

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, February 09, 2016, 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
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: P. Meagher, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Congratulations

Mayor M. Blake congratulated Claris Voyageur, Councillor-Elect, on her success in the 2016 Ward 2 By-election.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Agenda be amended by adding Item No. 6 "Cancellation of the February 16, 2016 Council Meeting"; and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Notice of Motion

Councillor K. McGrath served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 8, 2016:

"1. THAT Council hereby declares its support in principle for a re-alignment of the geographic areas of the wards, and the number of Council representatives per ward, as follows:

(a) the boundaries of Ward 1 to be expanded to include Draper and Saprae Creek, and the number of Councillors representing Ward 1 to be increased to 7;

(b) the boundaries of Ward 2 to be contracted so that Ward 2 becomes a "northern rural ward" extending from the border of the Northwest Territories to a line bisecting the Province at the same latitude as the southern border of Wood Buffalo National Park [but not including the Park itself] and the number of Councillors representing Ward 2 to be decreased to 1;

- (c) Ward 3 to be expanded to become a “central rural ward” extending from the southern boundary of Ward 2 as contracted to the northern boundary of Ward 4, but excluding the expanded area of Ward 1, and one Councillor to continue to represent Ward 3;
- (d) both the geographic territory of Ward 4 and the single Councillor representing Ward 4, the “southern rural ward”, to remain unchanged.
2. THAT Council hereby declares its support in principle for:
- (a) an Executive Committee of three Councillors (with the Mayor an *ex officio* member) who will be full time Councillors remunerated accordingly and participating fully with the Chief Administrative Officer’s senior leadership team in implementing at an operational and administrative level the policy, governance and strategic directions of the whole Council;
- (b) a full-time Deputy Mayor, elected directly to that office if the *Municipal Government Act* is amended to so allow, otherwise appointed by the Council, with specific duties and functions beyond acting as Mayor when the Mayor is unable to perform the duties of Mayor or when the office of Mayor is vacant, such duties and functions to be determined by resolution of Council.
3. THAT the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to write on behalf of Council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, advising of the above resolutions and requesting that the Government of Alberta make the necessary legislative and regulatory amendments to bring into effect the Ward realignments and the option to directly elect a Deputy Mayor, as set out in the resolutions.
4. THAT the CAO is hereby directed to prepare and present to Council before the 2016 summer recess a Report setting out:
- (a) options for implementing the Executive Committee structure, including discussion of the changes that would be required to bylaws, resolutions or other matters within the control of the Municipality; and
- (b) options for allowing the general public to vote directly for a Deputy Mayor, and for Councillors who will if elected automatically become Executive Committee members, including discussion of the changes that would be required both to provincial legislation and to municipal bylaws, resolutions or other matters within the control of the Municipality.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - February 2, 2016

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 2, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

2. 2016 Debenture Borrowing Bylaw Amendments

(6:10 p.m. – 6:13 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Executive Director, came forward and explained that the amendments are required to implement the projects that were approved in the 2016 Capital Budget which identified debenture borrowing as a funding source. She further noted that the debentures will not be drawn upon until actual expenses have been incurred.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum:

1. That Bylaw No. 16/002, being a debenture borrowing bylaw amendment for the Prairie Loop Boulevard Project (formerly Lower Townsite West Loop Road Project), be read a first time;
2. That Bylaw No. 16/003, being a debenture borrowing bylaw amendment for the Urban Infrastructure Rehabilitation 2014-2016 Construction Project, be read a first time;
3. That Bylaw No. 16/004, being a debenture borrowing bylaw amendment for the Lift Station Upgrades (South) Project, be read a first time; and
4. That Bylaw No. 16/005, being a debenture borrowing bylaw amendment for Flood Mitigation – Construction Project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**3. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation - Trans Canada Trail**

(6:13 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.)

Nina Caines, Manager, Parks, came forward and briefly introduced the report.

Ron Fetzko, McMurray Sno-Drifters, spoke in support of the initiative, but requested that the Sno-Drifters be directly involved as stakeholders in all discussions relative to this matter.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- That Administration work with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation to link the Trans Canada Trail to the trail system in the Regional Municipality;
- That the estimated cost of \$500,000 to be incurred in 2018, to complete the linkage to the Trans Canada Trail, be included by Administration in the 5 year capital plan for consideration by Council; and

- That the Mayor be added to the list of other Mayors throughout Alberta and Canada who are declared “Champions” of the Trans Canada Trail.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Fort McMurray Sno-Drifters and any other relevant stakeholders be part of the discussions with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in regards to the Trans Canada Trail.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Community Identification Committee Recommendations - Road Naming

(6:50 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

1. That the road within Abraham Subdivision (Plan 152 0575) be named as “Abraham Gate”;
2. That the road within Surmont Creek (SW11 86-8-4 and NW2 86-8-4) off Highway 881 be named as “Tobin Way”;
3. That the road within Airport Lands (Plan 481RS) currently known as Golden Hawk Road be renamed “Wop May Way”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Community Identification Committee Recommendations - Cemetery Naming

(6:55 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

1. That the cemetery located off Real Martin Drive (Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 132 2438) be named as “Woodlawn Cemetery”;
2. That the cemetery located in Abasand (Lot 1, Block X, Plan 882 2808) be named as “Highview Cemetery”; and
3. That the cemetery located Downtown (Lots 5 & 6, Block 2, Plan 3207TR) be named as “Pioneer Cemetery”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Cancellation of the February 16, 2016 Council Meeting

(7:00 p.m. – 7:01 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the February 16, 2016 Council meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer