

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, November 25, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Administration: M. Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Opening Prayer

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

National Anthem

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. **Minutes from Council Meeting - October 28, 2014**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 28, 2014 be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. **Elaine Martens and Julie Moretto re: Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom - Annual Update**

Elaine Martens and Karen Puga, members of the Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Committee highlighted the Municipality's accomplishments and achievements following the

National Awards ceremony.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Communities in Bloom presentation be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

3. [Portion of SW30-88-8-W4M \(adjacent to Snow Eagle Drive\) - Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan Amendment - Bylaw No. 14/036 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw No. 14/037](#)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/036 and Bylaw No. 14/037 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tom Schwerdtfeger, Supervisor, Development Control, provided an overview of the application to redesignate the lands from Urban Expansion (UE) District to Business Industrial (BI).

[Richard Boerger, Axiom Architecture on behalf of B&D Contracting Services](#) provided an introduction on behalf of the applicant.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/036 and Bylaw No. 14/037 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was held between 6:28 p.m. and 6:41 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/036, being an amendment to the Highway 69/Clearwater River Valley Area Structure Plan to change the designation of a portion of Section Southwest 30, Township 88, Range 8, & W4M from Open Space to Proposed Business Industrial, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 14/036 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/037, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw to change the designation of a portion of Section Southwest 30, Township 88, Range 8 & W4M from Urban Expansion District (UE) to Business Industrial District (BI) be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that Bylaw No. 14/037 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

4. Reserve Designation Removal and Sale of Portion of Block R1, Plan 752 0462 (Gregoire) - Bylaw No. 14/040

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that Bylaw No. 14/040, being a bylaw to remove a portion of the reserve designation within Block R1, Plan 752 0462, be read a first time;
- that the required public hearing be held on January 27, 2015; and
- that subject to the passing of the reserve removal, Council approve the disposition, at market value, of a 0.21 hectare (0.52 acre) portion of the parcel legally described as Block R1, Plan 752 0462, subject to the Terms and Conditions dated October 2014 (Attachment 2).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

5. Transit Fares

Robert Kirby, Director, Public Works, presented the findings from research that Administration completed regarding transit fare structures.

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the meeting at 6:57 p.m. and returned at 6:59 p.m.

Questions arose with respect to the transit fares that seniors in the rural service areas pay versus those in the urban area.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that both urban and rural transit rates for seniors be free.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor J. Stroud requested that Administration advertise in the rural areas to advise that seniors regular transit rates are now free.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Wood Buffalo Transit fares remain as currently structured with the exception that rural seniors' fares be free.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor A. Vinni declared a potential pecuniary interest in the upcoming item as a result of personal interest and exited the Chamber at 7:10 p.m.

6. Penhorwood Demolition

Robert Kirby, Director, Public Works, provided a brief synopsis of the report and answered questions of Council.

Michael Durocher, resident, spoke in favour of the demolition.

Kim Jenkins, resident, expressed his views and supported the proposed demolition.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that funding for the Penhorwood demolition of \$3,000,000 be accommodated from:

- The 2014 Corporate Operating Budget surplus, or
- The Emerging Issues Reserve,

in that order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor A. Vinni returned to the Chamber at 7:25 p.m.

7. [Animal Control Services](#)

Greg Scarborough, Manager, Bylaw Services, provided a brief introduction of the report.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that the Capital Request for Animal Control Services for the Municipality, as summarized on Attachment 1, dated October 7, 2014 be approved; and
 - that \$7,400,000 be transferred from the 2014 Operating Budget to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve to fund the capital requests as summarized on Attachment 1, dated October 7, 2014; and
 - that the \$130,800 Operating funds for Animal Control Services be funded from:
 - the Bylaw Services 2014 Operating Budget;
 - the Chief Operating Officer's 2014 Operating Budget surplus;
 - the 2014 Corporate Operating Budget surplus; or
 - the Emerging Issues Reserve;
- in that order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. [Citizen Recognition Program Recommendations](#)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Community Services Committee (CSC) recommendations for the 2014 Citizen Recognition Program be approved, to be revealed at the Toast of Champions Ceremony.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. [Rural Water and Sewer Servicing – Fixed Fees](#)

Kevin Scoble, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering, gave a brief overview of the report.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

- that the property owners' contribution of capital costs will be fixed at \$16,000 for piped water and sewer systems in Anzac,

- Conklin, Draper, Gregoire Lake Estates and Janvier;
- that the property owners' contribution of capital costs will be fixed at \$10,000 for sewer systems in Sapræe Creek; and
 - that the property owners that defer connection to the system will be charged the appropriate fixed fee plus inflation and interest.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Lease of Port of Entry Building to Arts Council Wood Buffalo

Keith Smith, Acting Director, Land Administration, explained the proposed lease.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the existing lease between Arts Council Wood Buffalo and the Municipality for the Port of Entry Building at 400 Sakitawaw Trail, Fort McMurray within Reserve Block 5, Plan 752 0462 be amended to a nominal lease rate of One Dollar per annum, retroactively to September 1, 2014, with Lessee responsible for all costs associated with utilities, insurance, and tenant improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was suggested that Administration investigate the possibility of moving the Port of Entry Building to Heritage Park when the land is required by the Province for expansion of the highway.

Reporting - Boards and Committees

Councillor K. McGrath - LEED Workshop, RRC Board Meeting, AAMDC Convention, Hometown Hockey

Councillor J. Stroud - Remembrance Day Ceremony at MacDonald Island Park, Noralta Lodge hosting 2015 Western Canada Summer Games Athletes, upcoming Anzac Community Christmas Dinner on November 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre in Anzac

Councillor T. Ault - Hometown Hockey, RMWB Green Teen Program

Councillor P. Meagher - Remembrance Day Ceremony, Vista Ridge ski hill opening, Hometown Hockey

Mayor M. Blake – Hometown Hockey, 21st Century Leadership Training, Annual kickoff of Salvation Army Kettles, upcoming Santa Clause Parade and opening of Jubilee Plaza on Saturday November 29.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer