

**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, May 26, 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  
C. Tatum, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor

**Absent:** J. Chadi, Councillor

**Administration:** M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer  
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

**Call To Order**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**National Anthem**

The National Anthem was performed by a vocal quartet named Ain't Misbehavin', featuring Tammy Austin, Jennifer Dahl, Jonathan Gibbs and Dianne Pare.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor K. McGrath served notice that the following motion will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the June 9, 2015 Council Meeting:

"THAT the Municipality undertake a review of all municipal bylaws, policies and standards dealing with residential on-street parking on all municipal roadways, for the purpose of developing a parking plan which addresses potential traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, including without limitation: intersection setbacks, access/egress, emergency vehicle access, pedestrian crosswalks and parking bans or restrictions; and

THAT the review be completed and all recommendations for bylaw amendments or other measures be brought forward for Council consideration on or before November 1, 2015."

**Minutes of Previous Meetings****1. Minutes from Council Meeting - May 12, 2015**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 12, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Public Hearings and Related Reports****2. Reserve Designation Removal for Portion of Lot 22R, Block 55, Plan 772 0076 (Emmanuel Baptist Church)**

(6:09 p.m. – 6:18 p.m.)

Mayor Blake declared the Public Hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

**Erin O'Neill, Manager, Land Acquisitions and Dispositions, and Melody Flett, Land Management Specialist**, provided an introduction on behalf of Administration on the Reserve Designation Removal.

There were no written or verbal submissions and Mayor Blake then declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the submission from Administration be accepted as information.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: T. Ault

**Bylaws****3. Willow Square Road Closure - Bylaw No. 15/001**

(6:19 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/001, being a bylaw to close roads within the Willow Square lands, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held on June 9, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Lease of Lot 81ER, Block 61, Plan 052 xxxx (Signal Road)**

**- Reserve Designation Conversion - Bylaw No. 15/008**

**- Reserve Use Exception - Bylaw No. 15/009**

(6:20 p.m. – 6:21 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that Bylaw No. 15/008, being a bylaw to convert an Environmental Reserve designation to a Public Utility Lot designation, be read a first time.

- that Bylaw No. 15/009, being a bylaw to authorize the use of certain environmentally reserve lands as a construction laydown site, be read a first time.
- that the public hearing for Bylaws 15/008 and 15/009 be held on June 23, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 2, Plan 112 2917 - Bylaw No. 15/013**

(6:22 p.m. – 6:23 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/013, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to Lot 2, Plan 112 2917, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held on June 9, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Reports**

**6. Council Committee Appointments**

(6:23 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.)

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

- Communities in Bloom Committee: Julia Bennett to December 31, 2015;
- Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board: Robert Woodward to December 31, 2015;
- Library Board: Shazia Yasin Mughal to December 31, 2016; and
- Subdivision and Development Appeal Board: Zubair Mahmood to December 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Strategic Plan : Building a Strong and Resilient Community**

(6:26 p.m. – 6:44 p.m.)

**Councillor S. Germain** presented an overview that detailed the process, highlights, the seven goals and the accountability for Council of the Strategic Plan and thanked all involved in the development of the Strategic Plan.

**Jim Rogers, citizen**, spoke to how the Strategic Plan relates to Waterways, and how it will address issues such as transportation throughout the Municipality.

### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:26 p.m. and returned at 6:27 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan be approved as presented, and deployed throughout the organization as a planning tool for business plans and budget preparation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Exit

Councillor P. Meagher exited the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

### **8. Sports and Entertainment Centre (SEC) Non-Binding Letter of Intent (LOI)** (6:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

**Ted Zlotnik, Director, Supply Chain Management**, presented an update on the Sports and Entertainment Centre, and noted that the negotiations with International Coliseums Company (ICC) resulted in fulfillment of the key conditions requested by Council in June 2014.

### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:28 p.m. and returned at 7:29 p.m.

**Mike Durocher, citizen**, expressed concerns with the impact that the Sports and Entertainment Centre could have on MacDonald Island Park and the Casman Centre.

**Bob Barrett, citizen**, noted that he was speaking on behalf of himself and local business owner, Bearj Shmoon, and raised concerns regarding the effect the construction phase of the Sports and Entertainment Centre (SEC) may have on the area businesses and the neighbourhood. He also questioned whether there were other plans for the land if the SEC does not go ahead.

**Jim Rogers, citizen**, spoke in relation to the Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that the Chief Administrative Officer or his delegate be instructed by Council to execute on behalf of the Municipality a non-binding Letter of Intent ["LOI"] with International Coliseums Company ["ICC"] that establishes basic parameters of the legal, commercial, operational, financial, and design terms and requirements for the Sports and Entertainment Centre ["SEC"] on the downtown block bordered by Franklin Avenue, Main Street, MacDonald Avenue and Morrison Street, including the negotiation of a parkade option bordering Main Street and Biggs Avenue; and
- that Administration be instructed to proceed with negotiations with ICC, after execution of the LOI, for a final design and

binding contracts for the SEC and parkade option, subject to the final approval of Council in its sole and unfettered discretion.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: L. Bussieres

### Recess

A recess occurred at 8:01 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

#### **9. Community Identification Committee Recommendation – Dr. K.P. Wong Waterpark**

(8:14 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the new splash pad at the Syncrude Athletic Park in Timberlea be named as "*Dr. K.P. Wong Waterpark*".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **10. Community Identification Committee Recommendation – Renaming Jerry Cooper Outdoor Rink**

(8:15 p.m. – 8:16 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the outdoor rink located at Lot 40MR, Block 13, Plan 9925251 be renamed from "Jerry Cooper Outdoor Rink" to "*Jerry Cooper Memorial Rink*".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **11. Community Identification System Policy Amendment - PRL-040**

(8:16 p.m. – 8:18 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Community Identification System Policy PRL-040 dated May 26, 2015, be approved as amended (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **12. Outcome of Capital Projects Review Process (greater than \$10M) - 2015 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments**

(8:19 p.m. – 8:22 p.m.)

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer**, provided an overview of the capital projects review process and the resulting capital budget amendments.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

- that the 2015 and Prior Capital Budget be revised as summarized on Attachments 1 & 2 (Outcome of Capital Projects Review Process (greater than \$10M) - 2015 and Prior Capital Budget) dated May 26, 2015; and

- that the cash flow of Capital Projects be approved as summarized on Attachment 3 (Outcome of Capital Projects Review Process (greater than \$10M) - 2015 and Prior Capital Budget), dated May 26, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**13. 2015 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised and New Projects**

(8:23 p.m. – 8:24 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that the 2015 and Prior Capital Budget be revised as summarized on Attachment 1 (2015 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment - Revised and New Projects), dated May 19, 2015; and
- that the cash flow of Capital Projects be approved as summarized on Attachment 2 (2015 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment - Revised and New Projects - Project Cash Flow Summary), dated May 19, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**14. Gratuity Policy FIN-230**

(8:25 p.m. – 8:32 p.m.)

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer**, introduced the policy, noting that it is resulting from recommendations arising from the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit.

**Jim Rogers, citizen**, spoke in relation to the policy.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Gratuity Policy FIN-230, dated May 26, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**15. Learning, Development and Training Policy HRM-540**

(8:33 p.m. – 8:39 p.m.)

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Roxanna Stumbur, Manager of Learning, Development and Training**, introduced the policy, noting that it is resulting from recommendations arising from the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit.

**Jim Rogers, citizen**, spoke to the policy.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Learning, Development and Training Policy HRM-540, dated May 26, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**16. Exempt Performance Management Policy – HRM-550**

(8:40 p.m. – 8:44 p.m.)

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Leslie Robertson, Manager of Labour and Employee Relations**, introduced the policy, noting that it is resulting from recommendations arising from the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Exempt Performance Management Policy HRM-550, dated May 26, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Councillors' Motions**

**17. Construction of Parkade - Feasibility and Estimated Cost**

(8:45 p.m. – 9:04 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Administration report to Council by September 30, 2015 on the feasibility and estimated cost of constructing a parkade on lands owned by the Municipality in the vicinity of the Jubilee Building, including the option of a design that incorporates commercial space at ground level.

Discussion ensued and it was requested that Administration post signage, where possible, allowing public parking outside of regular working hours on parking lots used by municipal employees.

Exit

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer