

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, commencing at 3:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor J. Stroud, Chair  
Councillor J. Cardinal

**Absent:** Councillor L. Bussieres

**Also Present:** Councillor A. Vinni

**Administration:** K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
B. Couture, Executive Director  
M. Johnstone, Executive Director  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

**Call to Order**

Chair J. Stroud called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and relayed regrets from Councillor L. Bussieres who will not be attending today.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**1. Minutes of Rural Committee Meeting - March 22, 2016**

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Minutes of the Rural Committee meeting held on March 22, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business**

**2. Rural Transit Services Update**  
(4:01 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.)

**Robert Kirby, Director of Transit Services**, provided an update on the rural transit services.

**Arrival**

Councillor A. Vinni joined the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

Reference was made to the Poetry in Motion Program and the finalists' poems being put on the busses. It was questioned if there was a finalist from the Conklin area and if so, whether that poem and two commendable poems could be placed on the bus travelling to Conklin. This matter was referred to Communications for investigation.

It was requested that the rural transit bus schedule (specific to the number of trips to each rural community) be reconfirmed for the Rural Committee to ensure that the minimum standards identified in the report are met.

Transit service to the airport was mentioned, specifically relative to the bus stopping at McMurray Aviation. It was confirmed a transit bus, separate from the Airport Shuttle, does stop at that location. Concern was raised that this information is not readily available therefore increased communication is required so rural residents, particularly those in Fort Chipewyan, can avail themselves of the service.

### **3. Sale of Portion of River Lots 41 & 42 in Fort Chipewyan**

Councillor J. Cardinal requested the following be reflected in the Minutes: "I would like to have it known that although the potential purchaser is a relation of mine, this relationship does not fall within the definition of Councillor's family in the Municipal Government Act, therefore my taking part in this discussion and voting on this matter does not qualify as having a pecuniary interest.

**Keith Smith, Director, Land Administration, and Michael Incandia, Land Management Specialist,** presented the report.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the following be recommended for Council approval:

"That Administration be authorized to proceed with the sale of a portion of River Lots 41 & 42, Plan CHIPEWY to the current occupant, at fair market value, in accordance with the terms and conditions dated March 1, 2016 (Attachment 1)."

DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that this matter be referred back to Administration to further explore and bring back possible options to the next Rural Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **5. Road Repairs in Rural Communities - Verbal Update**

(4:34 p.m. – 4:47 p.m.)

**Rob Billard, Director, Public Works,** presented a verbal update on road repairs in rural communities.

### **4. Placemaking in Rural Communities - Verbal Update**

(4:47 p.m. – 4:56 p.m.)

**Rob Billard, Director, Public Works,** provided an update on Placemaking in Rural

Communities.

**6. Rural Water & Sewer Projects Update**

(4:56 p.m. – 4:57 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that Item #6 – Rural Water & Sewer Projects Update be deferred to the May 24, 2016 Rural Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

As all scheduled business items were concluded, Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Chair

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Chief Legislative Officer