



January 27, 2026 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

Item 6.1: Public Hearing: Bylaw C29-25 and Bylaw C24-25 – Amend the Southfort Area Structure Plan and Land Use Bylaw C23-20 (C2 – Commercial Retail and Service District)

Mayor Makin called the Public Hearing at 2:04 p.m.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Bylaw C24-25 and C29-25:

- Sandeep Rangwani

The following individuals spoke in favour of Bylaw C24-25 and C29-25:

- Emma Zuraw II, Invistec Consulting
- Barb Reid, Reid Architecture
- Terry Collier, Terry Collier and Associates

Mayor Makin closed the Public Hearing at 4:09 p.m.

Item 7.1: Business Arising from Public Hearing: Bylaw C29-25 and Bylaw C24-25 -Amend the Southfort Structure Plan & Land Use Bylaw C23-20(C2 – Commercial Retail and Service District) – 2nd and 3rd Reading – Shree Shinde, Manager of Current & Long Range Planning | Scott Purich, Planner I, Planning and Development

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council give second reading to Bylaw C29-25 to amend Section 4.4 – of Bylaw C8-23 Southfort Area Structure Plan Update the Concept Plan.

Carried 6-1 (In Favour: Mayor Makin, Councillor Katchur, Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Harris, Councillor Noyen, and Councillor Wesley; Opposed: Councillor Randhawa)

Councillor Noyen moved:

- That Council postpone Third reading of Bylaws C29-25 and C24-25 until February 10, 2026.

Defeated 3-4 (In Favour: Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Noyen, and Councillor Randhawa; Opposed: Mayor Makin, Councillor Katchur, Councillor Harris, and Councillor Wesley)

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council give third reading to Bylaw C29-25 to amend Section 4.4 – Commercial of Bylaw C8-23 Southfort Area Structure Plan.

Carried 4-3 (In Favour: Mayor Makin, Councillor Katchur, Councillor Harris, and Councillor Wesley; Opposed: Councillor Blizzard, Councillor Noyen and Councillor Randhawa)

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council approve amendments to the Southfort Ridge-Meadows Outline Plan to update the Land Use Map as shown in Appendix “C”.

Carried 5-2 (In Favour: Mayor Makin, Councillor Katchur, Councillor Harris, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Wesley; Opposed: Councillor Noyen and Councillor Randhawa)

Councillor Wesley moved:

- That Council give second reading to Bylaw C24-25 to amend the C2 – Commercial Retail and Service District of Bylaw C23-20 - Land Use Bylaw.

Carried 5-2 (In Favour: Mayor Makin, Councillor Katchur, Councillor Harris, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Wesley; Opposed: Councillor Noyen and Councillor Randhawa)

Councillor Wesley moved:

- That Council give third reading to Bylaw C24-25 to amend the C2 – Commercial Retail and Service District of Bylaw C23-20 - Land Use Bylaw.

Carried 5-2 (In Favour: Mayor Makin, Councillor Katchur, Councillor Harris, Councillor Blizzard, and Councillor Wesley; Opposed: Councillor Noyen and Councillor Randhawa)

Item 8.1: Rescind School Playground Grant Program Policy & Procedure FIN-019-C – Richard Gagnon, Director, Public Works | Jenelle Hart, Manager, Parks Services

Councillor Randhawa moved:

- That the School Playground Program Policy FIN-019-C be amended by deleting Process No. 5

Carried Unanimously

Item 8.2: Council Remuneration and Expenses Procedure Revision – Andrew Kaiser, Director, Legislative Services

Councillor Harris moved:

- That Council approve the amended Council Remuneration and Expense Procedure GOV-009-C, as presented and attached as Appendix B to the January 27, 2026, Request for Decision.

Carried Unanimously

Item 9.1: Bylaw C2-26 Amend LUB C23-20 Forest Ridge Redistricting - 1st Reading – Taran Samra, Acting Senior Planner, Planning & Development

Councillor Randhawa moved:

- That Council give first reading to Bylaw C2-26 to amend Land Use Bylaw C23-20 to:
 - a. amend Figure 6.20 – Applicable Area FRSO – Forest Ridge Street-Oriented Residential District;

- b. redistrict a portion of Lot B, Block 25, Plan 042 6931 from UR – Urban Reserve to RC – Comprehensively Planned Residential District and FRSO – Forest Ridge Street-Oriented Residential District;

and further that a Public Hearing be scheduled for February 24, 2026.

Carried Unanimously

Item 10.1: Notice of Motion – Councillor Katchur

Councillor Katchur gave notice that at the February 10, 2026, Council meeting, she will move the following:

THAT by the end of the second quarter of 2026, Administration undertake a review of Policy GEN-029-C and Procedure GEN-029-A and prepare a report outlining options and considerations for the following aspects of the community grant process:

1. Non-profit housing organizations that are automatically exempt from property tax under provincial legislation are not eligible for grant funding.
2. A reasonable cap is established for funding “no-cost or low-cost” events (e.g., the City funds no more than 50% of the total cost for such events).
3. Requirements related to demonstrating financial viability are strengthened, including clearer expectations that applicants show they have secured or are actively pursuing multiple funding sources.
4. Organizations are not eligible to receive funding for the same event in consecutive years.
5. That Administrative Procedure GEN 029-A become a Council approved procedure and that the grant approval process be modified so that the initial review of applications includes two members of City Council.

10.2 Notice of Motion – Councillor Noyen

Councillor Noyen gave notice that at the February 10, 2026, he will move the following:

THAT by the end of the third quarter of 2026, Administration undertake a review of Council Remuneration and Expenses Policy and Procedure GOV-009-C that includes the consideration of a City of Fort Saskatchewan’s councillor scope of responsibility, and time commitments, and the associated impact those have on overall Council remuneration.

Regular Council Meeting – Closed Session

Council moved to Closed Session at 5:41 pm to discuss matters that fall within the exemptions to disclosure according to the *Access to Information Act*, being:

- 13.1 Parks Naming, ATIA, Section 34, Information that will be available to the Public
- 13.2 Use of City Common Spaces Policy GOV-027-A, ATIA Section 29(1)(a) Advice from Officials (advice, proposals, recommendations for or by a public body)

- 13.3 Draft Letter to the Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission, ATIA Section 34, Information that will be available to the Public
- 13.4 Intergovernmental Affairs Update, ATIA Section 26(1), Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations
- 13.5 City Manager Update, ATIA Section 29(1)(a), Advice from Officials (advice, proposals, recommendations for or by a public body)

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.