



MINUTES of the **Regular Meeting** of the City Council held on **Tuesday, June 7, 2022** in City Council Chambers at 1:30 PM

**PRESENT:**

Mayor	Blaine Hyggen
Deputy Mayor	Jenn Schmidt-Rempel
Acting Mayor	Belinda Crowson ( <i>participated remotely</i> )
Councillor	Rajko Dodic
Councillor	Mark Campbell
Councillor	Jeff Carlson
Councillor	John Middleton-Hope
Councillor	Nick Paladino
Councillor	Ryan Parker

**OTHERS:**

Deputy City Clerk	David Sarsfield
Legislative Services Manager	Ryan Westerson
City Manager	Lloyd Brierley
Director of Community Services	Mike Fox
Director of Infrastructure Services	Joel Sanchez
Director of Finance and Corporate Performance	Tony Vanden Heuvel
City Solicitor	Brian Loewen
City Treasurer	Darrell Mathews
Communications Consultant	Nick Kuhl

**Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now enter a Closed Meeting at 12:30 P.M. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3 as per Sections 23 (Local Public Body Confidences) and 24 (Advice from Officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn the Closed Session at 1:32 P.M.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**1. ROLL CALL:**

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**2. CALL TO ORDER:**

2.1. Acknowledgment Statement

2.2. Recognitions

2.2.1 Councillor Middleton-Hope re: 150th Anniversary of the Governor General's Foot Guards

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2.2.2 Councillor Carlson, re: Recent Moisture and No-Mow-May

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2.2.3. Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, re: Alberta Chambers of Commerce AGM and Asian Heritage Festival, Congratulations to Lethbridge College and University of Lethbridge Graduates, Lethbridge Police Service Ride Along June 4, 2022.

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2.2.4. Mayor Hyggen, re: Congratulations to all Graduates and ParticpACTION Challenge with Medicine Hat

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**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

**Acting Mayor Crowson:**

THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of City Council on June 7, 2022 be adopted as amended, including the addition of items 14.2 - Boards, Commissions and Committees Matter and 14.3 - 2023-2026 Operating Budget Update.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

***Councillor Dodic requested that item 4.3 - Response to January 18 OBM Re: Green Bins be removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to Committee Submissions.***

**4.1. City Council Meeting Minutes - 2022-05-24**

**4.2. Status of Directed Resolutions - 2022-06-07**

**4.4. Toxic/E-Waste (ECO Drop Off)**

**Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the following Meeting of City Council be approved, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the same:

- City Council Meeting – 2022-05-24; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive for information the Status of Directed Resolutions – 2022-06-07:

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council approve the recommendations contained within the following Standing Policy Committee Reports:

4.4 Toxic/E-Waste (ECO Drop Off)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council:

1. Direct Administration to implement a Pilot program for up to three (3) Toxic/E-Waste round ups (drop-off events) for Residents within City Limits; and
2. After the one-year Pilot program, Administration to report back to Council with the outcomes of the pilot and make the appropriate recommendations in terms of operational budget requirements (if needed).

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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#### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

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## **6. OFFICIAL BUSINESS:**

### **6.1. Rescindment of ENMAX Centre Paid Parking**

#### **Councillor Middleton-Hope:**

WHEREAS the direction for paid parking originated from a recommendation contained in the 2019 KPMG Fiscal and Operational Review - ENMAX Centre (pages 72 & 73); and

WHEREAS on June 29, 2020, Council directed a corporate-wide expense reduction to which the ENMAX Centre submitted a New Revenue Development for Tax Reduction Initiative on paid parking (attached) that Council adopted on December 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS Council has received numerous complaints from the public, including businesses in close proximity to the ENMAX Centre, highlighting a lack of community engagement and communication prior to the decision being made to impose paid parking; and

WHEREAS the costs to implement paid parking, ongoing enforcement and maintenance costs versus revenue generation potential may not have been fully explored; and

WHEREAS Council has been presented options that support the outcome of implementing paid parking versus other revenue generating strategies more in line with community expectations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council:

1. Rescind all its previous decisions to proceed with paid parking at the ENMAX Centre with the exception of the sponsorship decision of April 26, 2022; and
2. Direct Administration to report back to Council, through the Economic Standing Policy Committee meeting on September 28, 2022, with additional viable options to generate revenue for the ENMAX Centre taking into consideration a more thorough cost-benefit analysis; and
3. Direct that any resulting tax pressure be referred to the November 2022 Economic Standing Policy Committee Budget Deliberations meeting.

***Prior to a vote on the Main Motion, the following Motion was presented:***

#### **Councillor Campbell:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council allow the Lethbridge Hurricanes to address Council on this matter.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

**Opposed:** Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic

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**6.2. Change to Commencement Time for Public Hearings**

**Councillor Dodic:**

WHEREAS City Council has historically held Public Hearings at 4:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS recently City Council has identified that there is often a long recess between Council items and Public Hearings, adding potential inefficiency into the meeting process; and



WHEREAS scheduling Public Hearings to earlier in the day may increase administrative efficiencies related to Public Hearings; and

WHEREAS Public Hearings must follow a legislatively prescribed advertising process; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes creating efficiency in meeting processes will assist in providing good governance to the municipality;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct Administration to change the time for the commencement of Public Hearings from 4:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., beginning in September 2022, by:

1. Preparing an amendment to the Council & Standing Policy Committee Meetings Calendar to remove the time for Public Hearings; and
2. Preparing a communication campaign for the community to provide notice of these changes.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

**Opposed:** Acting Mayor Crowson

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## **7. BYLAWS:**

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## **8. COMMITTEE SUBMISSIONS:**

### **8.1. Standing Policy Committees**

#### **8.1.1 Community Wellbeing and Safety Committee (CWSC) Governance Model**

#### **Councillor Campbell:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorse the proposed CWSC Terms of Reference and Governance Model as in Attachment 1; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council rescind the fourth operative clause of their May 13, 2019 decision, as below:

“FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council act as the interim decision making body for all Family Community Support Services (FCSS), Outreach Support Services Initiative (OSSI) and Reaching Home funding allocations.”

**In Favour:** Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Paladino



**Opposed:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker

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**As this Motion required a 2/3 Vote in the Affirmative**

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**8.1.2 Affordable and Social Housing Incentive Options**

**Councillor Campbell:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council

1. Direct Administration to investigate the development of a community wide Affordable and Social Housing Operating Grant, with options to be included in the 2023-2026 Operating Budget deliberations; and
2. Direct Administration to review the information related to the specified property (Coulee Creek Seniors Building Project) to identify one-time funding possibilities, including the direct effect on rents and costs for tenants, and the implications of such, at this property to return to the June 21, 2022 meeting of City Council.
3. Direct Administration to create an advocacy plan for affordable housing and present to the June 24, 2022 Advocacy Advisory Committee.

***Prior to a vote on the Main Motion, the following Motion to Divide was introduced:***

**Councillor Carlson:**

BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Main Motion be divided and voted in parts as follows:

- Parts 1 and 3; and
- Part 2.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**Councillor Campbell:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council

- a) Direct Administration to investigate the development of a community wide Affordable and Social Housing Operating Grant, with options to be included in the 2023-2026 Operating Budget deliberations; and
- 3. Direct Administration to create an advocacy framework for affordable housing and present to the June 24, 2022 Advocacy Advisory Committee.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**Councillor Campbell:**

- 2. Direct Administration to review the information related to the specified property (Coulee Creek Seniors Building Project) to identify one-time funding possibilities, including the direct effect on rents and costs for tenants, and the implications of such **and without restricting the generality of the foregoing to also include the broad based implications that this may have regarding future budgetary pressures**, and to return to the June 21, 2022 meeting of City Council.

***Prior to a vote on the motion, the following Amendment was introduced:***

**Councillor Carlson:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the date of return to City Council be amended from June 21, 2022 to July 5, 2022.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**Councillor Campbell:**

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**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**8.1.3 Proposed Electoral Ward System Conceptual Plan**

**Acting Mayor Crowson:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council proceed with the analysis, engagement, recommendation and implementation phases as identified in the 2025 Electoral Ward System Conceptual Plan (Attachment 1), approving a one-time budget of up to \$297,000 as follows:

- \$250,000 from 2019-2022 N-87 – Implementation of Governance Review Recommendations and
- \$47,000 from Governance Standing Policy Committee BAU

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Parker

**Opposed:** Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Paladino

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**4.3. Response to January 18 OBM Re: Green Bins**

**Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council receive for information the Curbside Organics Program Yard Waste Stations Option Report.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

**Opposed:** Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope

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**9. ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATIONS:**

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**10. ADMINISTRATION SUBMISSIONS:**

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**11. ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES:**

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**12. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES:**

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**13. PUBLIC HEARING - 4:00 P.M.:**

**14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS:**

**14.1. Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) Performance Review Process (FOIP Sections 23 and 24)**

*(City Manager, A/City Clerk, Legislative Services Manager)*

**Acting Mayor Crowson:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct that the closed meeting discussions with respect to the Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) Performance Review Process remain confidential pursuant to Sections 23 (Local Public Body Confidences), and 24 (Advice from Officials) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council conduct a formal Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) review in September 2022, in accordance with the process and format outlined in Policy CC17 – City Manager Performance Review; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct Administration (City Manager’s Office and City Clerk’s Office) in coordination with the Governance Standing Policy Committee, to prepare amendments to Policy CC17 for the October 27, 2022 meeting of Governance Standing Policy Committee, to align with the following:

- A quarterly check-in between the City Manager and Council to occur during a closed- session of a Council meeting in February, June and December annually. Other check- ins may also occur if requested by the City Manager and/or Council.
- The formal written evaluation will be conducted in September of each year. The written evaluation will, at a minimum, look at the following areas:
  - a) Management and leadership practices
  - b) Relationship with Council
  - c) Relationship with staff
  - d) Relationship with the public and media
  - e) Objectives and accomplishments
  - f) Areas for improvement/suggested training

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**14.2. Boards, Commissions and Committees Matter (Verbal)  
(FOIP Section 24)**

*(City Manager, A/City Clerk, Legislative Services Manager, Director of  
Community Services, Director of Finance and Corporate Performance)*

**Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct that the closed meeting discussions with respect to the Boards, Commissions and Committees Matter (Verbal) remain confidential pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from Officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct Administration to proceed with the confidential direction provided in Closed Session.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**14.3. 2023-2026 Operating Budget Update (Verbal) (FOIP  
Section 24)**

*(City Manager, A/City Clerk, Legislative Services Manager, Director of  
Community Services, Director of Finance and Corporate Performance)*

**Councillor Parker:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct that the closed meeting discussions with respect to the 2023-2026 operating Budget Update (Verbal) remain confidential pursuant to Section 24 (Advice from Officials) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

**In Favour:** Mayor Hyggen, Deputy Mayor Schmidt-Rempel, Acting Mayor Crowson, Councillor Campbell, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Dodic, Councillor Middleton-Hope, Councillor Paladino, Councillor Parker

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**15. CITY COUNCIL NOTICES OF MOTION:**

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**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

***Mayor Hyggen declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 P.M.***

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Mayor

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City Clerk