



Stratford City Council Special Council Open Session

MINUTES

Meeting #: 4781st
Date: Monday, September 15, 2025
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Sebben

Regrets: Councillor Briscoe and Councillor Wordofa

Staff Present: André Morin - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Adam Betteridge - Director of Building and Planning Services, Will Mason - Maintenance Rent Receivables Clerk

Also Present: Joani Gerber - CEO, investStratford, Kendra Fry - Housing Specialist, investStratford, Zac Gribble - Executive Director, Destination Stratford, Members of the Public

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Ritsma, Chair presiding, called the Council meeting to order.

Councillor Wordofa provided regrets for this meeting.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

Respectful Conduct Statement

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and to otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest made by a member at the September 15, 2025 Special and Public Meeting.

3. Adjournment to a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

R2025-399

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT the Special Council Meeting adjourn to a Public Meeting under the Planning Act to hear from members of the public on the draft Attainable Housing-focused Community Improvement Plan (CIP) with a Tax Increment Equivalency Grant as the first incentive and to reconvene following the Public Meeting.

Carried

Council adjourned to a Public Meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Council reconvened at 7:59 P.M.

4. Reading of the Confirmatory By-law:

The following By-law required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings:

4.1 Confirmatory By-law 112-2025

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on September 15, 2025.

R2025-400

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT By-law 112-2025 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2025-401

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-law 112-2025 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

5. Adjournment:

R2025-402

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT the September 15, 2025 Special and Public Council Meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 6:30 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 8:00 P.M.

Mayor - Martin Ritsma

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe