



COUNCIL BRIEFS

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November 6, 2017

Diversity and Inclusion Declaration – Council received for information the report Diversity and Inclusion Declaration, and the attachment St. Albert: A Welcoming & Inclusive Community Declaration. The declaration is to identify the City of St. Albert’s intention to enhance its capacity for social, cultural and economic excellence due to the diversity of the community and inclusivity of all residents. Council directed Administration to bring the report back to Council by Q2 2018. Council is to provide feedback to Administration by March 1, 2018.

Legislative Appointments – Council approved a recommendation that elected officials, as amended, be appointed to the following Council Committees and External Agencies for a one-year term unless otherwise specified:

Alberta Bilingual Municipalities Association
Councillor Joly
Councillor Hughes (Alternate)

Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission (**Two-Year Term**)
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Hansen (Alternate)

Capital Region Board (CRB) (**Alternate only**)
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor Watkins (Alternate)

CRB Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee
Councillor Hansen
Councillor MacKay (Alternate)

CRB Transit Task Force
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor MacKay (Alternate)



Capital Region Waste Minimization Advisory Committee
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Hansen (Alternate)

Community Services Advisory Board
Councillor Hansen
Councillor Hughes (Alternate)

Emergency Advisory Committee
Councillor MacKay
Councillor Joly
Councillor Watkins

Global Edmonton (**Alternate to Mayor**)
Mayor Heron
Councillor Hansen
Councillor Hughes (Alternate)

Edmonton Salutes Committee
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor Watkins (Alternate)

Edmonton/St. Albert Regional Commuter System Service Task Force
Mayor Heron
Councillor Brodhead
Councillor Hansen (Alternate)

Environmental Advisory Committee
Councillor Hansen
Councillor Watkins (Alternate)

Heritage Advisory Committee
Councillor Watkins
Councillor Hughes

Homeland Housing (Formerly Sturgeon Foundation Board) (**Two-Year Term**)
Councillor Joly

Inter-municipal Annexation Negotiating Committee (with Sturgeon County)
Mayor Heron
Councillor Watkins
Councillor Hughes



Internal Audit Committee (**Two-Year Term** per Bylaw 25/2016)

Mayor Heron

Councillor Hughes

Councillor Joly

Councillor MacKay (Alternate)

IAC Joint Opportunities Task Force

Councillor Hansen

Councillor Brodhead

Councillor Joly

Library Board

Councillor MacKay

Policing Committee

Councillor Hughes

Councillor Brodhead (Alternate)

Quasi-Judicial Standing Committee

Mayor Heron

Councillor Brodhead

Councillor Hughes

Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance (to be the same member as the Environmental Advisory Committee Appointment) (C344-2013)

Councillor Hansen

Councillor Watkins (Alternate)

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

Councillor Joly

Councillor Watkins (Alternate)

Youth Committee

Councillor Watkins

Councillor Hansen (Alternate)

2018-2020 Proposed Business Plan and 2018 Budget – Council received for information the Proposed 2018-20 City Business Plan and 2018 Budget for Council's review, deliberation and consideration for approval.

The business plan and budget are complementary, with resourcing required to support both existing service levels and new initiatives that arise from projects identified in various planning documents previously approved by Council for planning purposes, and new resource requests to accommodate growth.



In this context, Administration is proposing a Municipal Operating Budget of \$103 million, which yields an overall average municipal property tax increase of 2.9 per cent. This includes five base business cases valued at \$364 thousand which are needed to meet statutory/regulatory requirements and to maintain service levels. To maintain service levels into the future, Administration is proposing 20 new investments (business cases). These business cases are necessary to maintain the City's capacity to serve a growing number of residents over a wider geographical area. The growth business cases will be funded through new residential and non-residential construction in St. Albert, which provides the City with new assessment revenue not previously received (i.e., growth paying for growth). The new assessment growth revenue is forecasted to be approximately \$2.6 million for 2018.

The Proposed Municipal Capital Budget is \$29 million with 32 capital charters focusing on repairing, maintaining and/or replacing existing infrastructure, and 17 capital charters that address community growth.

The Proposed Utility Capital Budget of \$12.0 million to fund 11 capital charters are to focus on repairing, maintaining and/or replacing existing infrastructure, and 3 capital charters that address utility growth. To account for capital initiatives, the rates include a Supplemental Capital Contribution (SCC) fee. In addition, four new operating business cases and operating impacts from capital projects have been incorporated into the proposed rates. The proposed average monthly bill for 2018 is \$147.11, an increase of 2.1 per cent from last year.

Active Communities Proposal – Council supported a motion that the Mayor draft a letter of support for the Active Communities proposal. Active Communities Alberta presented to Council on June 12, 2017 regarding building and operating a St. Albert Sport and Wellness Campus.

2018 Utility Capital Contribution – Council did not support a motion that the 2018 utility capital contribution component is adjusted to reflect a 10-year capital plan that includes the 30 per cent of the MSI funding allocation for utilities and bring to Council an amended utility model by the end of Q4 of 2017. Current policy C-FS-14 Utility Fiscal Policy speaks to the approved phase out of all MSI dollars from the utility model by 2020. The intent of removing MSI grant dollars from the utility model was to create a financially independent utility service.

St. Albert Handi-bus – The motion that Council approve the Edmonton General Hospital as a required stop for St. Albert patients effective in 30 days was not moved. Handi-bus service is a specialized door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service intended for residents of St. Albert who are unable to utilize conventional fixed-route transit due to a physical or cognitive disability (City Manager Directive A-IS-08).

Riel Park Signage – The motion that signage signifying that Riel Business park be updated to also include its residential nature and completed in 2019 was not moved.



Sports “Wall of Fame” – The motion that Administration explore opportunities for various Sports "Walls of Fame" similar to the ice sports one at Servus Place and a report to Council in 2020 was not moved.

Social Development Policy – Council supported a motion that the Social Development Policy be updated to speak to Neighbourhood and Community Development and be brought to Council in 2019. The Social Development Policy (C-CS-16) was approved in 2015 to address the core values of the Social Master Plan but does not outline any policy specific to Neighbourhood or Community Development.

Discontinue the Branch Library – Council did not support a motion that the Branch Library Borrowing Bylaw 24/2017 be rescinded. Council did not support a motion that further planning to build and construct a branch library be discontinued. There have been a series of motions approved by Council over the past three years regarding the Proposed Branch Library. Administration has included a chronological summary of the motions, a link to additional information on the motions and supporting documents, as well as ballot question information and results in the administrative backgrounder for this agenda item.

Council also held confidential dialogue with the City Manager.