



December 9, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

Note: Motions included in the Highlights are tentative – the Council minutes will be the official record. The Highlights are set out as the meeting agenda was published and does not necessarily indicate the sequential order in which events occurred during the meeting.

Regular Council Meeting – Open Session

Delegations:

- Mustafa Sahin, Edmonton Global Executive Vice President, Investment & Trade, spoke before Council regarding agenda item 9.2 - Edmonton Global Offer for Extension.
- Sheldon Hudson, resident of Fort Saskatchewan, spoke before Council regarding agenda item 9.2 - Edmonton Global Offer for Extension.

Item 6.1: Public Hearing – Bylaw C25-25 – Amend Municipal Development Plan Bylaw C31-20 & Bylaw C26-25 - Amend Roseburn Area Structure Plan C9-25 - Public Hearing, 2nd & 3rd Reading – Dean McCartney – Manager, Development Planning & Tahj Bouanani – Planning Officer

The following individuals spoke in favour of the proposed Municipal Development and Area Structure Plan amendments:

- Andrew Usenik, Strata Development

There were no individuals who spoke in opposition to the matters subject to the public hearing.

Item 7.1: Business Arising from Public Hearing – Bylaw C25-25 – Amend Municipal Development Plan Bylaw C31-20 & Bylaw C26-25 - Amend Roseburn Area Structure Plan C9-25 - Public Hearing, 2nd & 3rd Reading – Dean McCartney – Manager, Development Planning & Tahj Bouanani – Planning Officer

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council give second reading to Bylaw C25-25 to amend Bylaw C31-20 – the City of Fort Saskatchewan Municipal Development Plan by amending policy 8.3.6 to:
8.3.6 – “Encourage situating street-oriented development on a case-by-case basis along collector and arterial roads to promote traffic calming and create an engaging street experience without impacting the operational functionality. Housing types along collector and arterial streets should be reviewed for their suitability and potential impact on traffic flow and safety.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council give third reading to Bylaw C25-25 to amend Bylaw C31-20 – the City of Fort Saskatchewan Municipal Development Plan by amending policy 8.3.6 to:

8.3.6 – “Encourage situating street-oriented development on a case-by-case basis along collector and arterial roads to promote traffic calming and create an engaging street experience without impacting the operational functionality. Housing types along collector and arterial streets should be reviewed for their suitability and potential impact on traffic flow and safety.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council give second reading to Bylaw C26-25 to amend Bylaw C9-25 - the Roseburn Area Structure Plan by amending policy 4.5.1.7 and policy 8.3.6 to:

4.5.1.7 – “Where practical, increase street-oriented development by reducing flanking block frontages along collector roads. Housing types along collector and arterial streets should be reviewed for their suitability and potential impact on traffic flow and safety.”

8.3.6 – “Encourage situating street-oriented development on a case-by-case basis along collector and arterial roads to promote traffic calming and create an engaging street experience without impacting the operational functionality. Housing types along collector and arterial streets should be reviewed for their suitability and potential impact on traffic flow and safety.”

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council give third reading to Bylaw C26-25 to amend Bylaw C9-25 - the Roseburn Area Structure Plan by amending policy 4.5.1.7 and policy 8.3.6 to:

4.5.1.7 – “Where practical, increase street-oriented development by reducing flanking block frontages along collector roads. Housing types along collector and arterial streets should be reviewed for their suitability and potential impact on traffic flow and safety.”

8.3.6 – “Encourage situating street-oriented development on a case-by-case basis along collector and arterial roads to promote traffic calming and create an engaging street experience without impacting the operational functionality. Housing types along collector and arterial streets should be reviewed for their suitability and potential impact on traffic flow and safety.”

Carried Unanimously

Item 8.1: 2026 Operating and Capital Budget Adoption – Jeremy Emann, Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Harris moved:

- That the proposed 2026 Operating Budget be amended by applying an additional one-time transfer in the amount of \$380,000 from the Financial Stabilization and Contingency Reserve to the 2026 property tax increase.

Carried 4 – 3

(In favour: Councillors Katchur, Harris, Wesley and Blizzard // Opposed: Mayor Makin and Councillors Noyen and Randhawa)

Councillor Noyen moved:

- That Council approve the 2026 Operating Budget, dated December 9, 2025, establishing total operating revenues and expenditures at \$111,325,386, which includes \$27,901,333 for the Utilities Budget; and adopt the 2027- 2029 Operating Financial Plan forecast.

Carried 5 – 2 (In favour: Mayor Makin, Councillors Katchur, Harris, Wesley and Blizzard // Opposed: Councillors Noyen and Randhawa)

Councillor Wesley moved:

- That Council approve the 2026 Capital Budget, dated December 9, 2025, establishing total capital revenues and expenditures at \$18,557,317; and adopt the 2026 – 2035 10- Year Capital Plan.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council approve the 2026 Fort Saskatchewan Public Library appropriation at \$1,428,765.

Carried Unanimously

Item 9.1: Public Member Appointments – City Boards and Committees – Andrew Kaiser – Director, Legislative Services

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council approve the public member appointments to the City's municipal boards and committees as set out below, and as recommended by the Application Review Committee, for terms commencing on January 1, 2026, and expiring as set out below:

BOARD/COMMITTEE	NAME	TERM EXPIRING
Fort Saskatchewan Policing Committee	Ellisa Wilson	December 31, 2028
Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board	Cara Pullan Margaret Booker Joyce Wang	December 31, 2028 December 31, 2028 December 31, 2028
Fort Saskatchewan Youth Council	Dara Olagunju Leandra Kapseu Lebron Macahia Mya White Ava Bendick	December 31, 2027 December 31, 2027 December 31, 2027 December 31, 2027 December 31, 2027
River Valley Alliance Community Engagement Committee	John MacMillan	December 31, 2027

Carried Unanimously by Consent Agenda

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council appoint Gerryl Amarin and Iryna Kennedy as Clerks of the Assessment Review Board for a term ending December 31, 2026, with Jennifer Chapman serving as Alternate to Iryna Kennedy.

Carried Unanimously by Consent Agenda

Item 9.2: Edmonton Global Offer for Extension – Erin Brush Duncan – Director, Economic Development

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council directs Administration to provide written notice to Edmonton Global that the City of Fort Saskatchewan accepts the offer to extend membership by three months and further that the corresponding membership fee of \$29,063 be funded from the Economic Development Reserve.

Before the motion was voted on, Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That the motion on the floor be amended to read as follows:

That Council directs Administration to provide written notice to Edmonton Global that the City of Fort Saskatchewan conditionally accepts the offer to extend membership by three months, conditional on Edmonton Global's waiver of the corresponding membership fee of \$29,063.

Carried 6 – 1 (In favour: Mayor Makin, Councillors Katchur, Noyen, Wesley, Blizzard and Randhawa // Opposed: Councillor Harris)

Councillor Harris' motion was then put to a vote, as amended, which was:

Carried 5 – 2 (In favour: Mayor Makin, Councillors Katchur, Noyen, Harris and Blizzard // Opposed: Councillors Wesley and Randhawa)

Item 9.3: Motion Following Notice – Council's Procurement Policy FIN-020-C Amendment - Motion Following Notice – Councillor Gale Katchur

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That by the end of the first quarter of 2026, Administration prepare a report on options and considerations related to amending Council's Procurement Policy (FIN-020-C) to prohibit a member of City Council from being hired as a sub-contractor on City Projects.

Carried Unanimously

Item 10.1: Bylaw C29-25 and Bylaw C24-25 - Amend the Southfort Area Structure Plan and Land Use Bylaw (C2 - Commercial Retail and Service District) - 1st Reading – Dean McCartney – Manager, Development Planning & Scott Purich – Planner I

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council give first reading to Bylaw C29-25 to amend Section 4.4 – Commercial of Bylaw C8-23 – Southfort Area Structure Plan, and further that a Public Hearing be scheduled for January 27, 2026.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Noyen moved:

- That Council give first reading to Bylaw C24-25 to amend the C2 – Commercial Retail and Service District within Bylaw C23-30 - Land Use Bylaw, and further that a Public Hearing be scheduled for January 27, 2026.

Carried Unanimously

Item 10.2: Bylaw C28-25 - Amend Off-Site Levy Bylaw C14-17 - 3 Readings – Sandy Bugeja – General Manager, Corporate Services and Grant Schaffer – Director, Fleet Facilities and Engineering

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council give first reading to Bylaw C28-25, a bylaw which amends Off-Site Levy Bylaw C14-17 to delete the levy for the new arena.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council give second reading to Bylaw C28-25, a bylaw which amends Off-Site Levy Bylaw C14-17 to delete the levy for the new arena.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council give unanimous consent to proceed with third reading to Bylaw C28-25, a bylaw which amends Off-Site Levy Bylaw C14-17 to delete the levy for the new arena.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That Council give third reading to Bylaw C28-25, a bylaw which amends Off-Site Levy Bylaw C14-17 to delete the levy for the new arena.

Carried Unanimously

Item 10.3: Bylaw C27-25 - Establish 2026 User Fees, Rates and Charges for Services - 3 Readings – Jeremy Emann – Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council give first reading to Bylaw C27-25, a bylaw that establishes the 2026 User Fees and Charges for services provided by the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council give second reading to Bylaw C27-25.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council give unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw C27-25.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council give third reading to Bylaw C27-25.

Carried Unanimously

Regular Council Meeting – Closed Session

Council moved to Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. to discuss matters that fall within the exemptions to disclosure according to the *Access to Information Act*, being:

- 10.1 Intergovernmental Affairs Update, ATIA Section 26(1), Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations
 - 10.1.1 Alternate Direct Water Supply
 - 10.1.2 Arrow Utilities Update
 - 10.2 Aquatics Confidential Update, ATIA Section 29(1)(a), Advice from Officials (advice, proposals, recommendations for or by a public body)
 - 10.3 City Manager Update, FOIP Section 24(1)(a), Advice from Officials (advice, proposals, recommendations for or by a public body)
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Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.