

CITY COUNCIL

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Regular Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Date:

March 10, 2025

Place:

Council Chambers

Presiding Officer:

Mayor David Bosiak

Councillors Present:

Deputy Mayor Christian Laughland; Councillors Ted Rea, Randy Daley,

Steven Sobering, Kathy Bellemare, Devin Shtykalo

Staff in Attendance:

Sharla Griffiths, City Manager Lisa Gaudet, Deputy City Manager

Martijn van Luijn, Economic Development Manager

Gertrud Carriere, Executive Assistant

Staff Absent:

Mike VanAlstyne, Director of Public Works & Operations

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bosiak called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Changes to Agenda

#2025-136 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regular Council Meeting agenda be amended as follows:

Additions:

11.a)

Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation - Housing Crisis and

Eviction Support Open House, March 20, 2025

CARRIED

#2025-137 Moved by: Councillor Daley

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Regular Council Meeting agenda as amended.

CARRIED

3. Confirm Minutes

#2025-138 Moved by: Councillor Bellemare

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council waives the reading and accepts and approves as circulated the minutes of the following meeting:

a) Regular Council Meeting - February 24, 2025

- 4. Public Hearing, Appeal Hearings, and Delegations:
 - a) Public Hearing: No public hearings scheduled.
 - b) Appeal Hearing: No appeal hearings scheduled.
 - c) Delegations:
 - i) Poetry Readings Martijn van Luijn and Christine Harapiak

#2025-139 Moved by: Councillor Rea

Seconded by: Councillor Bellemare

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the Poetry Readings from Martijn van Luijn and Christine Harapiak.

CARRIED

ii) Dauphin Fire Department – Fire Chief Cam Abrey

#2025-140 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the Delegation from Fire Chief Cam Abrey.

CARRIED

5. Consent Agenda

"All matters listed under Item 5 - Consent Agenda, are considered by City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Consent Agenda

- a) Action Items:
 - i) Proclamation World Poetry Day and National Poetry Month

BE IT RESOLVED that Council proclaims March 21, 2025 as "World Poetry Day" and April 2025 as "National Poetry Month".

b) Filing Items:

- i) Community Futures Parkland Newsletter, March 2025
- ii) Growing Manitoba Ag, Newsletter, March 2025
- iii) Prairie Mountain Health Health Plus Newsletter, March 2025
- iv) Mountain View School Division News Digest, February 24, 2025
- v) Association of Manitoba Municipalities Member Advisory U.S. Tariffs

- vi) Manitoba Media Bulletins
 - Province Introduces New Legislation, March 5, 2025
 - New Legislation on Second Day of Spring Session, March 6, 2025
- vii) Municipal Relations Housing Accelerator Fund Application Update
- viii) Manitoba Municipal and Northern Relations 2025 Property Assessment Services Levy

As recommended by the Mayor and the City Manager.

#2025-141 Moved by: Councillor Daley

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that all items listed and read under Item 5 – Consent Agenda be approved and form part of these minutes.

CARRIED

- 6. Reports
 - a) Corporate:
 - i) City Manager February 2025

#2025-142 Moved by: Councillor Rea

Seconded by: Councillor Daley

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following Corporate Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

City Manager – February 2025

CARRIED

ii) Deputy City Manager – February 2025

#2025-143 Moved by: Councillor Bellemare

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following Corporate Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

• Deputy City Manager – February 2025

b)	Fin	ance
D)	- Fin	ance

i) Accounts for Approval

#2025-144 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo

Seconded by: Councillor Bellemare

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Accounts, having been examined by Council, be hereby authorized and approved as follows:

Cheque Totals:

137 - 229

93

\$520,982.09

EFT 14-17

4

\$20,810.42

Voided Cheques in Current Range:

Cheque

Cheque Payee

Amount

Void

Number

Explanation

None

Date

Voided Cheques in Past Ranges:

None

Electronic Payments:

None

CARRIED

Financial Statement (Unaudited - Prior to PSAB Adjustments) for the Period Ending ii) December 2024

#2025-145 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Sobering

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the unaudited Financial Statements (Before PSAB Adjustments) for the period ending December 31, 2024 including:

- General Fund Highlights of Variances ٦.
- General Fund Balance Sheet & Income Statement 2.
- Utility Fund Highlights of Variances 3.
- Utility Fund Balance Sheet & Income Statement 4.

iii) Reserve Fund Report – December 2024

#2025-146 Moved by: Councillor Sobering

Seconded by: Councillor Daley

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the Reserve Fund Report for the period ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

iv) Analysis of 2024 Reserve Balance

#2025-147 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the Analysis of the 2024 Reserve Balance.

CARRIED

v) Annual Water Sales Analysis

#2025-148 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the Analysis of the 2024 Water Sales.

CARRIED

vi) 2024 Financial Analysis (Unaudited – Before PSAB Adjustments)

#2025-149 Moved by: Councillor Rea

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the memorandum from the Director of Finance dated March 6, 2025 regarding the City of Dauphin's 2024 Financial Analysis (Unaudited-Before PSAB Adjustments) for the period ending December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

vii) 2024 Councillor Compensation Report

#2025-150 Moved by: Councillor Sobering

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the 2024 Councillor Compensation Report, as required by the *Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Act*.

c) Engineering:

i) Engineering Staff Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting #2025-151 Moved by: Councillor Rea Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following Engineering Staff Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

• Building Inspector - February 2025

CARRIED

d) Protective Services:

i) Bylaw Enforcement Officer - February 2025

#2025-152 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Daley

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following Protective Services Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

Bylaw Enforcement Officer – February 2025

CARRIED

ii) Animal Services Officer - February 2025

#2025-153 Moved by: Councillor Bellemare

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following Protective Services Report for the March 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

Animal Services Officer – February 2025

CARRIED

e) Committees:

#2025-154 Moved by: Councillor Rea

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the minutes from the following committees:

- i) Parkland Regional Library
 - Regular Board Meeting February 8, 2025
- ii) Dauphin Public Library
 - Regular Board Meeting February 18, 2025

- **7.** Correspondence for Discussion: No items.
- 8. Unfinished Business: No items.
- 9. New Business:
 - a) Dauphin Countryfest Sponsorship Agreement

#2025-155 Moved by: Councillor Sobering

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

WHEREAS Dauphin's Countryfest is a premier tourism event that contributes significantly to the local economy by attracting thousands of visitors, generating approximately \$5 million in local spending annually, and increasing overnight stays in the community;

AND WHEREAS Countryfest provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Dauphin to enhance its tourism branding and marketing efforts through high-profile exposure, including onsite promotions, digital advertising, and sponsorship events;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information a Sponsorship Proposal from Dauphin's Countryfest in the amount of \$100,000 plus applicable taxes and a memorandum dated March 6, 2025 from the Economic Development Manager, noting that the proposed five-year sponsorship would secure the long-term promotion of the City of Dauphin's brand at Countryfest, and recommending that the proposal be approved;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees with the Economic Development Manager's recommendation and approves the five-year sponsorship agreement with Dauphin's Countryfest, in the amount of \$100,000 plus applicable taxes, to be funded from the Economic Development & Tourism Reserve, as a lump-sum payment due within 30 days of signing the agreement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorizes the Sponsorship Agreement with Dauphin's Countryfest to be signed and sealed by the Mayor and the City Manager on behalf of the City of Dauphin.

CARRIED

b) Urban Systems – Functional Design Proposal for 2nd Avenue NW

#2025-156 Moved by: Councillor Bellemare

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

WHEREAS the City of Dauphin recognizes the importance of the revitalization of 2nd Avenue NW as a Craft **District**, which is a key economic and cultural initiative that will enhance the downtown core and foster business development, pedestrian accessibility, and community engagement;

AND WHEREAS the Craft District requires a functional design to guide the development of the project and ensure feasibility, cost-effectiveness, and long-term sustainability of the planned improvements, including sidewalk widening, utility corridors, enhanced streetscaping, and traffic modifications;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information a 2nd Avenue NW Functional Design Proposal and quote from Urban Systems Ltd. and a memorandum dated February 25, 2025 from the Economic Development Manager, noting that the proposed functional design services include background data collection, geometry planning, and functional design drawings, at a cost of \$14,250 plus applicable taxes, and recommending that the proposal be approved;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees with the Economic Development Manager's recommendation and approves the quote from Urban Systems for the functional design of 2nd Avenue NW at a cost of \$14,250 plus applicable taxes and authorizes Administration to proceed with Urban Systems in the development of the functional design to support the implementation of the 2nd Avenue NW Craft District revitalization project.

CARRIED

c) Policy 16.3 – Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use

#2025-157 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

WHEREAS the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, such as ChatGPT, Copilot, and other generative AI platforms, is becoming increasingly prevalent in both public and private sectors, offering opportunities to enhance efficiency, support decision-making, and improve service delivery;

AND WHEREAS the responsible and ethical use of AI in municipal operations requires clear guidelines to ensure compliance with privacy laws, prevent misinformation, and safeguard municipal data;

AND WHEREAS Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy 16.3 establishes protocols for the appropriate and prohibited uses of AI within the City of Dauphin, ensuring accountability for AI-generated content, protecting privacy and confidentiality, and implementing oversight measures for security and risk mitigation;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information a memorandum dated February 19, 2025, from the **Deputy City Manager**, summarizing Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy 16.3, and recommending its approval;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council agrees with the Deputy City Manager's recommendation and approves the adoption of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy 16.3 as presented, ensuring that AI technologies are used ethically, securely, and in alignment with the City of Dauphin's operational standards and legal obligations.

CARRIED

d) Request to Move in Used Mobile Home – #22, Triangle Mobile Home Park

#2025-158 Moved by: Councillor Daley

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

WHEREAS the City of Dauphin's Bylaw 3323 Standards for Mobile Homes only provides for mobile homes not exceeding 10 years of age;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information correspondence dated February 18, 2025, from Len Lunsted, the owner of Triangle Mobile Home Park, requesting approval to move a mobile home, older than 10 years, to Lot #22 – 74 Triangle Road;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information a memorandum dated February 26, 2025 from the Building Inspector, reviewing the application and recommending that Council approves the application to move in a 1991 mobile home with conditions;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the request from Len Lunsted to move in said mobile home to #22 - 74 Triangle Road, with the following conditions:

- 1. A Development Permit is required from our office for the moved in mobile home. The cost of the permit is \$150.00.
- 2. The site for the mobile home must comply with CSA Standard Z240.10.1-94 Site Preparation, Foundation and Anchorage of Mobile Homes.
- 3. No structural connections are permitted for additions.
- 4. The mobile home park owner must sign the permit and approve the move-in of the used mobile home.
- 5. When the mobile home is moved onto the site and upon inspection, if the mobile home appears to be modified, a Provincial Safety Standards Inspection will be required to rectify the mobile home. Any deficiency discovered will be required to be corrected to allow the mobile home to stay in the mobile home park.

CARRIED

- e) Grant Requests
 - i) Dauphin Public Library

#2025-159 Moved by: Councillor Bellemare

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information correspondence dated February 27, 2025 from Alison Moss, Director, Dauphin Public Library, requesting a 2025 appropriation of \$20,037.75 quarterly;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council forwards the funding request from the Dauphin Public Library to the City of Dauphin's 2025 budget deliberations for consideration.

CARRIED

ii) Parkland Regional Library

#2025-160 Moved by: Councillor Rea

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information correspondence dated February 27, 2025 from Alison Moss, Director, Parkland Regional Library, requesting a 2025 appropriation of \$22,656.36 quarterly;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council forwards the funding request from the Parkland Regional Library to the City of Dauphin's 2025 budget deliberations for consideration.

f) Letter of Support – Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation

• Housing Starts Here Funding

#2025-161 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo

Seconded by: Councillor Sobering

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba's *Housing Starts Here Proposal Development Fund* assists organizations in engaging professional services to advance affordable housing projects that will expand the housing supply and help to address chronic homelessness in Manitoba;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information correspondence dated February 20, 2025 from Amanda Novak, Executive Director, Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation (DNRC), requesting a letter supporting DNRC's grant application to the *Housing Starts Here Proposal Development Fund* on behalf of Anicinabe Housing Corporation (AHC) to allow AHC to assess and develop a plan for the necessary repairs and upgrades to nine residential properties in Dauphin, ensuring safe and sustainable housing for local residents;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports efforts to enhance affordable housing opportunities within the community and approves a letter supporting Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation's grant application to the *Housing Starts Here Proposal Development Fund* on behalf of Anicinabe Housing Corporation for the above-noted housing development project.

CARRIED

10. Bylaws:

a) Bylaw 04/2025 Being a Bylaw of the City of Dauphin Amending Bylaw 02/2009 for the Regulation and Control of Traffic and Parking in the City of Dauphin (No Parking on Whitmore Avenue East and Mountain Road South) (2nd & 3rd Reading)

#2025-162 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 04/2025 Being a Bylaw of the City of Dauphin Amending Bylaw 02/2009 for the Regulation and Control of Traffic and Parking in the City of Dauphin (No Parking on Whitmore Avenue East and Mountain Road South), *be now read a second time.*

CARRIED

#2025-163 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw 04/2025 Being a Bylaw of the City of Dauphin Amending Bylaw 02/2009 for the Regulation and Control of Traffic and Parking in the City of Dauphin (No Parking on Whitmore Avenue East and Mountain Road South), be now read a third time and be signed and sealed by the Mayor and the City Manager.

CARRIED

In Favour: Mayor Bosiak, Deputy Mayor Laughland, Councillors Sobering, Shtykalo, Bellemare, Rea, and

Daley

Opposed: None

- 11. Invitations, Community Events and Councillors' Reports:
 - a) Invitations:

#2025-164 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following invitation:

i) Dauphin Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation – Housing Crisis and Eviction Support Open House, March 20, 2025

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that all expenses related to Council and Senior Management attending these events be borne by the City of Dauphin.

CARRIED

b) Community Events:

#2025-165 Moved by: Councillor Rea

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the following community event:

i) Dauphin Friendship Centre – Cultural Wellness Day, March 14, 2025

CARRIED

c) Councillors' Reports

COUNCILLOR DALEY

Advised that he attended:

- February 24 Regular Council Meeting
- February 27 Meeting with the Minister of Justice and staff regarding the new Justice Centre
- March 3 City Recreation Meeting
- March 5 Dauphin Fire Department Appreciation Dinner
- March 6 Meeting with the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) staff regarding the Warm Safe Space Issues and Plan
- March 7 Tour of the new Courthouse
- March 10 MMF Community Advisory Board Meeting

COUNCILLOR REA

Advised that he attended:

- February 24 Regular Council Meeting
- February 25 Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Indigenous and Métis Opportunities in careers and education
- February 26 Recreation Board Meeting
- February 26 Community Safety & Well-Being Committee Meeting
- February 27 Meeting with the Minister of Justice and staff regarding the new Justice Centre
- March 3 City Recreation Meeting

- March 5 Dauphin Fire Department Appreciation Dinner
- March 6 Finance Committee Meeting
- March 7 Tour of the new Courthouse
- March 10 Community Safety & Well-Being Committee Meeting

COUNCILLOR BELLEMARE

Advised that she attended:

- March 3 City Recreation Meeting
- March 6 Information Session on Climate Misinformation
- March 10 Community Safety & Well-Being Committee Meeting

Comments & Requests:

Kudos to the Deputy City Manager for all the policy writing she has been doing in the last while.
 Some might say policy is boring, I want to say policy is valuable! We need to figure out in advance how we will act in various municipal situations and then consistently follow what we have decided. This strong set of policy development is yet another way that we make the City of Dauphin the great place that it is to live and work. Thank you, Lisa, for your diligence and attention to detail.

COUNCILLOR SHTYKALO

Advised that he attended:

- February 24 Regular Council Meeting
- February 26 Recreation Board Meeting
- March 3 City Recreation Meeting
- March 6 Recreation Meeting with the RM of Dauphin
- March 6 Dauphin Regional Airport Authority Inc. Meeting
- March 6 & 7 Manitoba Planning Conference

DEPUTY MAYOR LAUGHLAND

Advised that he attended:

- February 24 Regular Council Meeting
- February 27 Meeting with the Minister of Justice and staff regarding the new Justice Centre
- March 3 Recreation Meeting
- March 5 Dauphin Fire Department Appreciation Dinner
- March 6 Recreation Meeting with the RM of Dauphin
- March 6 Dauphin Regional Airport Authority Inc. Board Meeting
- March 7 Audit & Finance Committee Meeting
- March 7 Tour of the new Courthouse

COUNCILLOR SOBERING

Advised that he attended:

- February 27 Meeting with the Minister of Justice and staff regarding the new Justice Centre
- March 3 City Recreation Meeting
- Dauphin & District Handi-Van Association Meeting
- March 7 Tour of the new Courthouse

Comments & Requests:

• I would like to address the letter to the editor that was posted in the Dauphin Herald and written by Alex Dmitruk. I would like to take the opportunity now to speak to some of the issues. There was an implication that there was wrongdoing or misappropriation of City staff or funds. The Craft District project is a City project, meant to re-habilitate crumbling and broken infrastructure. Often times, downtown areas get neglected, and we are trying to make it a desirable place to visit. As for the Creative Commons, it is a great project. It is run by a group of dedicated volunteers as a non-profit. I am on the Economic Development Committee and that project falls under that portfolio, and I am also the landlord of that building. In the world of commercial properties and rentals, it is very typical for tenants to do a fit-out of the rental space. The non-profit group was successful in securing a Provincial grant, all was done above-board. I rent the building out to them at \$0, waving \$2,000 rent per month for five years, all they have to pay for is the utilities.

MAYOR BOSIAK

Comments & Requests:

- I was in Winnipeg presenting at the Provincial Recreation Conference.
- Last weekend was a pretty busy weekend in Dauphin, we had the U13 Hockey Provincials hosting eight teams from out of town, and the AAA Basketball Provincial Qualifying Tournament hosting seven teams from out of town. It bodes well for our community when we can be tremendous hosts and have these kinds of events in our recreation facilities and in the school.
- I was very impressed with the tour of the Courthouse, the work that has been done there and the investment the Province is making in that facility.

#2025-166 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the Councillors' Reports for the Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2025.

CARRIED

12. Recess

#2025-167 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

Seconded by: Councillor Shtykalo

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Meeting be recessed at 6:00 p.m.

CARRIED

The Committee recessed for a break at 6:00 p.m.

#2025-168 Moved by: Councillor Sobering

Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Meeting be reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

13. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) Call to Order

Mayor Bosiak called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

b) Changes to Agenda

#2025-169 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the Committee of the Whole Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

#2025-170 Moved by: Councillor Sobering Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council now sits as a Committee of the Whole and that all matters discussed be kept confidential.

CARRIED

#2025-171 Moved by: Councillor Rea Seconded by: Councillor Daley

BE IT RESOLVED that this Committee of the Whole now rises and reports to Council.

CARRIED

- c) Committee of the Whole General
 - i) Bylaw Enforcement
 - Compliance Bylaw 05/2025
 - Administrative Penalties Bylaw 06/2025

#2025-172 Moved by: Councillor Bellemare

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Laughland

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the discussion regarding two revised enforcement bylaws: Bylaw 05/2025 Compliance, and Bylaw 06/2025 Administrative Penalties.

CARRIED

ii) Recreation

#2025-173 Moved by: Councillor Shtykalo Seconded by: Councillor Rea

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the discussion regarding Recreation.

iii) Protective Services/Policing

#2025-174 Moved by: Councillor Daley

Seconded by: Councillor Bellemare

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts as information the discussion regarding Protective Services/Policing.

CARRIED

- d) Committee of the Whole Committee Minutes: No items.
- c) Committee of the Whole Personnel: No items.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

David Bosiak, Mayor

Sharla Griffiths, City Manager