

**UNADOPTED MINUTES
OF THE GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024
AT THE OKOTOKS MUNICIPAL CENTRE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Robinson, Chair
Mayor Thorn
Councillor Hallmark
Councillor Heemeryck
Councillor Lang
Councillor Swendseid

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ABSENT**

Councillor Actemichuk

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Chief Administrative Officer Elaine Vincent
Legislative Services Administrator Patty Huber

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and provided a traditional land acknowledgement.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Councillor Lang that the agenda for the January 15, 2024 Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Governance and Priorities Committee - December 4, 2023

MOTION: By Mayor Thorn that the minutes of the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting held December 4, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

4.1 Water Management Update

Operations & Utilities Director Jeremy Huet and Water Services Manager Davey Robertson reviewed the report containing the issue that an update regarding drought management initiatives and proposed service level changes is provided to the Governance and Priorities Committee for consideration.

MOTION: By Mayor Thorn that prior to March 31, 2024 the Water Shortage Response Plan be amended as recommended in the January 15, 2024 Governance and Priorities agenda package and include potential changes in triggers as discussed, and that potential messaging to the community regarding current status be provided to Council for consideration.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION: By Councillor Swendseid that Administration be directed to provide a recommended process that will enable the collaboration of Sheep River municipal water users to discuss water conservation measures on the Sheep River and the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board members for regional water conservation.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION: By Councillor Hallmark that prior to March 31, 2024 Water Bylaw 23-21 be amended to incorporate changes to the watering schedule in accordance with Consideration # 1 (Option A) and provided to Council for consideration.

Defeated

MOTION: By Councillor Lang that prior to March 31, 2024 Water Bylaw 23-21 be amended to incorporate changes to the watering schedule in accordance with Consideration # 1 (Option B) and provided to Council for consideration.

Carried Unanimously

MOTION: By Councillor Swendseid that the potential financial scenario impacts of changing the methodology of calculating summer discount rates and increasing Tier 3 rates to a 3X multiplier as discussed at January 15, 2024 Governance and Priorities meeting be brought back to Council for consideration by September 30, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

Break at 8:12 p.m. Reconvene at 8:18 p.m.

4.2 Options for Mayor's Youth Engagement

A number of options are provided for consideration for Mayor's Youth Engagement.

4.3 Finance and Audit Committee Terms of Reference

Due to challenges with public member recruitment, Council requested a review of the Finance and Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

MOTION: By Councillor Heemeryck that Business Items 4.2 Options for Mayor's Youth Engagement and 4.3 Finance and Audit Committee Terms of Reference be postponed to the next appropriate Governance and Priorities Committee meeting.

Carried Unanimously

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

7. MOTION(S) ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Governance and Priorities Committee is Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: By Councillor Hallmark that the Governance and Priorities Committee Meeting of January 15, 2024 adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

Carried Unanimously