

**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 28, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

- Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
T. Ault, 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  
C. Tatum, Councillor
- Administration:** M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
R. Kendall, Supervisor, Legislative Services  
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

**Call To Order**

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**National Anthem**

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Minutes from Council Meeting - April 14, 2015**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on April 14, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Presentations**

**2. Cathy Yard, citizen poet re: Mayor's Poetry City Challenge**  
(6:05 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.)

**Cathy Yard, citizen poet**, presented her poem titled "Not Sure I Can Explain".

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from Cathy Yard re: Mayor's Poetry City Challenge be accepted with appreciation and thanks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**3. Darby Allen and Alan McIntosh, Regional Emergency Services re: Emergency Management - Elected Officials**

(6:10 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.)

**Darby Allen, Director and Alan McIntosh, Deputy Director, Regional Emergency Services**, provided an update on the roles and responsibilities in Emergency management. It was noted that an update could be provided to Council regarding the Emergency Plan for Conklin at a future meeting.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation from Darby Allen and Alan McIntosh, Regional Emergency Services be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Deloitte re: 2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Business Arising from Presentation**

**5. 2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

(6:31 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.)

**Rachel Gosse, Deloitte**, indicated that the audit was completed and they have reported their findings and recommendations to the Audit and Budget Committee.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the final re: 2014 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ended December 31, 2014 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Hearings and Related Reports**

**6. Proposed Site for Anzac Emergency Operation Facility**

(6:36 p.m. – 7:12 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Non-Statutory Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Site for the Anzac Emergency Operation Facility be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Keith Smith, Director, Land Administration and Darby Allen, Regional Fire Chief**, provided a brief overview of the proposed site of the location of the facility.

**Rosemarie Pratt, Anzac resident**, spoke in opposition to the proposed site for the Emergency Operation Facility and raised concerns as an adjacent property owner.

**Betty Woodward, Anzac resident**, also spoke in opposition to the proposed site as an adjacent property owner.

**Travis Crammer, Chief, Anzac Volunteer Fire Department**, spoke in support of the proposed site and explained the difficulties with the other sites that were considered.

**Daryl Woytkiw, President, Willow Lake Community Association**, spoke in support of the proposed site.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Non-Statutory Public Hearing be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was held between 6:37 p.m. and 7:05 p.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the submissions made by the public concerning the proposed site for a new Emergency Operation Facility in Anzac, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As no further motions were put forward for consideration relative to this matter, the Chief Legislative Officer advised that Council's previous motion, passed on April 14, 2015 remains in effect.

### **Bylaws**

**7. 2015 Property Tax Rate Bylaw - Bylaw No. 15/010**  
(7:13 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/010, being the 2015 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Reports**

**8. Sale of Portion of Lot 22R, Block 55, Plan 772 0076 – Fort McMurray, Alberta and Reserve Designation Removal**  
(7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

**Keith Smith, Director, and Melody Flett, Land Management Specialist, Land Administration**, spoke in relation to Administration's recommendation to dispose of the lands at fair market value.

**Dan Kuderewko, Emmanuel Baptist Church**, requested that the lands be sold to the Church for a nominal fee.

Discussion ensued and alternative options were raised, including leasing the land.

### **Exit and Return**

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that a portion of Lot 22R, Block 55, Plan 772 076 be leased to the Emmanuel Baptist Church for a period of 25 years at the nominal rate of \$1 per year with an option to renew for an additional 25 years.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: T. Ault

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

That Administration be directed to take the necessary steps to facilitate the removal of the Reserve designation from the subject property; and

That the required public hearing be held on May 12, 2015

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Recess and Enter

A recess occurred from 7:45 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:02 p.m., at which time Councillor S. Germain joined the meeting.

### **9. Policy LEG-180 - Attendance at Political Fundraising Events and Other Events - Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Directors**

(8:02 p.m. – 8:39 p.m.)

**David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services**, spoke to the proposed policy.

Lengthy discussion began and the following proposed amendment to the policy was brought forward by Councillor A. Vinni:

“that Policy LEG-180, the Attendance at Political Fundraising Events and Other Events Policy (Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Directors) be amended as shown on the marked-up revision dated April 28, 2015.”

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the amendment be further amended by adding; "(e) there shall be no reimbursement for any costs related to attending a Political Fundraising Event that occurs during the period between nomination day or the issuance of a writ, and election day, in respect of any municipal, provincial or federal election. "

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Policy LEG-180, the Attendance at Political Fundraising Events and Other Events Policy (Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Directors) be amended as shown on the marked-up revision dated April 28, 2015, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Policy LEG-180, being the Attendance at Political Fundraising Events and Other Events – Elected Officials, Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Directors, dated April 28, 2015, be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. Advisory Committee on Aging Request For Operating Funding**

(8:39 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.)

Discussion ensued and it was requested that a report regarding the status of the Advisory Committee on Aging's World Health Organization designation be brought to Council on a regular basis.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

that \$100,000 be allocated to fund the mandate of the Advisory Committee on Aging (ACOA) in 2015, to be sourced from:

- 2015 Community Services Department Operating Budget surplus;
  - 2015 Community and Protective Services Division Operating Budget surplus;
  - 2015 Corporate Operating Budget surplus; or
  - Emerging Issues Reserve;
- in that order; and

that similar funding for ACOA's activities in future years be incorporated in the budgeting process and brought forward for Council's consideration; and

that Administration continue to support the ACOA consistent with the standard processes that are in place to support Council committees throughout the Municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. Transit Facility Construction Green Trip**

(8:46 p.m. – 8:47 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

that the Municipality defer construction of the proposed permanent transit facility until June 2015, pending the outcome and conclusion of a needs assessment, to be completed in May, for the permanent facility; and

that Administration request an extension of the Green Trip Funding from the Province.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**12. RCMP/Bylaw Services Annual Performance Plan – Citizen Survey**

(8:48 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

**Dale Benefeld and Rob McCloy, Inspector, Wood Buffalo RCMP Detachment,** gave a brief overview of concerns identified in the community.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the RCMP/Bylaw Services Annual Performance Plan presentation, dated April 28, 2015 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Appointer Representatives - Fort McMurray Airport Authority**

(9:16 p.m. – 9:31 p.m.)

The following motion was put on the floor by Councillor J. Stroud:

- “1. That the December 14, 2010 Resolution appointing the Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Director, Stakeholder Relations as the Municipality’s representatives to attend the Fort McMurray Airport Authority annual Appointers Meeting be rescinded.
2. That two Councillors( McGrath and Vinni) be appointed to represent the Municipality at the Fort McMurray Airport Authority 2015 Appointers Meeting and that Council reconsider the matter annually at the Organizational Meeting of Council.”

Assuming of the Chair

Mayor M. Blake vacated the Chair, and Deputy Mayor J. Stroud assumed the Chair at 9:17 p.m.

Mayor M. Blake put forward an amendment to the main motion:

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that the main motion be amended by deleting “two Councillors” and substituting “One Councillor and the Chief Administrative Officer, or his designate”

DEFEATED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Stroud

Opposed: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal,  
S. Germain, K. McGrath,  
P. Meagher, A. Vinni

Assuming of the Chair

Mayor M. Blake re-assumed the Chair at 9:18 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the main motion be amended by inserting the words (Councillors McGrath and Vinni) after the words “two Councillors”.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Stroud

Voting then occurred on the main motion, as amended.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

1. That the December 14, 2010 Resolution appointing the Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Director, Stakeholder Relations as the Municipality's representatives to attend the Fort McMurray Airport Authority annual Appointers Meeting be rescinded.

2. That two Councillors (McGrath and Vinni) be appointed to represent the Municipality at the Fort McMurray Airport Authority 2015 Appointers Meeting and that Council reconsider the matter annually at the Organizational Meeting of Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**14. Jubilee Centre Reno/Construction 2014-2016**

(9:31 p.m. – 9:53 p.m.)

**Kevin Scoble, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Division, Dennis Warr, Manager of Facility Services and Darrell Shymoniak, Field Services Supervisor**, spoke in relation to the renovations in progress at the Jubilee Building.

Discussions ensued and it was requested that Administration provide a summary listing for all buildings that are currently leased by the Municipality, including terms, amount of time left on the lease and any opportunity to sublet or exit current lease agreements.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Municipality continues with the rehabilitation work associated with the Jubilee Centre Reno/Construction 2014-2016 Capital Project.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: L. Bussieres

**15. Water North Coalition General Membership Request**

(9:53 p.m. – 9:56 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

That the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo become a voting member of the newly formed Water North Coalition; and

That a Council member be appointed to serve as the voting representative on the Water North Coalition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reporting - Boards and Committees**

Councillor J. Stroud – Fellowship Baptist Church Soup kitchen, Words in Motion Poetry Challenge

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer