

Minutes of a Special 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, June 17, 2014, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
R. Kendall, Supervisor
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor L. Bussieres declared a potential pecuniary interest in the upcoming item as a result of an interest in the lands to be discussed and exited the Chamber at 7:19 p.m.

Bylaws

1. Reconsideration of Land Use Bylaw Amendment - A portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102 1640 (Parsons Creek) - Bylaw No. 14/017

Discussions ensued with respect to the reconsideration of Bylaw No. 14/017. It was also indicated that clarity had to be provided to the citizens of this region as to the communication that Council has had with the Provincial Government.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the motions pursuant to which Bylaw No. 14/017, as amended, was defeated at second reading at the Special Meeting of June 12, 2014, be now reconsidered.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that Bylaw 14/017 be amended by deleting the zoning map that was attached to the Bylaw at First Reading, and replacing it with the alternative zoning map proposed for Council's consideration at the Special Meeting on June 12, 2014.

CARRIED

For: G. Boutilier, S. Germain, K. McGrath,
P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault

Discussions ensued regarding land release in the region and Councillor A. Vinni indicated that it is the hope that the release of land from the Provincial Government will now change. It was also indicated that Council did not disregard the needs of the citizens when it defeated this same motion during the June 12, 2014 Council meeting. It was noted that a higher level of engagement with the Province has now occurred due to the stand that Council made on June 12, 2014.

Further in-depth discussions continued and concerns of some citizens were addressed regarding the development of the Parsons Creek project if it did not go forward and the land transfer agreement with the Province of Alberta.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that Bylaw 14/017, as amended be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw 14/017 as amended be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notice of Motion

Councillor K. McGrath served notice that the following will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the July 8th Council Meeting:

"Administration be directed to investigate the available options for obtaining greater revenue for the Municipal treasury from open or independent work camps [i.e., camps not directly owned by or affiliated with an oil sands company] that operate within the boundaries of the Municipality, in order to more equitably compensate for increased costs to the Municipality that arise from the operation of such camps, and that Administration report back to Council on this matter after the 2014 summer recess."

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer