



CITY OF BROOKS

Council Committee

January 11, 2022

NOTES

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Present:

- Mayor John Petrie
- Councillor Joel Goodnough
- Councillor Mohammed Idriss
- Councillor Ray Juska
- Councillor Bill Prentice
- Councillor Marissa Wardrop

CITY STAFF

Present:

- Alan Martens, CAO
- Amanda Peterson, Deputy CAO
- Amy Rommens, Manager, Administration
- Lisa Tiffin, Manager, Community Development
- Bruce Thiessen, IT Supervisor
- Jenny Wallace, Executive Assistant/Recording Secretary

Other:

- Quentin Randall, Palliser Economic Partnership
- Sandra Stanway, Brooks Bulletin

Mayor John Petrie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Petrie acknowledged the First Peoples and Traditional Territory.

1. PALLISER ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION

- ✚ Q. Randall provided background information on the Palliser Economic Partnership (PEP). He then spoke about the funding they receive from the Provincial Government, membership fees/membership structure, and the two main projects they are working on (Value-added Agricultural and the Regional Hydrogen Strategy).
- ✚ Q. Randall noted that the City of Brooks was a member in the past, and asked that the City consider joining PEP again. He added that it would provide general regional collaboration, regional cooperation, and would be a huge benefit for leveraging funding for projects.

Mayor Petrie thanked Q. Randall for his presentation to Council.

Q. Randall and L. Tiffin left the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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2. BYLAW 22/01 – PROCEDURAL BYLAW

- ✚ A. Rommens advised that Administration recently updated the City's Procedural Bylaw to align with current practice of Council and Council Committee meetings, and went over the proposed updates to the Bylaw.
- ✚ There was discussion regarding the following items:
 - Removing the requirement to have unanimous consent for a delegation to present for longer than 10 minutes. A. Rommens noted that the Chair has the ability to allow the delegation to exceed 10 minutes.
 - Keeping Council meetings to a reasonable length of time taking into account the number of staff that attend to speak to reports. Mayor Petrie advised that he and the CAO are cognizant of this, and plan to keep the agenda as manageable as possible, especially with the number of delegations attending. He also noted how the change in Council giving their Council Committee reports will help, time-wise.
 - The order in which the "Acknowledgement of First Peoples and Traditional Territories" should appear on the Council Agenda. It was the consensus that this be removed from the order of business within the Bylaw and that Mayor Petrie will do this at the beginning of each Council and Council Committee meeting.

Council directed Administration to bring back the Procedural Bylaw to Council for approval.

3. BYLAW 22/02 – SAFE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE BYLAW

- ✚ A. Rommens advised that Administration recently updated the City's Safe Communities Bylaw after the Committee recommended that the number of citizen-at-large members be increased, due to increased interest from residents to serve on the Committee. She went over the proposed updates to the Bylaw.
- ✚ There was discussion that perhaps changing the Bylaw to increase the number of citizen-at-large members by one member to accommodate an interest in serving on the Board may set a precedence. It was also noted that decision making can be more difficult when Committees get too large. A. Rommens advised that it could set a precedence for other Committees, and proposed the following options:
 - Perhaps instead of changing the Bylaw, requests like this one could be brought forward to Council each time for discussion; or,
 - Consider having the interested person serve on the Committee as a non-voting member.
- ✚ Council concurred with leaving the proposed Bylaw as is, and that Council be cognizant of this in the future.

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Council directed Administration to bring back the Safe Communities Committee Bylaw to Council for approval.

3. ALBERTA PROVINCIAL POLICE TRANSITION SESSION

- ✚ Mayor Petrie advised that there will be two sessions held in Brooks this month regarding the potential transition from the RCMP to an Alberta Provincial Police Service (APPS). He asked Deputy Mayor Goodnough to be the City's liaison at those sessions and report back to Council. He noted that Council can then have an in-depth discussion on this matter.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GOODNOUGH that the meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED