



Town of Morinville
Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Morinville Civic Hall

Members Present:

Mayor S. Boersma
Deputy Mayor M. St. Denis
Councillor J. Anheliger
Councillor R. Balanko
Councillor S. Richardson
Councillor R. White

Members Absent:

Councillor S. Dafoe

Staff Present:

T. Nosko, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
S. Edwards, General Manager, Community & Infrastructure Services
T. Auer, Manager, Planning & Economic Development
B. Boddez, Fire Chief / Manager, Community Safety Services
T. Dalzell-Heise, Manager, Communications & Legislative Services
K. Oxley, Senior Planner
R. Gilbert, Legislative & Corporate Initiatives Coordinator
N. Sowers, Legislative Services Administrator

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

86/2025

Moved by R. White

That Council approve the agenda as presented.

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

Carried (6 to 0)

2.3 Consent Agenda

87/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

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

- 4.1 Adoption of Minutes, March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.
- 4.2 Adoption of Minutes, March 18, 2025, Special Meeting of Council.

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

Carried (6 to 0)

3. Public Hearing

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve the March 11, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council minutes.

4.2 March 18, 2025, Special Meeting of Council

Approved on Consent Agenda;

That Council approve the March 18, 2025, Special Meeting of Council minutes.

5. Protocol Items

Council congratulated the Morinville Junior B Jets hockey team on their recent win.

Council acknowledged that three Morinville Youth Basketball teams qualified for the Alberta Basketball Association Provincial Championships: U15 Team Hansen won the Provincial Championship, U15 Team Rosendahl placed fourth, and U13 Team Wright placed fifth.

Council recognized Brad Atkinson for 19 years of service with the Town of Morinville.

April 2025 is proclaimed Military Child Month.

April 2, 2025, is proclaimed World Autism Awareness Day.

6. Delegations

6.1 RCMP 2024 Quarter 3 Report

S/Sgt. D. McGunigal, RCMP, made a PowerPoint presentation (attached to Agenda) and answered questions from Council.

7. Public Presentations

7.1 Scheduled Public Presenters

There were no scheduled Public Presenters.

7.2 Public Sign-Ups

There were no public presentations.

8. Business

8.1 New Business

8.1.1 Municipal Development Plan - Update 3

T.J. Auer, Manager, Planning & Economic Development; B. Murrey, Partner & Project Manager, B&A Studios; and K. Soles, President, Soles & Company, made a PowerPoint presentation (attached to Agenda) and answered questions from Council.

88/2025

Moved by R. White

That Council accept the Municipal Develop Plan Report as information.

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

Carried (6 to 0)

8.1.2 2025-2026 Morinville RCMP Policing Priorities

89/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

That Council approve the 2025-2026 Morinville RCMP policing priorities as follows:

1. Property Crime (includes vehicles);
2. Community Engagement & Presence; and
3. Public Safety.

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

Carried (6 to 0)

8.1.3 Morinville T3 Strategic Plan Progress Report

90/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

That Council accept the Morinville T3 Strategic Plan Progress Report as information.

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

Carried (6 to 0)

8.2 Bylaws

8.2.1 Unpaid Property Tax Penalty Bylaw No. 4/2025

Councillor S. Richardson left the meeting at 5:54 p.m. and did not return.

91/2025

Moved by M. St. Denis

That Council approve 1st Reading of the Unpaid Property Tax Penalty Bylaw No. 4/2025.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

8.3 Policy

There were no scheduled Policy Items.

9. Committee of the Whole

92/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

That Council move into Committee of the Whole at 6:02 p.m.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

Mayor S. Boersma passed the Chair to Deputy Mayor M. St. Denis.

9.1 Business

9.1.1 Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption

Councillor J. Anheliger left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Councillor J. Anheliger returned to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

93/2025

Moved by R. White

That Committee accept the Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption report as information.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

10. Business Arising from Committee of the Whole

94/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

That Committee move into Regular Meeting of Council at 6:14 p.m.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

Deputy Mayor M. St. Denis passed the Chair to Mayor S. Boersma.

95/2025

Moved by J. Anheliger

That Council direct Administration to draft a letter to the Provincial Government expressing concern with the lack of engagement regarding the recent changes to property tax exemptions for affordable housing and that Administration prepare a briefing for Council regarding these changes.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

11. Mayor and Council

11.1 Councillor R. White

96/2025

Moved by R. White

That Council refer item 11.1 to the April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

12. Notices of Motion

12.1 Councillor J. Anheliger

Councillor J. Anheliger provided notice of the following motion to be made at the April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:

Motion: That Council direct Administration to engage the Alexander First Nation / Town of Morinville Joint Partnership Task Force, to facilitate a joint session focused on strengthening the commitment to Treaty 6 Territory and refining a land acknowledgement that reflects shared values.

12.2 Deputy Mayor M. St. Denis

Deputy Mayor St. Denis provided notice of the following motion to be made at the April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council:

Motion: That Council direct Administration to prepare a report on the feasibility of reintroducing a Festival Days Parade in Summer 2025, including costs, logistics, partnership opportunities, and alternatives such as a Lite-Up-The-Night-style Parade or a Kids/Bike Parade on 101st Avenue instead of 100th Avenue.

13. Closed Session

Council recessed at 6:27 p.m.
Council reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

97/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

That Council move into Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss item 13.1, pursuant to s. 16 and 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSA 2000, CH. F. 25*.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

13.1 Roseridge Regional Model Update

FOIP s. 16 (Disclosure Harmful Third-Party Business) and 24 (Advice from Officials) 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:

T. Nosko, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; S. Edwards, General Manager, Community & Infrastructure Services; T. Dalzell-Heise, Manager, Communications & Legislative Services; and R. Gilbert, Legislative & Corporate Initiatives Coordinator.

13.2 Return to Open Session

98/2025

Moved by R. Balanko

That Council move into Open Session at 6:34 p.m.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

14. Business Arising from Closed Session

Moved by J. Anheliger

That Council direct Administration to communicate support for the exploration of regional waste service delivery models to the Roseridge Waste Commission.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor

Recording Secretary

Date Approved by Council