



October 13, 2026 Council Meeting Highlights

Note: Motions included in the Highlights are tentative – the Council minutes will be the official record. The Highlights are set out as the meeting agenda was published and does not necessarily indicate the sequential order in which events occurred during the meeting.

Regular Council Meeting – Open Session

Item 6.1: Professional Badminton Facility Presentation – Michael Rasmussen

Item 7.1: Amendments to Whistleblower Policy GOV-028-C – Andrew Kaiser – Director, Legislative Services

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council adopt the amended Whistleblower Policy GOV-028-C, attached as Appendix A to the October 13, 2026 request for decision.

Carried Unanimously via Consent Agenda

Item 7.2: Council Advocacy Strategy – Sandy Bugeja – General Manager, Corporate Services

Councillor Blizzard moved:

- That the advocacy roles and responsibilities established in the Council Advocacy Strategy, set out in Appendix A to the October 13, 2026, Request for Decision report, be approved.

While Councillor Blizzard's motion was on the floor, Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council refer the item 7.2(1), Council Advocacy Strategy roles and responsibilities, to Administration for further clarity on appropriate formal and informal advocacy by members of Council, to a future meeting.

Defeated 3 – 4 (In Favour: Councillors Katchur, Harris, and Randhawa // Opposed: Mayor Makin and Councillors Noyen, Wesley, Blizzard)

When Council returned to Councillor Blizzard's motion, Councillor Randhawa made an amending motion:

- That the Councillor roles and responsibilities set out in the Council Advocacy Strategy be amended to include:

Councillors may independently request, arrange, and participate in meetings with external stakeholders, elected officials, and community partners on any topic relevant to municipal governance or community interests. Councillors may also hold and express independent viewpoints, whether in favour of or opposed to the Advocacy Strategy, provided they distinguish personal views from official Council positions.

Carried Unanimously

Following the amendment, Council returned to Councillor Blizzard's motion, as amended, which was:

Carried 6 – 1 (In Favour: Mayor Makin and Councillors Noyen, Harris, Wesley, Blizzard and Randhawa // Opposed: Councillor Katchur)

Councillor Noyen moved:

- That the "Critical Regional Infrastructure / Veterans Way Corridor" priority be approved.

Carried 6 – 1 (In Favour: Mayor Makin and Councillors Noyen, Harris, Wesley, Blizzard and Randhawa // Opposed: Councillor Katchur)

Councillor Harris moved:

- That the "Innovative infrastructure investment for growing communities" priority be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Wesley moved:

- That the "Stable and Predictable Industrial Assessment Framework" priority be approved.

Carried Unanimously

Item 8.1: Public Works Yard - Needs Assessment – Grant Schaffer – Director, Fleet, Facilities & Engineering

Councillor Randhawa moved:

- That the Public Works Yard Needs Assessment be referred to Administration to prepare alternative strategies to address the recommendations within the Assessment, and that the Public Works Yard Needs Assessment with alternative strategies be brought back to Council no later than Q2 of 2027.

Defeated 3 – 4 (In Favour: Councillors Noyen, Wesley and Randhawa // Opposed: Mayor Makin and Councillors Katchur, Harris, and Blizzard)

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council accept the Public Works Yard Needs Assessment, attached as Appendix A as guiding document to inform Council on future Council decisions.

Carried 6 – 1 (In Favour: Mayor Makin and Councillors Katchur, Harris, Wesley, Blizzard and Randhawa // Opposed: Councillor Noyen)

Item 8.2: 2026 Auditor Appointment – Jeremy Emann – Chief Financial Officer

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council:
 1. Appoint Metrix Group LLP to be the City's Auditor for a five-year term commencing with the 2026 yearend audit and concluding with the 2030 yearend audit; and

2. Establish that only the City's Auditor is qualified to conduct annual reviews or audits of the financial statements of the City of Fort Saskatchewan Public Library Board.

Carried Unanimously via Consent Agenda

Item 8.3: Motion following Notice - Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission – Councillor Patrick Noyen

Councillor Noyen moved:

- That That Council direct Administration to retain a third-party consultant to review the City of Fort Saskatchewan's membership in, financial contributions to, and governance structure of the Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission; and further

That the review include options and recommendations for an equitable cost allocation and water pricing model for Fort Saskatchewan and the other member municipalities, taking into consideration the principles and methodologies outlined in the applicable American Water Works Association manuals; and further

That the completed review be presented to Council no later than March 31, 2027, and that Administration subsequently bring forward Fort Saskatchewan's recommended changes to the Capital Region Northeast Water Services Commission; and further

That funding up to a maximum of \$100,000 be approved for this project and funded from the Utility Infrastructure and Equipment Reserve.

Carried Unanimously

Item 8.4: CRASC New Membership – Andrew Kaiser – Director, Legislative Services

Councillor Katchur moved:

- That Council approve the Summer Village of Sunrise Beach to become a Member of the Capital Region Assessment Services Commission commencing 2027.

Carried Unanimously via Consent Agenda

Item 9.1: Bylaw C14-26 - New Land Use Bylaw - 1st Reading – Lindsey Butterfield – Director, Planning & Development, Shree Shinde – Manager, Current & Long Range Planning, Dean McCartney – Manager, Development Planning

Councillor Wesley moved:

- That Council give first reading to adopt Land Use Bylaw C14-26, attached as Appendix "A" attached to the October 13, 2026, Request for Decision report.

While Councillor Wesley's motion was on the floor, Councillor Noyen moved:

- That Council amend the provisions of Land Use Bylaw C14-26 regarding Data Centres as set out in Option 2 in Appendix B to the October 13, 2026 request for decision report.

Carried 5 – 2 (In Favour: Councillors Katchur, Noyen, Wesley, Blizzard and Randhawa // Opposed: Mayor Makin and Councillor Harris)

Councillor Katchur then moved:

- That Council amend the provisions of Land Use Bylaw C14-26 regarding Assisted Living Facilities as set out in Option 1 in Appendix B to the October 13, 2026 request for decision report.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur then moved:

- That Council amend the provisions of Land Use Bylaw C14-26 regarding Urban Agriculture as set out in Option 2 in Appendix B to the October 13, 2026 request for decision report.

Defeated 2 – 5 (In Favour: Councillors Katchur and Blizzard // Opposed: Mayor Makin and Councillors Noyen, Harris, Wesley and Randhawa)

Councillor Katchur then moved:

- That Council amend the provisions of Land Use Bylaw C14-26 regarding Urban Agriculture as set out in Option 3 in Appendix B to the October 13, 2026 request for decision report.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur then moved:

- That Council amend the provisions of Land Use Bylaw C14-26 regarding the Downtown Fringe District as set out in Option 1 in Appendix B to the October 13, 2026 request for decision report.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Katchur then moved:

- That Council amend the provisions of Land Use Bylaw C14-26 regarding Backyard Dwellings as set out in Option 1 in Appendix B to the October 13, 2026 request for decision report.

Carried 5 – 2 (In Favour: Councillors Katchur, Harris, Wesley, Blizzard and Randhawa // Opposed: Mayor Makin and Councillor Noyen)

Councillor Katchur then moved:

- That Council amend the motion #242-26 adopted at the September 3, 2026 Special Council Meeting directing Administration to limit Secondary Suites to Single Detached Dwellings and Secondary Semi-Suites to the DC(A)-21 District, to read that Council direct Administration to allow either Internal Secondary Suites or Backyard Dwellings to Detached Dwellings and Duplexes in Bylaw C14-26.

Defeated 4 – 3 (In Favour: Mayor Makin and Councillor Katchur, Harris, and Blizzard // Opposed: Councillors Noyen, Wesley and Randhawa) 2/3 Vote Required

Councillor Blizzard then moved:

- That Council amend the Land Use Bylaw C14-26 to include Backyard Dwellings as a Discretionary Built-Form in all residential districts.

Defeated 3 – 4 (In Favour: Mayor Makin and Councillors Harris and Blizzard // Opposed: Councillors Katchur, Noyen, Wesley and Randhawa)

Councillor Blizzard then moved:

- That Council amend the Land Use Bylaw C14-26 to list Backyard Dwellings as a Discretionary Built-Form in all districts which currently list Backyard Dwellings as a Permitted Built Form.

Carried Unanimously

Following these amendments, Council returned to Councillor Wesley's motion to give first reading to Bylaw C14-26, as amended, which was:

Carried Unanimously

Regular Council Meeting – Closed Session

Council moved to Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss matters that fall within the exemptions to disclosure according to the *Access to Information Act*, being:

- 13.1 Council Committee Preferences, ATIA Section 34, Information that will be Available to the Public
- 13.2 Material Handling Site Project Update, ATIA Section 30, Disclosure Harmful to Economic and Other Interests of a Public Body
- 13.3 Intergovernmental Affairs Update, ATIA Section 26, Harmful to Intergovernmental Relations
- 13.4 City Manager Update, ATIA Section 29(a), Advice from Officials

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.