

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 19, 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
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
M. Johnstone, Executive Director
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - April 12, 2016

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Minutes from the Council Meeting held on April 12, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Move in Camera

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting move in camera pursuant to Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

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

2. [Personnel Matter](#)
[\(In Camera pursuant to Section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act\)](#)

[Motion to Reconvene in Public](#)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council met in camera from 6:03 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

Recognition

3. [National Poetry Month - Dawn Booth](#)

Dawn Booth, local poet, presented her poem 'Wood Buffalo, Where ART Thou?'

Presentations

4. [Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer re: 2016-2018 Fiscal Management Strategy and 2016 Property Tax Rate Bylaw 16/007](#)
[- Business Arising: 2016-2018 Fiscal Management Strategy](#)
[- Business Arising: 2016 Property Tax Rate Bylaw 16/007 - 1st reading](#)
(7:11 p.m. – 7:42 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer; Philip Schofield, Director of Assessment and Taxation; and Linda Ollivier, Acting Director of Financial Services, provided a presentation on the 2016-2018 Fiscal Management Strategy and the 2016 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

Return:

Councillor L. Bussieres reentered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2016 – 2018 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated April 19, 2016 be received as information and used as a guide for consideration of approval of the 2016 Property Tax Rate Bylaw at the May 3, 2016 Council meeting.

Administration was requested to ensure that the public is made aware of the Education Tax Requisition percentage increase as soon as these final numbers are available, and prior to the Fiscal Management Strategy and Property Tax Rate Bylaw being brought back to Council on May 3, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 16/007, being the 2016 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

5. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Dog Park Names
(7:43 p.m. – 7:57 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

1. That the dog park located in Thickwood (Lot 3, Plan 782 2690 & Lot 2MR, Plan 782 2690) be named as “Smart Dog Park”;
2. That the dog park located in Beacon Hill (Block 4, Plan 3381TR & Block R1, Plan 3381TR) be named as “Betty Witzel Dog Park”; and
3. That the dog park located in Waterways (SW11 89-9-4 & NW2 89-9-4) be named as “Sara Holden Dog Park”.

Jim Rogers, resident spoke in opposition to the proposed naming of the Waterways Dog Park.

Felix Ochieng, Planner I, and liaison to the Community Identification Committee, provided a brief explanation of the rationale behind the names selected for the dog parks.

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

6. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Soccer & Cricket Field Names
(7:58 p.m. – 8:03 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

1. That the soccer fields located at Syncrude Athletic Park (Lot 1, Plan 982 3249 & Lot 93, Block 3, Plan 052 0103) be named as “Bill Carr Soccer Field”, “Grey Kampala Soccer Field”, “Will Kristman Jr Soccer Field” and “Compton Vigilance Soccer Field”; and
2. That the cricket field at Syncrude Athletic Park (Lot 1, Plan 982 3249 & Lot 2, Plan 982 4820) be named as “Irfan Bangash Cricket Field”.

Felix Ochieng, Planner I, and liaison to the Community Identification Committee provided a brief presentation on the Committee's recommendations for naming of specific local soccer and cricket fields in the Timberlea area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. [Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Wood Buffalo Growth Forecasts](#)

(8:03 p.m. – 8:39 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That the Wood Buffalo Growth Forecasts be accepted as information and be taken into consideration by Administration for planning and budgeting purposes; and
- That Administration continue to work with the Government of Alberta and oil sands industry representatives to test, verify and refine the inputs used in the regional growth forecast process.

Dennis Vroom, Manager of Industry Relations, provided a presentation on the Wood Buffalo Growth Forecasts.

Reegan McCullough, Executive Director, Oil Sands Community Alliance (OSCA), thanked administration for their efforts on the report and provided some suggestions going forward to improve the accuracy in forecasting.

Exit and Return:

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 8:35 p.m. and reentered at 8:37 p.m.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: L. Bussieres, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Recess:

A recess occurred from 8:39 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.

8. [Public and Commercial Processes for the Proposed Multiplex Movie Theatre Development](#)

(8:55 p.m. – 9:53 p.m.)

Keith Smith, Director of Land Administration; and Erin O'Neill, Manager, Acquisitions and Dispositions, provided a presentation on the Proposed Multiplex Movie Theatre Development process.

Jim Rogers, resident suggested that it may be inappropriate at this time to pursue this type of development in the current insecure economic climate.

Bryce Kumka, Chair; and Bob Barrett, Committee member, of the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee, commended administration on the report and indicated that the Committee is looking forward to being involved in the proposed public consultation process.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Council direct administration to proceed with public engagement and review of the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee's recommendations on land developments and any others that the public see fit, to be completed by June 7, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer