



**Town of Morinville**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Morinville Civic Hall**

Members Present: Mayor S. Boersma  
Deputy Mayor R. Balanko  
Councillor J. Anheliger  
Councillor S. Dafoe  
Councillor S. Richardson  
Councillor M. St. Denis

Members Absent: Councillor R. White

Staff Present: M. Hay, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Edwards, General Manager, Community & Infrastructure Services  
T. Nosko, Interim General Manager, Administrative Services  
T. Auer, Manager, Planning & Economic Development  
J. Brush, Manager, Human Resource Services  
T. Dalzell-Heise, Manager, Communications & Legislative Services  
J. Potocnik, Manager, Community Services  
T. Van Koughnett, Interim Manager, Financial Services  
W. Norton, Supervisor, Enforcement Services  
M. Green, Human Resources Advisor  
A. Gupta, Development Planner  
R. Gilbert, Legislative & Corporate Initiatives Coordinator

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor S. Boersma called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and acknowledged that Town Council meets on Treaty 6 Territory, traditional lands of the Cree, Dene, Stony Nakota Sioux, Saulteaux and Ojibiwe First Nations and the Metis people. The Town of Morinville is dedicated to ensuring that the spirit of Treaty 6 is honoured and respected.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**2.1 Notice of Identified Meal break: 6:30 - 7:00 pm**

Mayor S. Boersma provided notice of an identified meal break between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

**2.2 Adoption / Additional Items**

**13/2025**

**Moved by J. Anheliger**

That Council approve the agenda as amended, with the following additions:

- Business – 10.1.5 Strategic Plan Governance;
- Closed Session - 13.2 CAO Recruitment and Evaluation Committee Update (FOIP s. 17, 24, 25).

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**2.3 Consent Agenda**

**14/2025**

**Moved by S. Dafoe**

That Council approve the following items on the Consent Agenda and respective recommendations:

- 4.1 Adoption of Minutes, January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.
- 9.1.2 Procedure Bylaw No. 5/2025.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**3. Public Hearing**

**3.1 Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025**

Mayor S. Boersma declared the public hearing open at 4:03 p.m.

A. Gupta, Development Planner, provided a presentation of the Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025.

No correspondence was received in relation to the Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025.

No one came forward to speak in favour or opposition to the Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025.

Mayor S. Boersma declared the public hearing closed at 4:10 p.m.

**4. Business Arising from Public Hearing**

**4.1 Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025  
15/2025**

**Moved by** R. Balanko

That Council approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2/2024.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**16/2025**

**Moved by** M. St. Denis

That Council approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Land Use Amendment Bylaw No. 1/2025, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2/2024.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

**5.1 January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council**

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council minutes.

**6. Protocol Items**

Council congratulated the Morinville Junior B Jets on their successful season and the Provincial Championships will be at the Morinville Leisure Centre from April 2 to 6, 2025.

Council thanked staff for their work on snow removal from residential roads and trails, noting wider plowing on trails.

The Mayor attended the Morinville Mavericks fun tournament and dropped the honorary puck for the first game.

Council announced that tickets were available for the "Music & Memories" event at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre (MCCC) on February 7, 2025. The event will feature dancing, food, and a performance by the Ryan Snow Band, with transportation provided. Additional details were available on Morinville's Facebook page and website.

Council reported that, in collaboration with the RCMP, focus areas for 2025 policing were under review. Residents were invited to attend in-person sessions at the MCCC on February 12, 2025, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and to complete an online survey at [engagemorinville.ca/policing](http://engagemorinville.ca/policing).

**7. Delegations**

There were no scheduled Delegations.

**8. Public Presentations**

**8.1 Scheduled Public Presenters**

**8.1.1 Mini Stick Arena**

S. Kluthe, made a slideshow presentation attached to Agenda Package relative to a Mini Stick Arena project and answered questions from Council.

**17/2025**

**Moved by S. Richardson**

That Council refer the Mini Stick Arena presentation to Administration to provide an update at the April 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**8.2 Public Sign-Ups**

There were no public presentations.

**9. Business**

**9.1 Bylaws**

**9.1.1 Traffic Safety Bylaw No. 2/2025**

**18/2025**

**Moved by R. Balanko**

That Council approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Traffic Safety Bylaw No. 2/2025.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**19/2025**

**Moved by** R. Balanko

That Council approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Traffic Safety Bylaw No. 2/2025.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

9.1.2 Procedure Bylaw No. 5/2025

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Procedure Bylaw No. 5/2025.

That Council approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Procedure Bylaw No. 5/2025.

That Council unanimously agrees to consider 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Procedure Bylaw No. 5/2025.

That Council approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Procedure Bylaw No. 5/2025.

**9.2 New Business**

There were no scheduled New Business Items.

**9.3 Policy**

There were no scheduled Policy Items.

**10. Committee of the Whole**

**20/2025**

**Moved by** S. Dafoe

That Council move into Committee of the Whole at 4:45 p.m.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

Mayor S. Boersma passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor R. Balanko.

**10.1 Business**

10.1.1 2024 Retail Gap and Complementary Sectors Analysis

**21/2025**

**Moved by** J. Anheliger

That Committee accept the 2024 Town of Morinville Retail Gap and Complementary Sectors Analysis as information.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

10.1.2 Clean Energy Improvement Program

**22/2025**

**Moved by S. Dafoe**

That Committee accept the Clean Energy Improvement Program Report as information.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

10.1.3 Policing Committee Update

**23/2025**

**Moved by S. Dafoe**

That Committee accept the Policing Committee Update as information.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

10.1.4 Election Conduct and Resource Policy

**24/2025**

**Moved by S. Richardson**

That Committee accept the Election Conduct and Resource Policy as information.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

10.1.5 Strategic Plan Governance

**25/2025**

**Moved by S. Boersma**

That Committee accept the Strategic Plan Governance discussion as information.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**11. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole**

**26/2025**

**Moved by S. Dafoe**

That Committee move into Regular Meeting of Council at 6:10 p.m.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

Deputy Mayor R. Balanko passed the Chair to Mayor S. Boersma.

**11.1 2024 Retail Gap and Complementary Sector Analysis**

There was no business arising from Committee of the Whole for this item.

**11.2 Clean Energy Improvement Program**

**27/2025**

**Moved by S. Dafoe**

That Council direct Administration to include the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) as a budget enhancement option in the 2026 budget process, with a report detailing:

1. Public Interest Assessment – Through this summer’s budget survey.
2. Financial Modeling – examples of other municipalities real experiences.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**11.3 Policing Committee Update**

**28/2025**

**Moved by M. St. Denis**

That Council direct Administration to join the prescribed Central Alberta District Regional Policing Committee.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**29/2025**

**Moved by** R. Balanko

That Council direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to select an Administration representative for the Central Alberta District Regional Policing Committee.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**11.4 Election Conduct and Resource Policy**

**30/2025**

**Moved by** S. Dafoe

That Council direct Administration to return to Council with a definition for "campaigning" in the Election Conduct and Resource Policy.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**11.5 Strategic Plan Governance**

There was no business arising from Committee of the Whole for this item.

**12. Notices of Motion**

**12.1 Councillor S. Dafoe**

Councillor S. Dafoe provided notice of motion of the following motion to be made at the February 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:

**Motion:** That Council direct Administration to bring Morinville's current Snow and Ice Control Policy for review, specifically the minimum snow accumulation levels that trigger full snow clearing operations, with a focus on:

1 - The impact of compacted snow turning to ice before reaching the clearing threshold.

2 - Potential adjustments to the policy to address ice formation caused by compacted snow, including but not limited to:

- Potentially lowering the threshold for snow removal.
- Implementing additional ice mitigation measures.
- Identifying best practices from comparable municipalities.
- Operational and budgetary implications of any proposed changes for 2026 Budget preparations.



**13. Closed Session**

Council recessed at 6:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

**31/2025**

**Moved by** J. Anheliger

That Council by special resolution, hold a Closed Session with only Legislative Services for item 13.2 CAO Recruitment and Evaluation Committee Update.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**32/2025**

**Moved by** J. Anheliger

That Council move into Closed Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss items 13.1 and 13.2, pursuant to s. 16, 17, 23, 24, and 25 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, CH. F. 25*.

For (6): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, S. Richardson, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (6 to 0)**

**13.1 CUPE Local 2426 Collective Bargaining Update – Council Ratification**

FOIP s. 16 (Disclosure Harmful Third-Party), s. 23 (Local Public Body Confidences), 24 (Advice from Officials), s. 25 (Disclosure Harmful to Public Body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, Ch. F. 25*.

The following members of Administration were present in the Closed Session for item 13.1 to provide advice and/or administrative support:

M. Hay, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; S. Edwards, General Manager, Community & Infrastructure Services; T. Nosko, Interim General Manager of Administrative Services, J. Brush, Manager, Human Resources; M. Green, Human Resource Advisor; T. Dalzell-Heise, Manager, Communications & Legislative Services; and R. Gilbert, Legislative & Corporate Initiatives Coordinator.

**13.2 CAO Recruitment and Evaluation Committee Update**

FOIP s. 17 (Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy), 24 (Advice from Officials), and s. 25 (Disclosure Harmful to Public Body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, Ch. F. 25*.

The following members of Administration were present for a portion of the Closed Session for item 13.2 to provide advice and/or administrative support: M. Hay, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; J. Brush, Manager, Human Resources; and R. Gilbert, Legislative & Corporate Initiatives Coordinator.

Councillor S. Richardson left the meeting at 7:26 p.m. and did not return.

**13.3 Return to Open Session**

**33/2025**

**Moved by** S. Dafoe

That Council move into Open Session at 7:45 p.m.

For (5): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (5 to 0)**

**14. Business Arising from Closed Session**

**14.1 CUPE Local 2426 Collective Bargaining Update – Council Ratification**

**34/2025**

**Moved by** R. Balanko

That Council approve the terms attached to the CUPE Local 2426 Collective Bargaining Update – Council Ratification Report regarding the three-year term collective agreement for 2025 – 2027 between the Town of Morinville and Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 2426.

For (5): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (5 to 0)**

**35/2025**

**Moved by** R. Balanko

That the CUPE Local 2426 Collective Bargaining Update report and attachments remain private pursuant to s. 23 (Local Public Body Confidences), 24 (Advice from Officials), 25 (Disclosure Harmful to Public Body) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, Chapter F-25*.

For (5): S. Boersma, R. Balanko, J. Anheliger, S. Dafoe, and M. St. Denis

**Carried (5 to 0)**

**15. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Mayor

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Recording Secretary

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Date Approved by Council