

# Agenda



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# **Governance & Priorities Committee Agenda**

## **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

### **Town of Stony Plain Council Chambers**

#### **4905 – 51 Avenue**

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Public Input Session**
4. **Presentations and Delegations**
  - 4.1 Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society and Centre
  - 4.2 Yellowhead West Pickleball Club
5. **Adoption of Committee Minutes**
  - 5.1 Governance & Priorities Committee – September 2, 2025
6. **Business Items – NIL**
7. **Council Discussion**
8. **Closed Meeting – NIL**
9. **Adjournment**

# **Public Input Session**

# **PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

The intent of the Public Input Session is to allow the public to address Council on matters of interest that are not already being addressed in the Council meeting or other boards and commissions of which Council is a member.

The Public Input Session will run from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., following the adoption of the agenda.

It is strongly recommended that people pre-register for this session.

## **Procedure for Pre-registration**

Members of the public wishing to address Council during the Public Input Session may:

- I. register online prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the Council meeting by filling out the registration form online on the Town of Stony Plain website:  
<https://www.stonyplain.com/en/town-hall/address-council.aspx>.



# **Presentations & Delegations**

**PRESENTATION  
PUBLIC SESSION****GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING****MEETING DATE:** October 6, 2025**SUBJECT:** Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society and Centre

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Hali Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society and Centre, will provide an update of 2025 activities

**BACKGROUND**

Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society was born in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation. The Society supports the revival of vibrant, talented, and creative Indigenous voices and provides a gathering place and showroom for culture bearers to share Indigenous ways of knowing and the arts with everyone. Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Centre is a gathering place that is welcoming to all and consists of an office, meeting area, and gallery displaying a curated selection of paintings, jewellery, ceramics, books, clothing and handmade craft.

The Town provides annual operational funding to the Skydancer Indigenous Cultural Society with the current memorandum of agreement set at \$20,000 for 2025 and 2026.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & KEY ACTIONS**

Stony Plain Strategic Plan 2025-2028:

- Governance & Partners
  - Strengthen relationships with local and regional First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people.
- Community Development
  - Celebrate our community through promotion of local art, culture, and history.
- Economic Opportunity
  - Enhance our downtown and tourism offering through destination marketing, events, and program collaboration with the business community and regional partners.

**COMMUNICATION**

This item will be included in the Council Highlights news release.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Presentation

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**Prepared by:** Chantelle Laberge, Culture and Tourism Development Officer

**Reviewed by:** Brenda Otto, General Manager, Strategic Services

**Approved by:** Tom Goulden, Chief Administrative Officer



# SKYDANCER

INDIGENOUS  
CULTURAL  
CENTRE

# Our year in review





# Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Walk





# National Indigenous People Day



# National Day of Truth & Reconciliation





## Laughter Is Medicine



## Dianne's YWCA WOD Award



## Red Dress Pin Workshop





## Book Reading & Signing



## Men's Group Drum Making



## Agra Fair Ribbon Skirt Fashion Show

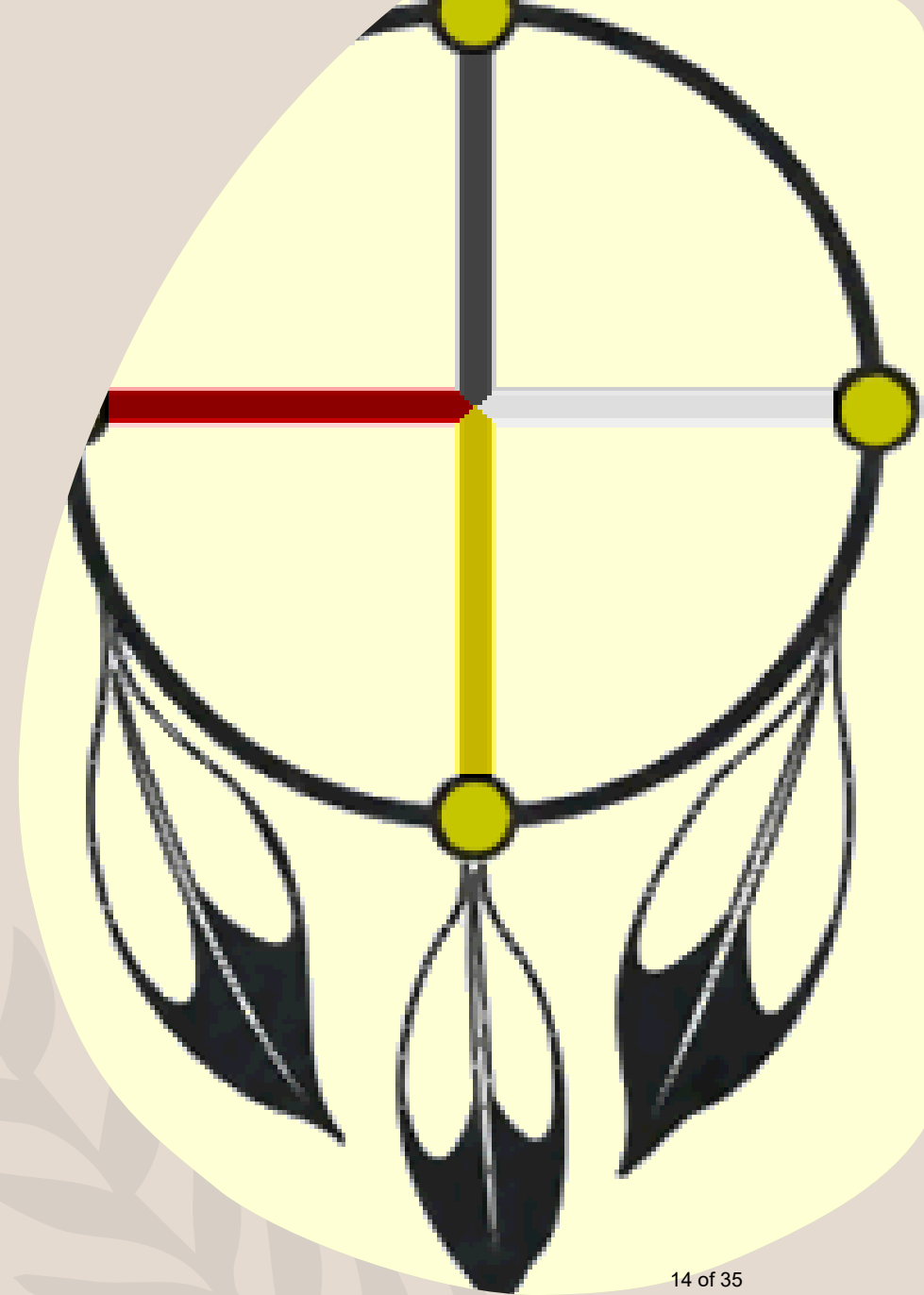


# Our growth

In the first nine months of 2025 we have been able to offer over 37 programs, events and workshops with almost 1300 participants. In the final three months we have an additional 13 scheduled and anticipate several hundred more participants.

We had some staffing changes and slight expansion.

Our board continues to transition from a working board to governance.





# Our 2025 Programs

Tea & Bannock with an Elder

Creators Corner

Sharing Circles

Holding Hope Support Group

Ribbon Skirt Workshops

Pow Wow Practices

Earth Day

MMIP Walk

Moosehide Campaign

NIPD

Foraging Workshop

Pass the Feather Men's Group

NDTR Stony Plain & Spruce  
Grove

Drum Making Workshop

Indigenous Accord

Cinnahugs

Laughter is Medicine

Red Dress Pin Workshop

Smudge Spray Workshop

Reading & Book Signing





# Astam Culture Camp VIP Event July 14, 2025





# Minister Rechie Valdez visit September 9, 2025



thank you



# END OF ITEM



**PRESENTATION  
PUBLIC SESSION****GOVERNANCE & PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING****MEETING DATE:** October 6, 2025**SUBJECT:** Yellowhead West Pickleball Club

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Carol Buzzell, President and Carey Clarke, Vice President of Yellowhead West Pickleball Club will present to Council the Yellowhead West Pickleball Club highlights as well as plans they have for the 2025-2026 season.

**BACKGROUND**

Yellowhead West Pickleball Club is a community organization that promotes and operates a pickleball program based out of Stony Plain. Current programming occurs on seven courts in the Heritage Park Pavilion from mid-September until May.

As of February 2025, an estimated 1.54 million Canadians are playing pickleball, representing a 57% increase in participation since 2022. The most significant growth has been among adults aged 35–54.

The Yellowhead West Pickleball Club, established in 2018 to secure winter indoor playing space for local players, has experienced rapid growth. Last season, the club registered 375 members and continues to expand its reach through partnerships and grants that support youth programs, skill development clinics, and other initiatives. In recognition of its success, Yellowhead West was named 2024 Club of the Year by Pickleball Alberta.

Looking ahead, facilities for the sport will continue to grow in Stony Plain. In spring 2026, four new outdoor courts will open south of the outdoor pool, and by late 2026, the Recreation Centre will feature four dedicated indoor courts. These additions will compliment the private pickleball development currently underway in the North Industrial Park.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT & KEY ACTIONS**

Stony Plain Strategic Plan 2025-2028:

- Supportive Infrastructure
  - Developing facilities and amenities to meet the needs of our current and future residents and stakeholders

**COMMUNICATION**

This item will be included in the Council Highlights news release.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- I. Presentation

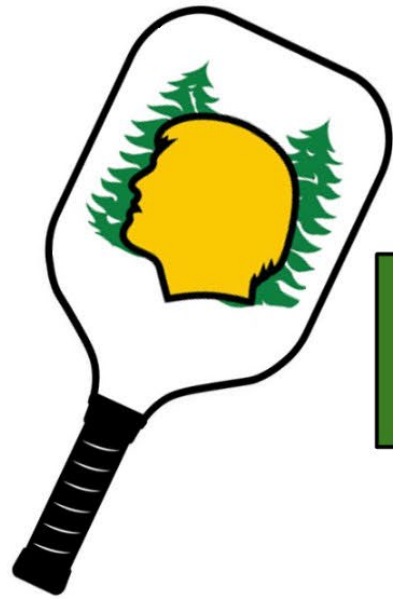
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**Prepared by:** Jerry George, Manager, Programs and Services

**Reviewed by:** Karl Hill, General Manager, Community and Protective Services

**Approved by:** Tom Goulden, Chief Administrative Officer

**Thank you Honorable Mayor Choy and councilors in attendance today. We appreciate the opportunity to share with you the success of Yellowhead Pickleball Club in the past few years. Community engagement has been our focus which I believe is in alignment with the Town of Stony Plain.**



**YELLOWHEAD  
PICKLEBALL  
CLUB**





# Pickleball Alberta Club of the Year Award 2024

And The  
Winner is





## Parkinson's Awareness Event at Yellowhead West Pickleball Club



**Our Junior Pickleball Players having FUN on the courts.**

**Our Goal is to keep this Junior program affordable in the future.**

**A few returning players from last season have their sights set on Provincial Tournaments Summer 2026**







In order to stay engaged in the community we were an Exhibitor at the Tri-Municipal Region Information Night This attracted a few juniors and parents who signed up to join our Pickleball community!!!

# Groundbreaking ceremony for Pickleball Campus

- We were honored to be invited to the ceremony for the new Pickleball Facility. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our pickleball club to continue to grow not only its membership but the quality of play sessions and future Provincial or National players we can cultivate to represent our area!!!
- The future looks very bright for our Junior players with this opportunity.



# END OF ITEM



# **Adoption of Committee Minutes**

**TOWN OF STONY PLAIN  
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 MINUTES OF THE  
GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE TOWN OF STONY PLAIN  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AT 5:00 PM**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor:	William Choy
Deputy Mayor:	Melanie Loyns
Councillors:	Justin Anderson
	Pat Hansard
	Justin Laurie
	Eric Meyer
	Harold Pawlechko
Chief Administrative Officer:	Tom Goulden
General Manager, Community and Protective Services:	Karl Hill
General Manager, Community and Social Development:	Lisa Gilchrist
General Manager, Corporate Services:	Ann Laing
General Manager, Planning and Infrastructure:	Brett Newstead
General Manager, Strategic Services:	Brenda Otto
Manager, Legislative Services:	Teresa Olsen
Legislative Clerk:	Jessica Marsden

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Vice President, Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum:	Darrold Quartly
Executive Director, Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum:	David Fielhaber
Director, Yellowhead Regional Library:	Karla Palichuk
Deputy Director, Yellowhead Regional Library:	Jocie Wilson
Shikaoi Student Delegation:	Cassidy Beland
	Macey Beland
	Sarah Bentley
	Kaz Bezushko
	DJ Fleming
	Zoey Fleming
	Addison Hoover
	Star James
	Darren Kaminsky
	Kalen Nadeau
	James Nichols
Shikaoi Delegation Chaperones:	Kelly Maluta
	Elliott Watchel
	Ken Dow
Shikaoi Long Stay Participant:	Lorraine Stewart

Members of the Public:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Melanie Loyns called the September 2, 2025 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Agenda  
Adoption  
21/09/25/SP

Moved that the September 2, 2025 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. PUBLIC INPUT SESSION**

**4. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

**4.1 Stony Plain and Parkland Pioneer Museum Society**

Vice President Darrold Quartly, and Executive Director David Fielhaber, presented an overview of the 2025 operations of the museum.

**4.2 Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Spruce Grove – Stony Plain.**

The Honorable Searle Turton, Minister of Children and Family Services, provided an update on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

**4.3 Yellowhead Regional Library**

Director Karla Palichuk, and Deputy Director Josie Wilson, presented the 2024 Annual Report and provided an update on current projects.

**4.4 Shikaoi Student Delegation**

The Shikaoi Student Delegation shared some highlights of their time in Shikaoi.

Deputy Mayor Melanie Loyns called a recess at 7:20 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Melanie Loyns called the Governance & Priorities Committee meeting back to order at 7:36 p.m.

**5. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**5.1 Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2025**

Minutes  
Adoption  
22/09/25/SP

Moved that the July 7, 2025 Governance & Priorities  
Committee Meeting minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.1 Strategic & Corporate Plan Q2 2025 Report**

The General Manager of Strategic Services provided an update on the  
report.

Strategic &  
Corp Plan Q2  
2025  
23/09/25/SP

Moved that the Strategic & Corporate Plan Q2 2025 Report be  
accepted for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.2 2025 Second Quarter Report**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the report.

2025 Second  
Quarter Report  
24/09/25/SP

Moved that the 2025 Second Quarter Report be accepted for  
information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**8. CLOSED SESSION – NIL**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Melanie Loyns declared the September 2, 2025  
Governance & Priorities Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor Melanie Loyns

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Ann Laing  
General Manager, Corporate Services

# END OF ITEM





# Business Items

# Council Discussion

# Closed Meeting