Memorial Project (Kim Harris, Culture Specialist)

2025-C-053

Moved By Councillor Petrow

That Council accepts the addition of colour to the Veterans Memorial Design and the new location of the Two Silhouettes on the west corners of Veterans Boulevard and Main Street, as presented.

Carried

2. Letter of Support - FearIsNotLove (Charlotte Satink, Manager of Legislative Services and IGM/City Clerk)

2025-C-054

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council ratifies a letter of support for the FearIsNotLove organization's application to the Province of Alberta's Family Violence Prevention Grant for \$188,000 in funding to increase its capacity and promotion of a prevention project called Men & in the Airdrie community.

Carried

3. Effluent Surcharge Issues (Mayor Brown) - 2:00 PM

Councillor Belyk joined the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

2025-C-055

Moved By Mayor Brown

That the City temporarily ceases charging wastewater surcharges under sections 28.0 and 29.0 of the *Sewer Bylaw*, B-11/2015; and

That Administration is directed to review the Industrial Monitoring Program and wastewater surcharges set out in *Sewer Bylaw*, B-11/2015, and return to Council with a report on the review and potential bylaw amendments, including:

1. A legal assessment/review of the Program;
2. A review of best practises from comparable municipalities;
3. A full review of the recovery, surcharges, and discounts being applied;
4. Whether further education would be beneficial for the public;
5. A full review of the fairness of the bylaw as it relates to businesses;
6. Feasibility at returning the surcharges that were requested today; and
7. A workshop be held regarding this topic to educate Council.

Carried

RECESS

Mayor Brown called a recess at 3:12 p.m. and left the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 3:26 p.m. Deputy Mayor Spearman joined the meeting in person and took over the chair.

4. Culture and Leisure Facilities Research and Engagement Summary Report (Clay Aragon, Manager Culture, Heritage and Events)

2025-C-056

Moved By Councillor Chapman

That Council accepts the presentation of the Culture and Leisure Facilities Research and Engagement Summary Report, for information.

Carried

8. **BYLAWS (not requiring public hearing)**

1. Bylaw B-04/2025 - New Waterworks Bylaw (Kelly McKague, Team Leader Water Services)

2025-C-057

Moved By Councillor Petrow

That Council gives First Reading to Bylaw B-04/2025, being the new Waterworks Bylaw.

Carried

2025-C-058

Moved By Councillor Kolson

That Council gives Second Reading to Bylaw B-04/2025.

Carried

2025-C-059

Moved By Councillor Belyk

That Council grants permission for Third Reading of Bylaw B-04/2025.

Carried Unanimously

2025-C-060

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council gives Third Reading to Bylaw B-04/2025.

Carried

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Community Safety and Social Services

Councillor Chapman advised that at the meeting last week, the Community Safety and Social Services Standing Committee received an overview of the Communications, Engagement and Marketing department and the Customer Experience department.

2. Community and Corporate Services

There was nothing new to report.

3. Community Infrastructure and Strategic Growth

There was nothing new to report.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

There are no items.

11. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

There are no resolutions arising from board member reports.

12. UPDATE ON COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

1. Council Follow up to February 18, 2025

K. Weinberger advised that there are two items on the follow-up list that are on track for June of this year.

13. CLOSED SESSION - Immediately following public agenda

2025-C-061

Moved By Councillor Belyk

That Council enters the Closed Meeting at 3:59 p.m. to discuss the following items:

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

With the following:

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor H. Spearman
Councillor D. Belyk
Councillor R. Chapman
Councillor A. Jones
Councillor C. Kolson
Councillor T. Petrow (via MS Teams)

ABSENT

Mayor Brown

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

STAFF

K. Weinberger, Acting City Manager,
L. Stevens, Director Community Infrastructure,
S. Utz, Director Strategic Growth and Investment,
M. Korman, Manager Advocacy and Investment,
J. Ramjohn, Manager Strategic Growth Services,
C. Satink, Manager Legislative Services and IGM/City Clerk,
T. Belsham, Team Leader Legislative Services/Assistant City Clerk,
L. Esau, Intergovernmental Liaison,
K. Spence, Council Technician, and
K. Rushford, who recorded the meeting.

Carried

2025-C-062

Moved by Councillor Belyk

That Council leaves the Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

Carried

14. MOTIONS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

2025-C-063

Moved By Councillor Jones

That Council directs Administration to proceed as discussed during Closed Session item 1.1.

Carried

15. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Spearman adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk