

**Approved 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, December 10, 2013, 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

**Absent:** J. Chadi, Councillor

**Administration:** B. Makey, Chief Operating Officer  
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer  
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer  
J. Wall, Legislative Coordinator

**National Anthem**

**Call To Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Minutes of November 26, 2013**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the minutes from the November 26, 2013 Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegations****2. Elaine Martens and Kelly Grant, Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom re: 2013 Report to Council**

Elaine Martens and Kelly Grant provided an overview of the Communities in Bloom program and the Committee's activities and initiatives throughout the Municipality. The presenters concluded with noting that the Municipality has once again achieved a 5 Bloom designation, which is the highest ranking available.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the presentation from Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Bill Werny and Craig Bussey, Fort McMurray Airport Authority re: Request for Funding for Fort McMurray International Air Show**

Bill Werny and Craig Bussey were in attendance to request a \$250,000 sponsorship from the Municipality for the proposed 2014 Fort McMurray International Air Show. The event would feature both an air show and a static display, and is expected to attract approximately 50,000 attendees.

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the presentation from the Fort McMurray Airport Authority be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion ensued during which concern was expressed about the appropriateness of using tax dollars for this type of event.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

that funding in the amount of \$250,000 be allocated from the 2014 Office of the Chief Operating Officer Division operating budget for the Fort McMurray International Air Show;

that in the event the funding cannot be accommodated in the 2014 Office of the Chief Operating Officer Division operating budget, funding shall be allocated from the 2014 corporate surplus, if it exists; and

that in the event the funding cannot be accommodated in the 2014 corporate operating surplus, funding be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, A. Vinni

Opposed: S. Germain, J. Stroud

## **Presentations**

### **4. 2013 Bank of Canada Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for Counterfeit Deterrence - Presented by Michael Duncan, Assistant Director, Bank of Canada to Sergeant Johanne Wirsta, Wood Buffalo RCMP**

Superintendent Bob Couture, Wood Buffalo RCMP introduced Sergeant Johanne Wirsta, Wood Buffalo RCMP, and provided a synopsis of her career achievements, particularly in the area of counterfeit prevention and detection. Mike Duncan, Bank of Canada, then presented Sergeant Wirsta with the 2013 Bank of Canada Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for Counterfeit Deterrence, and commended her for initiative, dedication and achievements.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Recess**

A break occurred between 7:41 p.m. and 7:57 p.m.

## **Public Hearings and Related Reports**

### **5. Highway 63/881 Corridor Area Structure Plan Amendment – Bylaw No. 13/037**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 13/037 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pankaj Nalavde, Planning and Development, provided an overview and introduction of the proposed bylaw, which is an amendment to the Highway 63/881 Corridor Area Structure Plan and is consistent with the recommendations of the Municipal Development Plan.

Mike Kearns, Senior Economic Development Officer, Chipewayn Dene First Nation, spoke in support of the bylaw explaining that the development would provide much needed services for the area. It was noted that the plan for the area includes an entrepreneur's centre, a gas bar, convenience store, storage areas, service bays, and a two-storey business complex.

Darrell Herman, Director, Christina River Dene Nation Council, spoke in opposition to the bylaw noting that the health and safety of the people in the area who commute on the highway is in jeopardy due to the number of fatalities. It was noted that the medical support services necessary for this type of this development are not available.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 13/037 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 13/037 was held between 8:00 p.m. and 8:20 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 13/037, being an amendment to the Highway 63/881 Corridor Area Structure Plan, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 13/037 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Reports**

### **6. Request for Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off**

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, explained the write-off process noting that an external collection agency will be actively seeking to collect the arrears.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the recommended Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off of \$97,965.38 dated December 10, 2013 (Attachment 1), be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **7. Council Committee Appointments (Interim)**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Council members be appointed to the following Council committees in Councillor Chadi's absence:

- ALPAC Landscape Advisory Committee – Councillor Cardinal
- Audit and Budget Committee – Councillor Vinni
- Community Services Committee – Councillor Cardinal
- Governance, Agenda and Priorities Committee – Councillor Boutilier
- Selection Committee – Councillor Cardinal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Councillor Boutilier be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period February 1 to April 30, 2014.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher

Opposed: M. Blake, K. McGrath, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

## 8. Council Committee Appointments

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the following appointments to the Combative Sports Commission be approved, effective immediately:

- Sandy Bowman, Christine Burton and Phil Heinzelman to December 31, 2014;
- Danielle Bursey, Shawn Chaulk, Neal Perry and Rene Wells to December 31, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the following appointments be approved, effective January 1, 2014:

- Assessment Review Board - Samuel Odemuyiwa and Tiffany Primmer to December 31, 2015;
- Communities in Bloom Committee - Carrol Budgell, Rabail Junaid, Qasim Malik, Ana Maria Mendez-Barks and James Sedgwick to December 31, 2015;
- Community Identification Committee - Jerry Bussieres, Historical Society Representative, Salem Alahmad and Carol Cleminson to December 31, 2015;
- Community Services Committee - Tiffany Primmer to December 31, 2014; Funke Banjoko, Julie MacLennan and Robert Parmenter to December 31, 2015;
- Fort McMurray Airport Authority - Bernd Wehmeyer to December 31, 2017;
- Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board - Jeffery Cromwell, Samra Ilyas, Shazia Mughal and Paul St. John to December 31, 2015;
- Library Board - Amelia Schofield to December 31, 2015; Monica Domingues and Alejandro Bosch Sanchez to December 31, 2016;
- Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality - Caitlin Downie, Muhammad Ehtisham, Joy Rose Flett and Allison Power to December 31, 2015;
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board - Femi Baiyewun, Kevin Hughes and Phil Klug to December 31, 2015; and
- Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation - Randy Stefanizyn to December 31, 2014; Tom Diamond to December 31, 2015; Douglas Allen, Linda Bucke and Scott Gillis to December 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reporting - Boards and Committees**

- Anzac Community Christmas Dinner (Councillor J. Stroud)
- IAFF Firefighter Open House, Leadership Wood Buffalo (Councillor T. Ault)
- Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality (Councillor J. Cardinal)
- Audit and Budget Committee (Mayor M. Blake)

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer