



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**

January 15, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3  
Deputy Reeve Kevin Bentley, Division 7  
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1  
Councillor Eric Anderson, Division 2  
Councillor Cliff Wowdzia, Division 4  
Councillor Tara Kuzio, Division 5  
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6

**Administration Present:**

Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer  
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning & Community Services  
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services  
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations  
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services  
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator  
Samantha O'Shea, Administrative Support Assistant

---

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

### **2. CHANGES TO AGENDA & ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **2025-W001**

#### **Moved by: Councillor Anderson**

THAT the Agenda for the January 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **2025-W002**

#### **Moved by: Councillor Kuzio**

THAT the December 11, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

## 4. DELEGATIONS

### 4.1 Northern Lights Library System (NLLS)

Overview of NLLS 2024 stats and moving forward.

**External Presenter:**

James MacDonald

### 4.2 Go East of Edmonton

Handout and PowerPoint presentation on community events.

**External Presenter:**

Kevin Kisilevich

### 4.3 Crossroads Regional Economic Development Alliance

Update on Crossroads Initiatives.

**External Presenter:**

Kathy Dmytriw

*Reeve Konieczny recessed the meeting at 10:46 a.m.*

*Reeve Konieczny reconvened the meeting at 10:53 a.m.*

## 5. REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

### 5.1 Vegreville Family & Community Support Services

At the December 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, Vegreville FCSS requested Council to consider an additional 15% increase in funding even though the County has a funding agreement already signed for 2023-2025.

**Administration Presenter:**

Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services

**2025-W003**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Council direct Administration send a letter to Vegreville & District FCSS advising Council tabled their decision until the 2026 budget meeting.

**Carried**

### 5.2 Bridge File 01865

**Administration Presenter:**

Norm De Wet, Director of Operations

**2025-W004**

**Moved by:** Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Administration prepare an RFD for the January 23, 2025 County Council meeting recommending BF 01865 repair work with cost overages to be covered by bridge reserves, and that they research how many piles there are in total and provide Council with a cost estimate to have all of them replaced at once.

**Carried**

**6. COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (INFORMATION/PROGRAM REQUESTS)**

6.1 Divisional Reports

*Mike Fundytus left the meeting at 11:27 a.m.*

*Mike Fundytus returned to the meeting at 11.29 a.m.*

6.2 Councillor Request Report

**2025-W005**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Divisional Reports and Councillor Request Report be accepted as presented.

**Carried**

**7. CLOSED SESSION**

**2025-W006**

**Moved by:** Councillor Ogrodnick

THAT the Committee of the Whole meet in private to discuss matters protected from disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP)*, specifically *FOIP Section 17, harmful to personal privacy* at 11:43 a.m.

**Carried**

*Jason Warawa, Norm De Wet, Mike Fundytus, Davin Gegolick, Samantha O'Shea, and Audra Kropielnicki left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.*

7.1 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Membership

*FOIP Section 24, Advice from officials*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborzny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

7.2 Winter Road Closures

*FOIP Section 24, Advice from officials*

Name	Reason/Purpose
Pat Podoborozny	Strategic Leader of the Organization

**8. OPEN SESSION**

**2025-W007**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nafziger

THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting revert to open session at 12:56 p.m.

**Carried**

**9. MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

There were no motions arising out of closed session.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

---

Reeve

---

Chief Administrative Officer