



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

September 19, 2023
9:00 am
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Aylward
Councillor Craigmile
Councillor Edney
Councillor Lucas
Councillor Luna
Councillor Pridham

Council Absent: Councillor Luna

Staff Present: **In-Person**
Brent Kittmer, Chief Administrative Officer
Jenna McCartney, Clerk
Jennifer Knechtel, Director of Human Resources
Conference Line
Grant Brouwer, Director of Building and Development
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
André Morin, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strathdee called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2023-09-19-01

THAT the September 19, 2023 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

4.1 ADMIN 51-2023 Confirmation of Council's Corporate and Strategic Priorities

Brent Kittmer presented ADMIN 51-2023 report.

The Committee discussed the summary of priorities from the August 15 meeting, their respective opinions on which of them are “top priorities”, as well as overall strategic priorities of the Corporation.

Resolution 2023-09-19-02

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT ADMIN 51-2023 Confirmation of Council's Corporate and Strategic Priorities report be received; and

THAT the Chief Administration Officer be directed to finalize the list of corporate and strategic priorities with a report back to Council for final direction; and

THAT the correspondence received from the St. Marys Pickleball Association be referred to the Director of Community Services to bring forward in the planned 2024 update to the Recreation and Leisure Master Plan.

CARRIED

The Committee took a brief break at 10:06 am.

Chair Stratthdee called the meeting back to order at 10:14 am.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 2023-09-19-03

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee move into a session that is closed to the public at 10:14 am as authorized under the Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

5.1 HR 07-2023 CONFIDENTIAL 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment

6. RISE AND REPORT

Resolution 2023-09-19-04

Moved By: Councillor Craigmile

Seconded By: Councillor Edney

THAT the Strategic Priorities Committee rise from a closed session at 10:52 am.

CARRIED

6.1 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment

Mayor Strathdee reported that a closed session was held with one matter relating to the 2024 cost of living adjustment. Council will consider a resolution on the matter.

Resolution 2023-09-19-05

Moved By: Councillor Aylward

Seconded By: Councillor Lucas

THAT staff be directed to prepare the 2024 draft operating budget with an annual COLA adjustment of 3.0% on a preliminary basis, with COLA to be final approved by Council through the 2024 budget deliberations.

CARRIED

7. NEXT MEETING

October 17, 2023 - 9:00 am

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2023-09-19-06

Moved By: Councillor Edney

Seconded By: Councillor Pridham

THAT this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee be adjourned at 10:54 am.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Jenna McCartney, Clerk