

1. **Order - 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Adoption of previous minutes**
- December 7, 2021 Governance & Priorities meeting ✓
4. **Presentations**
 - a) 10:00 a.m. Vern Raincock and Thomas Fryer, Chief Engineer - Alberta Regional Rail (virtual) ✓
 - b) 10:15 a.m. Butch Pollock, Founder - Accessible Waters Introduction ✓ D. Ohnysty
5. **10:30 a.m. Agricultural Services**
 - a) Appointment of inspectors under the Agricultural Pests Act ✓ A. Van Beers
 - b) Appointment of inspectors under the Weed Control Act ✓ A. Van Beers
6. **10:35 a.m. County Manager's office**
 - a) Review of 2022 scheduled council meeting dates ✓ J. Gavan
7. **10:40 a.m. Economic Development initiatives**
 - a) Economic Development & Edmonton Global updates ✓ M. Gallant
8. **11:00 a.m. Long Range Planning**
 - a) Long Range planning initiatives - quarterly update ✓ J. Evans
9. **Noon recess**
10. **1:00 p.m. In-Camera session [in accordance with Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act]**
 - a) 1:00 p.m. Planning & Development - Regional initiatives and activities update - Section 21(1), FOIP ✓ J. Evans & L. Johnson
11. **Business arising from In-Camera session**
12. **Information items / council committee reports**
 - a)
13. **Adjournment**



Governance & Priorities Committee

Minutes

Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 1, 2022 by Mayor Tanni Doblanko as Chair and committee members Rick Smith, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Larry Wanchuk, Glenn Belozor and Ray Scobie present. Committee member Kelly Vandenberghe attended virtually (*via Teams*).

Other attendees

- Duane Coleman, County Manager
- Rick Thomas, Deputy County Manager
- Renee Klimosko, General Manager - Financial and Corporate Services
- Joyce Gavan, Legislative Coordinator
- Grant Bain, Director - Planning and Development
- Dean Ohnysty, Director, Community Services
- Jason McNabb, Manager - Information Management Technology
- Lynn White, Executive Assistant

Presenters

- Vern Raincock, Alberta Regional Rail (*virtual*)
- Thomas Fryer, Chief Engineer - Alberta Regional Rail (*virtual*)
- Allen (Butch) Pollock, Founder - Accessible Waters

Agenda adoption

GP01-22 Committee member Wanchuk -- that the agenda for the February 1, 2022 Governance & Priorities committee meeting be adopted, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Previous Minutes - December 7, 2021 Governance & Priorities committee meeting

GP02-22 Committee member Lewis -- that the December 7, 2021 Governance & Priorities committee meeting minutes, be adopted with an amendment on Page 2 (Motion GP97-21) by correcting the name of Leduc, Nisku and Wetaskiwin Chamber of Commerce.

Carried Unanimously

Presentation - Alberta Regional Rail

Presenters Vern Raincock and Thomas Fryer provided a presentation on the Alberta Regional Rail highlighting the following:

- Why do people travel?
- Current trends
- Why regional rail?
- Alternatives to building regional passenger rail
- Alberta Regional rail - establish a rail network in the Calgary-Edmonton corridor, connecting all the towns and cities, providing an integrated transport network.
- Utilizing existing rail rights of way, upgrading, and where required, straightening track to allow for higher speeds.
- Twinning track on high volume routes to allow an increased rate of traffic flow.

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- Building stations in urban areas in order to enhance communities.
- Connect in with other local transport infrastructure in order to create an integrated transport network.
- Electrification of lines that are separated from the main lines to reduce noise, improve efficiency and lower emissions.
- Cost of infrastructure: Twinned track \$7M/km; 2-lane road bridge \$10M; Bow River Bridge \$45M; stations \$25M
- Funding, P3 via access to existing funding programs: Alberta Community Transit Fund, New Building Canada Fund and Canadian Infrastructure Bank

In response to questions by Committee Members:

- The ask today is for Leduc County to provide a non-binding letter of support to move this project forth and to set up a Steering Committee to get a feasibility study started.
- Freight and passenger lines are the norm across the world; the aim is to enhance the entire line which could eliminate some crossings, provide additional safety measures and eliminate whistles. Concrete ties would be used to operate at higher speeds.
- The capacity today is 32 trains per day but could increase to up to 150 trains per day. A twin line would eliminate conflicts.
- The point of transit is to ensure accessibility; the location of stations would be a negotiation with local councils directly affected and proper engagement with the community.
- The ballpark figure for this project is ±\$2.2 billion.
- Propose 23 stops from Government of Alberta corridor to Calgary Tower.

GP03-22 Committee member Smith -- that Leduc County provide a non-binding letter of support to move the Alberta Regional Rail project forth.

Carried

Pro: Committee members Smith, Vandenberghe, Scobie, Lewis, Wanchuk and Beloner

Con: Mayor Doblanko

Presenters Raincock and Fryer

Presenters Raincock and Fryer disconnected from the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Presentation - Accessible Waters

Allen (Butch) Pollock, Founder, provided a presentation on Accessible Waters, highlighting the following:

- Have lived in the Devon area for years operating a garden nursery and Devon garden shop.
- Have been an avid boater for over 30 years enjoying adventures through boating in many rivers and lakes in Alberta.
- Have recognized that boating adventures are not easily accessible to all - especially those with mobility limitations or others who need additional assistance with activities (e.g. those with walkers or wheelchairs).
- Formed a non-profit organization, "Accessible Waters" with the goal to reduce barriers for those with disabilities or other physical limitations from enjoying and participating in activities on the water.
- The theory is to provide a fully accessible boat to those with any mobility need and the boat be equipped with appropriate seating and safety features and provide tours to those with mobility issues.
- My boat is equipped - but need a boat launch.
- The ask today is for assistance with marketing (brochures, advertising); would like to partner with Leduc County, Parkland County and/or other organizations for start-up costs (advertising, insurance)

Staff members Van Beers

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers entered the council chamber at 10:30 a.m.

Accessible Water initiative

GP04-22 Committee member Doblanko -- that the Governance & Priorities Committee support the Accessible Water initiative in principle, and that administration bring back some options for support of this initiative by Q1, 2022.

Carried Unanimously

Presenter Pollock

Mr. Pollock exited the council chamber at 10:39 a.m.

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Staff members Gallant and Kumpula-Yung

Economic Development Coordinator Mark Gallant and Economic Development Officer Bryanna Kumpula-Yung entered the council chamber at 10:40 a.m.

Appointment of Inspectors under the Agricultural Pest Act and Weed Control Act

Manager of Agricultural Services Aaron Van Beers provided a recommendation for appointment of Inspectors under the Agricultural Pest Act and Weed Control Act, respectively.

GP05-22 Committee member Belozar -- that the Governance & Priorities committee appoints the following employees as Leduc County Inspectors under the Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act effective from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022:

- Garrett Broadbent
- Nathanael Berg
- Lloyd Shaver
- Aaron Van Beers

Carried Unanimously

GP06-22 Committee member Scobie -- that the Governance & Priorities committee appoints the following employees as Leduc County Inspectors under the Province of Alberta Weed Control Act effective from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022:

- Garrett Broadbent
- Nathanael Berg
- Aaron Van Beers

Carried Unanimously

Staff members Van Beers

Staff members Van Beers exited the council chamber at 10:42 p.m.

Review of 2022 scheduled council meeting dates

Legislative Coordinator Joyce Gavan provided a recommendation relating to 2022 meetings.

GP07-22 Committee member Lewis - that the Governance and Priorities committee approves the following:

1. That the following 2022 scheduled meeting dates for Council Workshop, Regular Council and Governance & Priorities Committee meetings, be adjusted as follows:

	Recommendation for date change or cancellation
Council Workshop/Regular Council	
➤ July 26, 2022 (<i>Summer Break</i>)	➤ Cancel
➤ July 28, 2022 (<i>Summer Break</i>)	➤ Cancel workshop
➤ August 9, 2022 (<i>Summer Break</i>)	➤ Cancel
➤ November 8, 2022 (<i>RMA Fall Convention</i>)	➤ Cancel
➤ December 22, 2022 (<i>Christmas schedule</i>)	➤ Cancel
➤ December 27, 2022 (<i>Christmas schedule</i>)	➤ Cancel
Governance & Priorities Committee	
➤ May 3, 2022 (<i>CPAA Conference</i>)	➤ Cancel
➤ August 2, 2022 (<i>Summer Break</i>)	➤ Cancel
➤ January 3, 2023 (<i>Christmas Schedule</i>)	➤ Cancel

(Council summer break will be four (4) weeks: July 18 - August 12, 2022)

2. That the Organizational meeting be scheduled as follows:
 - October 25 commencing at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Municipal Government Act, Section 192(1):
A Council must hold an organizational meeting annually not later than 2 weeks after the third Monday in October.
3. That Leduc County Council approves the 2022 Christmas and 2023 New Year's office closures as follows:
 - Tuesday, December 27, 2022 (in lieu of Christmas Day)
 - Friday, December 30, 2022 (office closed)
 - Monday, January 2, 2023 (in lieu of New Year's Day)
4. That the 2023 Leduc County Budget meeting dates be confirmed as follows:
 - 0930 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 21, 2022
 - 0930 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 23, 2022
 - 0930 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday, November 28, 2022
 - 0930 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Carried Unanimously

Staff member Evans

Manager of Regional and Long Range Planning Jordan Evans entered the council chamber at 10:45 a.m.

Economic Development and Edmonton Global update

Economic Development Coordinator Mark Gallant and Economic Development Officer Bryanna Kumpula-Yung provided an update on Economic Development and Edmonton Global initiatives.

GP08-22 Committee member Belozer -- that the Governance & Priorities committee receives as information the update on Economic Development and Edmonton Global initiatives.

Carried Unanimously

Staff members McNabb, Gallant and Kumpula-Yung

Staff members McNabb, Gallant and Kumpula-Yung exited the council chamber at 11:02 a.m.

Long Range planning initiatives - quarterly report

Manager of Regional and Long Range Planning Jordan Evans provided a quarterly report on Long Range planning initiatives.

GP09-22 Committee member Wanchuk -- that the Governance & Priorities committee receives as information the quarterly report on Long Range planning initiatives.

Carried Unanimously

Staff member Evans

Staff member Evans exited the council chamber at 11:07 a.m.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with Mayor Tanni Doblanko as Chair and committee members Rick Smith, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Larry Wanchuk, Glenn Belozar and Ray Scobie present. Committee member Kelly Vandenberghe attended virtually (*via Teams*)

Other attendees

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- Grant Bain, Director - Planning and Development
- Joyce Gavan, Legislative Coordinator
- Lynn White, Executive Assistant
- Jordan Evans, Manager - Regional and Long Range Planning
- Laurie Johnson, Senior Planner, Regional Planning
- Des Mryglod, Director - Engineering and Utilities
- Jason McNabb, Manager - Information Management Technology

In-Camera session

GP10-22 Committee member Lewis -- that the Governance & Priorities committee meet in-camera in accordance with Section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act to discuss Long Range Planning regional initiatives and activities.

Carried Unanimously

The in-camera session commenced at 1:01 p.m.

Staff member Mryglod

Staff member Mryglod exited the council chamber at 1:34 p.m.

Revert to Governance & Priorities Committee open session

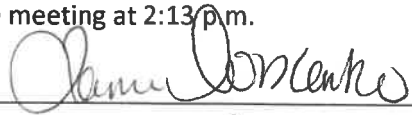
GP11-22 Committee member Belozar -- that the in-camera session revert to the Governance & Priorities committee open session.

Carried Unanimously


The Governance & Priorities committee reverted to the open session at 2:12 p.m.

Adjournment

Mayor Doblanko adjourned the Governance & Priorities committee meeting at 2:13 p.m.



Mayor



County Manager