

Governance & Priorities Committee

Agenda

Council Chamber, Leduc County Centre, Nisku, AB **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**

1.	Order - 10:00 a.m.		
2.	Adoption of agenda		
3.	Adoption of previous minutes - June 7, 2022 Governance & Priorities meeting	٧	
4.	 Presentations a) 10:00 a.m. Margot Hagarty, Executive Director - Leduc Regional Housing Foundation - 2021 Annual Report b) 10:15 a.m. Kate Polkovsky, General Manager - Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission (ACRWC) update c) 10:30 a.m. Glen Finstad, Chair - Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE) Conference - Request for Cosponsorship 	√ √	D. Ohnysty
5.	10:45 a.m. Community Services a) Accessible Waters update	٧	D. Ohnysty
6.	11:00 a.m. Regional and Long Range Planninga) Q2 2022 Long Range Planning Quarterly update and 2023-2025 Work Plan	٧	J. Evans
7.	11:30 a.m. County Manager's office a) County signage implementation plan	٧	R. Klimosko
8.	Noon recess		
9.	1:30 p.m. New Business a) Councillor residency letter	٧	Mayor Doblanko
10.	 1:35 p.m. Information Items a) Local Government Fiscal Framework Engagement Backgrounder b) June 14, 2022 copy of letter from County of St. Paul to Alberta Utilities Commission - rising cost of Alberta utility fees 	√ √	
11.	 1:45 p.m. In-Camera session [in accordance with Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act] a) 1:45 p.m. Planning & Development [in accordance with S. 21(1)] i) RMA Growth Management Board Rural Caucus - update ii) Regional initiatives and activities update b) 2:15 p.m. Assessment Services [in accordance with S. 16(1)] i) Cell Network update 	√ √ √	J. Evans and J. Vizbar L. Johnson K. Burnand



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- 12. Business arising from In-Camera session
 - a) Growth Management Board Rural Caucus letter

J. Vizbar

13. Adjournment





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Minutes

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Order and roll call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 5, 2022 by Mayor Tanni Doblanko as Chair and committee members Glenn Belozer, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Larry Wanchuk and Ray Scobie present. Committee member Rick Smith attended via teleconference. Committee member Kelly Vandenberghe attended via Zoom.

Other attendees

- Duane Coleman, 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 and Technology

Presenters

- Margot Hagarty, Executive Director Leduc Regional Housing Foundation
- Kate Polkovsky, General Manager Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission

Agenda adoption

GP47-22 Committee member Belozer -- that the agenda for the July 5, 2022 Governance & Priorities committee meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

Pro: Mayor Doblanko and Councillors Belozer, Lewis, Wanchuk and Scobie

Con: Councillors Vandenberghe and Smith

Previous Minutes - June 7, 2022 Governance & Priorities Committee meeting

GP48-22 Committee member Wanchuk -- that the June 7, 2022 Governance & Priorities Committee meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Presentation - Leduc Regional Housing Foundation

Margot Hagarty, Executive Director, provided a presentation on the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation, highlighting the following:

- Have had the opportunity to meet with each of the seven partner municipalities: Cities of Leduc and Beaumont; Leduc County; Towns of Devon, Calmar and Thorsby; and Village of Warburg.
- Housing for seniors include apartments in Leduc, Beaumont, Devon, Calmar, Thorsby and New Sarepta; seniors lodges for functionally independent persons are available in Leduc and Warburg.
- Affordable housing for individuals and families who need assistance with rental accommodation are available in Leduc, Beaumont, Devon and Calmar.
- The Community Housing Program is for low to moderate income individuals and families and is available in Leduc.
- Administer the Rent Assistance Benefit on behalf of the Government of Alberta; this assists
 those in need of assistance with rent.



- There is a waiting list of ± 102 people for a 1 bedroom apartment; 67 people are on the wait list for the rent supplement program.
- The Board of Directors consists of 9 board members whom are appointed by member municipalities. There is one member at large appointee recruited from within the member municipalities.
- Strategic priorities:
 - o awareness and building our brand
 - o partnerships and collaboration
 - o infrastructure, inventory and growth
 - o financial opportunities

GP49-22 Committee member Scobie -- that Governance & Priorities Committee receives as information the presentation on the Leduc Regional Housing Foundation.

Carried Unanimously

Presenter Hagerty

Presenter Hagerty exited the council chamber at 10:13 a.m.

Presentation - Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission (ACRWC)

Presenter Kate Polkovsky, General Manager, provided a presentation on the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission (ACRWC), highlighting the following:

- Wastewater transmission network Leduc County is placed within southern portion.
- Have a regional exchange agreement with EPCOR; Leduc County falls within lower rate and capitalizes on power rate.
- Legislation: Municipal Government Act, Alberta Environmental Protection Act and Federal Fisheries Act
- Are governed by Board of Directors which is comprised of 13 board members. One director is appointed by each member municipal council, a director must be an elected official and board members serve independently of their council.
- The 2022 budget reflects:
 - \$30.2 million operating expenses
 - o \$28.4 million capital program
 - o \$10.0 million new debt
 - o \$6.1 million debt repayment
 - o \$49.8 million total revenue
- Wastewater treatment process simplified raw wastewater (natural process using gravity) + GHG and biosolids program.
- Facilities:
 - o third largest wastewater treatment plant in Alberta with biologic nutrient removal
 - five large scale pump stations
 - o more than 50% of ACRWC equipment is located at remote facilities
 - o 190 km of force mains and gravity sewers
 - o replacement value is estimated at \$700 million.
- Strengths:
 - reducing load to river
 - source control program
 - o environmental management systems
 - focus on relationships and liaison with authorities (members, EPCOR, industry, CWN), project delivery, laboratory services, operations
 - o project delivery
 - o laboratory services



- o operations
- ACRWC is an extension of our members' wastewater systems and does an effective job protecting the North Saskatchewan River.

GP50-22 Committee member Lewis -- that the Governance & Priorities Committee receives as information the presentation on the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission activities.

Carried Unanimously

Presenter Polkovsky

Presenter Polkovsky exited the council chamber at 10:29 a.m.

Presenter Glen Finstad

Glen Finstad, Chair - Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE), entered the council chamber at 10:30 a.m.

Presentation - Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE) Conference - request for co-sponsorship

Glen Finstad, Chair, provided a presentation on the Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE), highlighting the following:

- The Alberta CARE Conference will be held September 7-9, 2022 in Leduc. Have been a director for ±10 years and request joint sponsorship opportunity for the County.
- Requesting that the City of Leduc and Leduc County split the \$20,000 conference sponsorship equally (\$10,000 each). The City of Leduc has committed to \$20,000 however hopes Leduc County will consider co-sponsorship.
- Each municipality will have a booth sponsorship, a free registration for each mayor plus two additional complimentary registrations for the conference.

In response to questions/comments:

- The delay in submitting this request to the County was due to timing getting information gathered.
- Leduc County is requesting equal recognition as the City, including providing opening comments.
- Suggest that a tour be offered at the Edmonton International Airport to delegates.

GP51-22 Committee member Smith -- that the Governance & Priorities Committee approve the funding request by the Alberta Coordinated Action for Recycling Enterprises (CARE) to co-sponsor the 2022 Annual Alberta Recycling Conference in the amount of \$10,000, with funding to be allocated through 2022 operating surplus dollars or stabilization and contingency reserve fund.

Carried Unanimously

Presenter Finstad

Presenter Finstad exited the council chamber at 10:47 a.m.

Accessible Waters update

Director of Community Services Dean Ohnysty provided a follow-up to the Accessible Waters presentation at the February 1, 2022 Governance & Priorities Committee meeting.

GP52-22 Mayor Doblanko -- that the Governance & Priorities committee direct administration to support the work of Accessible Waters through providing access to resources and supports available to the not for profit organization and by promoting their work to appropriate regional agencies.

Carried Unanimously

Staff member Ohnysty

Staff member Ohnysty exited the council chamber at 10:50 a.m.



Staff member Evans

Manager of Regional and Long Range Planning Jordan Evans entered the council chamber at 10:51 a.m.

Regional and Long Range Planning - Q2 2022 Long Range Planning quarterly update and 2023-2025 work plan

Manager of Regional and Long Range Planning Jordan Evans provided Q2 reporting and the 2023-2025 work plan for Long Range Planning.

GP53-22 Committee member Lewis -- that the Governance & Priorities committee receives as information the Q2 2022 quarterly update and proposed 2023-2025 Long Range Planning work plan.

Carried Unanimously

Staff member Evans

Staff member Evans exited the council chamber at 11:10 a.m.

Leduc County signage implementation plan

General Manager of Financial and Corporate Services Renee Klimosko provided a recommendation on the implementation plan for signage.

GP54-22 Committee member Belozer -- that the Governance & Priorities committee refer the Signage Implementation Plan to 2023 budget for consideration and ask administration to bring back funding for Options A, B and C, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

Recess

The meeting recessed at 11:29 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with Mayor Tanni Doblanko as Chair and committee members Glenn Belozer, Kelly-Lynn Lewis, Larry Wanchuk and Ray Scobie present. Committee member Rick Smith attended via teleconference. Committee member Kelly Vandenberghe attended via Zoom.

Other attendees

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Councillor residency letter

Councillor Vandenberghe responded to the June 22, 2022 letter and presentation made on June 14, 2022 advising that he is still residing within Division 3 and is in a transition period with real estate transactions ongoing.

GP55-22 Committee member Belozer -- that the Governance & Priorities committee receives as information the June 22, 2022 letter regarding the June 14, 2022 presentation by a concerned resident relating to Councillor Division 3 residency.

Carried

Pro: Mayor Doblanko and Councillors Belozer, Wanchuk, Scobie, Smith and Vandenberghe

Con: Councillor Lewis

Staff members Evans, Johnson and Vizbar

Manager of Regional and Long Range Planning Jordan Evans; Regional Senior Planner Laurie Johnson and Regional Planner Julie Vizbar entered the council chamber at 1:33 p.m.



Information items

GP56-22 Committee member Wanchuk -- that the Governance & Priorities committee receives the following items as information:

- 1) Rural Municipalities of Alberta June, 2022 Local Government Fiscal Framework Engagement Backgrounder report.
- June 14, 2022 copy of letter from the County of St. Paul to Alberta Utilities Commission
 expressing concern to the AUC about the current rising cost of utility fees for both electricity
 and natural gas.

Carried Unanimously

In-Camera session

GP57-22 Committee member Scobie -- that the Governance & Priorities committee meet in-camera in accordance the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act,* related to the following:

- i) RMA Growth Management Board Rural Caucus letter in accordance with S. 21(1), FOIP;
- ii) Regional initiatives and activities update in accordance with S. 16(1), FOIP; and
- iii) Cell network update in accordance with S. 16(1), FOIP.

Carried Unanimously

The in-camera session commenced at 1:41 p.m.

Staff member Johnson

Staff member Johnson exited the council chamber at 2:07 p.m.

Staff member Burnand

Manager of Assessment Services Karen Burnand entered the council chamber at 2:08 p.m.

Revert to Governance & Priorities Committee open session

GP58-22 Committee member Lewis -- 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 2:17 p.m.

Staff member Burnand

Staff member Burnand exited the council chamber at 2:18 p.m.

Business arising from In-Camera session - Growth Management Board Rural Caucus letter GP59-22 Committee member Belozer -- that the Governance & Priorities Committee authorizes the Mayor to sign the RMA Growth Management Board Rural Caucus letter.

Carried Unanimously

Adjournment

Mayor Doblanko adjourned the Governance & Priorities committee meeting at 2:19 p.m.

Mayor

County Manager