

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Councillor J. Cardinal, Member

Also Present: Councillor A. Vinni

Administration: A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative and Administrative Support
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., noting that she would be chairing the meeting until a Chair has been appointed, as required by the Standing Council Committees Bylaw.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Agenda be amended to add the Sapræ Creek Estates Community Hall Feasibility Study; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

A. Rogers indicated that as the first meeting of the Committee following Council's Organizational Meeting, it is required to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair. Councillor L. Bussieres nominated Councillor J. Stroud who accepted the nomination for the position of Chair. As there were no other nominations, Councillor J. Stroud was acclaimed as Chair, and assumed chairing of the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud then called for nominations for Vice-Chair. As there were no nominations, Councillor L. Bussieres volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair and was subsequently acclaimed to the position.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

3. Rural Committee Meeting - September 22, 2015

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Minutes of the Rural Committee meeting held on September 22, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival

Councillor A. Vinni joined the meeting at 4:06 p.m. It was noted that Councillor Vinni, although not a Committee Member, could participate in debate, but could not make motions or vote on the matters before the Committee.

4. Rural Community Placemaking Status Update

(4:06-4:20 p.m.)

R. Billiard, Manager, Public Works, provided a status update on Community Placemaking initiatives in Anzac, Janvier, Conklin, Gregoire Lake Estates and Fort Chipewyan.

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the update on the Community Placemaking projects in the rural areas be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business**5. Sapræ Creek Estates Feasibility Study**

(4:21 – 4:46 p.m.)

C. Bouchard, Director, Community Services, S. Warford, Manager, Rural Community Development, and K. Samaroden, Supervisor, Rural Recreation and Social Programs came forward to address the Committee, noting that feasibility study results showed that Draper residents support an outside gathering place, while Sapræ Creek residents support a community hall.

Councillor A. Vinni requested that the Committee recommend to Council that the pre-design and design for the Sapræ Creek Community Hall, in the amount of \$700,000 be moved into the funded category of the 2016 Capital Budget and provided his reasons for the request.

Although reference was made to \$700,000, it was later clarified that the total cost for the projects was \$500,000.

Councillor A. Vinni reference a land swap agreement between the Municipality and a Draper resident which occurred some years ago for the specific purpose of developing a community hall, and requested that Administration provide a status report on the said agreement which has been in litigation.

Moved by Chair J. Stroud that the Rural Committee recommend that Council add the Sapræ Creek Community Hall Pre-design and Design Projects, in the amount of \$500,000 to the list of 2016 funded projects in the 2016 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Proposed Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the meetings of the Rural Committee be held at 4:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month with the exception of recesses and Statutory Holidays.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all items of business were concluded, Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer