

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 08, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
G. Boutilier, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor (via teleconference)

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Kendall, Supervisor, Legislative Services
J. Wall, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Mayor Blake invited those so inclined to join her in prayer.

Arrival

Councillor G. Boutilier entered the Chamber at 6:14 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the agenda be amended by adding Item #21 – 2014 Provincial School Tax Increase; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Council Meeting - March 25, 2014

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the minutes of the March 25, 2014 Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Lynn Rhoddy, Program Supervisor re: Stepping Stones Youth Services

Lynn M. Rhoddy, Program Supervisor, gave an overview of the programs available through Stepping Stones Youth Services and spoke to some of the challenges they face, as well as plans for the future.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation from Lynn Rhoddy, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Carolyn Goolsby, Director and Cynthia O'Donnell, Chair, Board of Directors re: Wood Buffalo Regional Library

Carolyn Goolsby, Library Director and Cynthia O'Donnell, Chair, Board of Directors provided an overview of the programs that the Library offers to residents, as well as plans for future growth.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from Carolyn Goolsby and Cynthia O'Donnell be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Peter Allen, McMurray Fitness re: North Parsons Community Centre

Peter Allen, Owner, McMurray Fitness, spoke in opposition of the proposed fitness facility at the North Parsons Community Centre and indicated that it would be in direct competition with existing and new facilities in the same area.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the presentation from Peter Allen be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Jack (Torchy) Peden, Paul Hunt and Carmen Ramstead re: Save our Snye Group and Clearwater Heritage River Society

Jack (Torchy) Peden, Paul Hunt and Carmen Ramstead, residents, spoke regarding the waterfront redevelopment and expressed their concerns over the public consultation process.

Discussion ensued regarding the height of the light standards located on the waterfront, and it was indicated by administration that the light standards will be lowered.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the presentation from Jack (Torchy) Peden, Paul Hunt and Carmen Ramstead be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Antoine Palmer re: Sustainival Alberta

Antoine Palmer, Co-Founder, Sustainival Alberta, gave an overview on the Sustainival and the Green Beast events and requested a financial contribution to support the event.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation from Antoine Palmer be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:21 p.m.

7. Leadership Wood Buffalo Alumni re: Notice of Motion - Audit of Mayor and Council Governance and Activities

Beth Anthony and Grigori Litvinov, Leadership Wood Buffalo Alumni, spoke in favor of the Notice of Motion – Audit of Mayor and Council Governance and Activities (Request for Inspection) which will be discussed later in this meeting.

Exit and Return

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the Chamber at 7:27 p.m. and returned at 7:29 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from Leadership Wood Buffalo Alumni be received as information.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: K. McGrath

Recess

A break occurred from 7:46 p.m. to 8:03 p.m.

8. Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw No. 14/015

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/015, being a bylaw amendment to Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Bylaw No. 00/050, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit

Councillor A. Vinni was disconnected from the teleconference at 8:08 p.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/015 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor A. Vinni returned to the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

9. Funding Request for Sustainival

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that \$125,000 be allocated from the Community Services Department's 2014 approved operating budget for Sustainival.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

10. Land Use Bylaw Amendment - 9206 McCormick Drive - Lot 2, Block 21, Plan 2463 TR - Bylaw No. 14/016

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/016, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment specific to Lot 2, Block 21, Plan 2463 TR, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Eagle Ridge Commercial Site) - Bylaw No. 14/018

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/018, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

12. Lease of Municipal Land: TELUS Monopole AB2321 - Gregoire Drive (Plan 762 2056, Block 48)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that a 20 year lease be issued to TM Mobile Inc., for 0.010 hectares more or less of land legally contained within Plan 762 2056, Block 48, as highlighted on Attachment 1 – Subject Area Map dated February 26, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor T. Ault declared a potential pecuniary interest as a result of a personal interest and exited the Chamber at 8:23 p.m.

13. CUPE Collective Bargaining Ratification

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Collective agreement with CUPE Local 1505 for the period January 2014 – December 31, 2017 be ratified.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor T. Ault returned to the Chamber at 8:28 p.m.

14. Community Identification Committee Recommendations –Community Centre facility at Eagle Ridge, Fire Department Facility and a Roadway in Stonecreek, Phase 3C

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Community Centre facility, located in Lot 70MR Block 31 Plan 082 7243, be named “Eagle Ridge Community Centre”; and that the Fire Department Facility, located in Lot 4 Block 24 Plan 122 1589 (200 Airport Road), be named “Fire Hall No. 5”; and that the roadway in Stonecreek, Phase 3C be named “Cobblestone Bay”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Subdivision Time Extension Request – Draper Road (File Number 2008-WB-RS-015)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the application for Subdivision Time Extension for Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 982 3452 be approved for one year until November 17, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Resolution Concerning Corporate Governance of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the following motion be taken from the table: “That Council, acting in its capacity as the sole Member of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, pass the resolution included in Attachment 1 – Resolution to Amend RRC Bylaw.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that Attachment 1 be amended by deleting the existing section 1(e) and replacing it with the following: “The Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo may appoint up to four (4) elected members of the municipal council as directors.”

Exit and Return

Councillor A. Vinni disconnected at 8:39 p.m. and returned at 8:41 p.m.

DEFEATED

For: G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal,
S. Germain, K. McGrath

Opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault, P. Meagher, J.
Stroud, A. Vinni

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Attachment 1 be amended
by deleting section 3 in its entirety.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres, J.
Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P.
Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: G. Boutilier

Exit and Return

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the Chamber at 9:01 p.m. and returned at 9:02 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni to delete section 1(e) and replace it
with a statement that no councillors will be appointed to the
Regional Recreation Corporation.

DEFEATED

For: J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier, L.
Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K.
McGrath, P. Meagher

Voting occurred on the original motion.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Council, acting in its
capacity as the sole Member of the Regional Recreation
Corporation of Wood Buffalo, pass the resolution included in
Attachment 1 – Resolution to Amend RRC Bylaw, as amended.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier, L.
Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K.
McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Opposed: A. Vinni

17. Council Expense Summary – January 1 – December 31, 2013

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Council Expense
Summary for the period January 1 – December 31, 2013 be
received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. 2013 General Election: Campaign Disclosure Statements

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that this report regarding campaign disclosure statements for the 2013 general election be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the Chamber at 9:16 p.m. and returned at 9:19 p.m.

New and Unfinished Business**19. Notice of Motion – Corporate Restructuring**

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that:

1. The following positions shall effective April 23, 2014 become direct reports to the Council: the Municipal Auditor, the Chief Legislative Officer, and the Director of Legal Services/Regional Legal Counsel.
2. The Audit and Budget Committee (which includes the members of the Governance, Agenda and Priorities Committee) shall make a recommendation to Council, for consideration not later than the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 22, 2014, concerning:
 - (a) the details of the reporting requirements and Council oversight for each of the aforementioned positions and
 - (b) amendments to the employment contracts for the incumbents in those positions to reflect their new reporting structure and reporting requirements.
3.
 - (a) For the purposes of the Municipal Government Act effective April 23, 2014, the Municipal Auditor, the Chief Legislative Officer and the Director of Legal Services/Regional Legal Counsel shall have the status of designated officers;
 - (b) The Director of Legal Services/Regional Legal Counsel is hereby requested to bring forward any new bylaws or necessarily consequential amendments to the Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw, for consideration by Council not later than the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 22, 2014, to give effect to clauses 1, 2 and 3(a) above.
4. Effective April 23, 2014: the Audit and Budget Committee is re-named the "Finance Committee", its mandate is

expanded to include responsibility for governance oversight of all aspects of the municipality's financial affairs, the Executive Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer becomes an additional direct administrative point of contact with the Finance Committee and provides regular reports to meetings of the Finance Committee, and the Director of Legal Services/Regional Legal Counsel is hereby requested to bring forward for consideration by Council not later than the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 22, 2014 any necessarily consequential amendments to the Council Committees Bylaw to give effect to these matters.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the motion be deferred until the second Council Meeting in June, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assuming of Chair

Mayor M. Blake vacated the Chair to put forward the next item for discussion. Deputy Mayor G. Boutilier assumed the Chair at 9:32 p.m.

20. Notice of Motion – Request for Inspection

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that in accordance with the Municipal Government Act Section 571(1)(b) Council requests an inspection of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be performed with regards to any matters connected to governance function and activities of the Mayor and Council.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath

Recess

A break occurred from 9:50 p.m. to 9:59 p.m. at which time Mayor M. Blake resumed the Chair.

Extension of Meeting Time

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, J. Stroud

Opposed: P. Meagher, A. Vinni

Exit

Councillor A. Vinni exited the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

21. 2014 Provincial School Tax Increase

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

1. That a letter from Council be sent to the Province regarding the education tax requisition increase; and
2. That a meeting be scheduled with both local MLAs and the Minister of Education regarding the education tax requisition increase; and
3. That a communications plan, similar to last year, be implemented to ensure the public is aware of the source of the increase on the 2014 tax bill; and
4. That the contact information for both local MLAs be included on the 2014 tax bills.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

22. Notice of Motion Served

Councillor K. McGrath served the following Notice of Motion which will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the April 22, 2014 Council meeting:

“THAT administration be directed to undertake the immediate demolition and clean-up of all expropriated commercial and residential properties in the City Centre Area, with all the work to be completed no later than June 15, 2014.”

Update from Administration

Reference was made to the unsightly condition of the Twin Pine Hotel. Although this is not a municipally owned property, it was questioned whether the Municipality could provide direction or possible remedies to the property owner to improve this condition.

The Chief Administrative Officer mentioned that Planning and Development could bring forward possible options available to Council in addressing this type of issue.

23. Anzac Community Recreation Centre - Additional Information/Update

The Chief Administrative Officer confirmed this update has been circulated to members of Council, noting that as much of the information is proprietary in nature, further questions may be best addressed through an in camera meeting.

Reporting - Boards and Committees

- Veterans Memorial Highway Association (Councillor J. Stroud)
- WestJet Launch, Fort McMurray Fire Fighters Fundraiser (Councillor T. Ault)
- Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association (NAABA), Policing Community Open House, Safety Council, YMM Airport Announcement (Councillor K. McGrath)

- Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, 2015 Western Canada Summer Games Update, Urban Aboriginal Connection Kick-Off, Affordable Housing Action Plan, Friends for Life- Mental Health Association, April Autism Awareness Month (Mayor M. Blake)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer