



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
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Rural Committee

Council Chamber
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Wednesday, February 24, 2016
4:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Minutes of Rural Committee Meeting - January 26, 2016

New and Unfinished Business

2. Update on Rural Projects (North)

Motion to Move In Camera

3. Rural Water and Sewer Project
(In Camera pursuant to sections 17 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Reconvene in Public

Adjournment

Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, commencing at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present: Councillor J. Stroud, Chair
Councillor L. Bussieres
Councillor J. Cardinal

Also Present: Councillor A. Vinni

Administration: A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair J. Stroud called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Rural Committee Minutes - November 24, 2015

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Minutes of the Rural Committee meeting held on November 24, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival

Councillor Vinni joined the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

New and Unfinished Business

**2. Rural Water and Sewer Servicing
- Communications Strategy Overview
(3:17 p.m. – 3:26 p.m.)**

Brendan Proce, Acting Manager and Robin Smith, Press Secretary, came forward and provided an overview of the Communications Strategy for the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing project.

R. Smith explained the roll out of the communication plan will match the project's construction schedule.

3. Update on Rural Projects (South)

(3:26 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.)

Emdad Haque, Director, Engineering Services; Kashif Khan, Program Manager, Rural Servicing, and Moges Gebreleoul, Project Manager, came forward to present an update on various rural projects and their expected completion dates. A lengthy discussion occurred during which questions were raised and answered relative to specific projects.

Chair J. Stroud raised a number of questions for which she requested written responses as these questions will be raised during upcoming open houses to be held in Anzac, Gregoire Lake and Conklin.

In response to a request from Councillor Vinni, the Committee agreed that Update on Rural Projects (South) will be included as a standard item on Rural Committee Agendas.

Motion to Move In Camera

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Rural Committee move In Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Rural Water and Sewer Program - Cost Contribution Alternative

(In Camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Reconvene in Public

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Rural Committee reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee met in camera between 4:35 p.m. and 4:56 p.m.

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that it be recommended that Council amend its resolution of September 23, 2014, relating to the Rural Water and Sewer Program to direct Administration to collect the resident contribution through a service connection fee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all items of business were concluded, Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer

Update on Rural Projects, North Rural Committee

February 23, 2016

Presenter : Nasir Qureshi & Ray Cruickshank – Engineering Department

Introduction

The northern hamlets with projects in progress are:

- Fort MacKay
- Fort Chipewyan

The Northern Rural Projects are:

- Fort Chipewyan Animal Control Centre
- Fort Chipewyan Firebag Bridge Replacement
- Fort Chipewyan Richardson River Bridge Replacement
- Fort Chipewyan Winter Road Bridge Replacement
- Fort Chipewyan Swimming Pool
- Fort Chipewyan Water and Sanitary Sewer Predesign
- Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant Upgrade
- Fort MacKay Fire Hall

Fort Chipewyan Animal Control Centre:

- Budget reduced from 3.5M to 2.8M to reflect a \$350 per sq. ft building cost
- The proposed project is a facility that would maintain a triage space to adequately care for animals injured or in distress. This facility would be utilized by municipal staff, and will provide a proper work area for veterinarians
- Request for tender closed on January 26, 2016
- All tenders received were over budget
- Administration is seeking alternate building sizes for cost reductions
- Project schedule may require updating due to winter road availability, after alternatives are reviewed

Fort Chipewyan Firebag Bridge Replacement:

- The replacement of the existing bridge over the Firebag River, located at 44 Km on the Winter Road
- The project was substantially completed in the fall of 2015 with seasonal deficiencies, which will be completed after Caribou protection timeline, in the Summer of 2016

Fort Chipewyan Firebag Bridge Replacement:



Fort Chipewyan Richardson River Bridge Replacement:

- Replacing the existing bridge over the Richardson River with a new bridge
- The existing bridge was severely damaged by the wildfire in the summer of 2011
- Construction work has started this winter and will be completed in two years
- Constraints include winter road window and caribou protection
- Request for tender was posted on November 17, 2015, and closed on December 3, 2015
- Contract has been awarded to the successful vendor

Fort Chipewyan Richardson River Bridge Replacement:



Fort Chipewyan Richardson River Bridge Fire Damages:



Severe damages from the wildfire in 2011

Fort Chipewyan Winter Road Bridges Replacement:

- Replacement and rehabilitation of the following three structures:
 - Rehabilitation of a single span bridge for the Athabasca tributary channel
 - Repair of the twin culverts in Sandhill area
 - The replacement of a culvert for Mission Creek located just south of Fort Chipewyan
- Firebag bridge replacement provides access to these sites

Fort Chipewyan Swimming Pool:

- Includes the construction of an aquatic facility consisting of a lap pool, recreation pool, water slide, hot tub, changing rooms and an administration area
- The project is 82% complete
- Internal finishes, metal cladding, pool mechanical, electrical and instrumentation is in progress
- The project is scheduled to be substantially completed by August 2016

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Fort Chipewyan Water & Sanitary Sewer Predesign:

- Optimization of the water supply and sanitary sewer systems. Water to be supplied to the Dog Head Reserve, proposed new school and southern portion of the Hamlet.
- Stakeholder engagement and assessment of the lift stations has been completed
- Request for proposal for the predesign of the water and sewer services is currently in progress
- Project requires an agreement with Mikisew Cree First Nation (MCFN)
- First Nation and Metis Nation Relations Department is working on obtaining a service agreement with the community

Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant Upgrade:

- Upgrades are required for the Water Treatment Plant to meet the current and future demand requirements of the community, as well as the regulatory approvals
- Phase 1 includes the upgrade and replacement of the existing incoming raw waterline, installation of a wastewater pipeline from the facility to the sewage lagoons and an upgrade of the raw water storage ponds
- Construction is 95% completed

Fort Chipewyan Water Treatment Plant Upgrade: (Continued)

- Phase 2 includes WTP upgrades to:
 - the existing distribution pumphouse
 - the existing raw water intake pump station &
 - the aging equipment
- Contract has been awarded and construction is expected to start in Spring of 2016

Fort MacKay Fire Hall:

- The project scope is to construct a new Fire Hall with four bays, parking for volunteers, indoor training room, and outdoor training area to meet the functional requirement of the Fort MacKay Fire Department
- Design phase of the project was awarded in March 2015
- The project is currently on hold pending re-engagement with the community (Metis and First Nations)

Challenges for Northern Rural Projects:

- Caribou protection plans to reduce the industrial footprint and impacts on caribou
- Fish protection plan for restricted activity periods
- Migratory bird protection plan for restricted activity periods
- Winter road availability

Thank You
Questions?