



GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Within the Council Chambers, City Hall, a Governance & Priorities Committee meeting of the Council of the City of Swift Current was held on the 10th day of September, 2025.

Attendance: Mayor A. Bridal
Councillor T. Christiansen
Councillor B. Deg
Councillor R. Plewis
Councillor R. Switzer
Councillor L. Tuntland-Wiebe
Councillor C. Stewart

Melissa Shaw, Interim CAO
Kari Cobler, Executive Director of Strategic Operations
Daniel Martin, Acting Director of Light and Power
Greg Parsons, General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations
Nicole Spent, General Manager of Community Services
Jackie Schlamp, City Clerk
Ryan Hunter, Fire Chief
Keegan Story, Manager of Environmental Services
Jolene Peters, Manager of Asset Management
Michael Newell, Parks Manager
Rri Branconnier-Bye, Communications & Stakeholder Relations Coordinator
Danielle Magnusson, Executive Assistant to the Mayor/ CAO
Sandra Kern, Assistant to the City Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bridal called the meeting of the Governance & Priorities Committee to order at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Bridal reminded the public that the intention of this meeting is for Council to discuss the items as listed on the agenda without making a decision. All decisions will be made during regular Council meetings.

2. Approval of the Agenda

GPC No. 16 - 2025

Moved by: Councillor Switzer

Seconded by: Councillor Christiansen

“THAT the Agenda dated September 10th, 2025, be approved.”

CARRIED.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

GPC No. 17 - 2025

Moved by: Councillor Deg

Seconded by: Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe

“THAT the Meeting Minutes from May 7th, 2025, be approved.”

CARRIED.

4. Public Presentations

4.1 Water Security Agency and Ministry of Government Relations

Ian Goeres, Executive Director of Community Planning, with Ministry of Government Relations; Cesar Perez-Valdivia, Director of Hydrological Science; Lynne Roszell, Director of Economic Development; and Bryce Crosbie, Extension Technologist, Flood Mapping; of Water Security Agency attended virtually to deliver a presentation regarding Statements of Provincial Interest Regulations Amendment & Flood Mapping.

Rri Branconnier-Bye left Council Chambers at 1:19 p.m. and returned at 1:23 p.m.

4.1 Swift Current Broncos

Chad Leslie, General Manager of the Swift Current Broncos, attended to deliver a presentation regarding the upcoming season.

5. Administration Presentations

5.1 CAO Update

The Committee asked questions of Administration regarding the organizational update for the month of August. The report was accepted as information.

6. Strategic Plan

7. Governance & Priority Matters (Bylaws/ Policies/ Procedures)

7.1 Boulevard Tree Removal Policy

The Committee was provided with information for review and discussion regarding Boulevard Tree Removal. The Committee accepted this report as information, requesting an escalation clause be added and circulated to Council prior to implementation.

Michael Newell left the meeting at 2:19 p.m.

8. Agency / Boards and Committees

9. Unfinished Business

10. Council's Interest and Communications

The Committee highlighted many upcoming community events including Culture Days, monthly Salvation Army Community dinners, final weeks of Market Square, Southwest Newcomer Welcome Centre Thanksgiving meal, Repair Café, and the underway soccer season.

Congratulations to Southwest Literacy Committee, receiving the "Council for the Federation of Literacy" award.

Mayor Bridal led discussion regarding a possible change to the start time of regular Council meetings with Council and Administration providing comments in overall support for a trial period.

11. En Camera Requests

11.1 Request regarding Contracts/Proposals

GPC No. 18 - 2025

Moved by: Councillor Switzer

Seconded by: Councillor Stewart

"THAT information regarding Establishment of a Tax Enforcement Policy, as requested by the Executive Director of Strategic Operations, be dealt with En Camera immediately following this Governance & Priorities Committee meeting."

CARRIED.

12. Adjournment

GPC No. 19 - 2025

Moved by: Councillor Deg

Seconded by: Councillor Tuntland-Wiebe

"THAT as of 2:32 p.m. this meeting of the Governance & Priorities Committee be adjourned."

CARRIED.

Mayor

City Clerk