

**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, January 12, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
T. Ault, Councillor  
L. Bussieres, Councillor  
J. Cardinal, Councillor  
S. Germain, Councillor  
P. Meagher, Councillor  
C. Tatum, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor

**Absent:** K. McGrath, Councillor  
J. Stroud, 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 6:05 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Minutes of Council Meeting December 8, 2015**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on December 8, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegations**

**2. Vehicle for Hire Bylaw**  
(6:07 p.m. – 6:21 p.m.)

**Ron MacNeill, Sun Taxi**, addressed Council and requested an amendment to the current Vehicle for Hire Bylaw to add the \$3 Airport pickup fee charged through Sun Taxi's contract with the Fort McMurray Airport Authority (FMAA) to the fee schedule, thereby enabling drivers to pass the cost on to passengers, as opposed to drivers having to absorb the costs themselves. Mr. MacNeill also noted that this fee applies only to Sun Taxi drivers and is over and above the other fees paid by his brokerage for its contract with the FMAA.

Arrival:

Councillor L. Bussieres joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

**Doger Mohammad, Sun Taxi driver**, came forward supporting the presentation made by Mr. MacNeill, indicating that the \$3 Airport Pick-up Fee is causing financial hardship for drivers, particular in a time of economic downturn.

Both speakers were thanked for their presentations. It was noted the Taxi Advisory Committee was established to recommend any changes to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw therefore any proposed amendments would have to be worked through the Committee before being given consideration by Council.

**Public Hearings and Related Reports****3. Bylaw No. 15/029 - Grayling Terrace Road Closure**  
(6:21 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing open at 6:21p.m.

**Erin O'Neill, Land Administration**, provided an overview of the proposed Road Closure Bylaw.

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing close at 6:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 15/029, being a bylaw to close a portion of Road Plan 8123109, be read a second time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/029 be read a third and final time.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Bylaw No. 15/030 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment and Disposal of Waterways Community Centre (Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET)**  
(6:25 p.m. – 7:06 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing open at 6:25 p.m.

**Keith Smith, Land Administration**, provided an overview of the report before Council for consideration.

**Larry LeMesurier, resident**, spoke in support of the proposed re-zoning, but raised questions regarding the potential disposal of the property and the building which currently sits on it.

**Jim Rogers, resident**, came forward and provided historical information regarding the Community Centre but did not speak to the re-zoning.

**Matt Espinoza, Tabernacle of Praise Church**, came forward and expressed interest in purchasing the land at market value.

During the public hearing, questions were raised relative to the historical value of the Community Centre and how this determination could affect the re-zoning of the land and proposed disposal of the building.

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing close at 6:57 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/030, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment specific to Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET, be read a second time.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal

Opposed: S. Germain, P. Meagher, C. Tatum, A. Vinni

As second reading of the bylaw was defeated, it will receive no further consideration.

#### 5. **Bylaw No. 15/027 - Offsite Levy Bylaw**

(7:06 p.m. – 7:54 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing open at 7:06 p.m.

**Emdad Haque, Director of Engineering;** and **Julie Rivet, Development Engineer,** gave a brief presentation on Bylaw 15/027, the proposed Offsite Levy Bylaw.

**Wes Holodniuk and Elliott White, Urban Development Institute,** spoke in support of the bylaw, but also presented several points for Council's consideration such as capturing oil field camps in calculating the offsite levies in rural areas, disparity between Saline Creek and Parsons Creek levy rates; off-site levy costs should consider that effluents received from camps must be treated differently than effluents from town; and reduced levies to encourage development have already been put in place for the lower townsite and rural areas.

**Wes Holodniuk, on behalf of Nathan Petherick, Brown and Associates Planning Group, representing Pacific Investments,** indicated support for the proposed water levy contribution, subject to the Municipality advancing development of the south regional water supply line to support the phased development of the Prairie Creek Business Park.

**Jim Rogers, resident,** spoke to the Confidentiality and Copyright statement on the Offsite Levy Report looking for assurance that any information collected through different reports about the area will still be available to the Municipality in the years to come.

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing close at 7:31 p.m.

Councillor A. Vinni put forward the following for consideration: "That Bylaw No. 15/027, being an Offsite Levy Bylaw, be read a second time."

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 15/027 be amended by inserting "03/060," immediately following 00/067 in section 15.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 15/027, being an Offsite Levy Bylaw, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 15/027 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Recess

The meeting recessed between 7:39 p.m. and 7:54 p.m. Upon reconvening the following motion was presented for consideration:

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Administration bring forward a strategy for commercial development that includes consideration of a reduced rate of off-site levies for urban non-residential development similar to those in the lower townsite and rural hamlets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Administration committed that the strategy could be back before Council within a 2-month period (March 2016).

### Reports

**6. Selection Committee Recommendation - Public Art Committee Appointment**  
(7:56 p.m. – 7:57 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Janet Fouts be appointed to the Public Art Committee, effective immediately, until December 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Selection Committee Recommendation: Member Appointments to Composite Assessment Review Board to hear Machinery and Equipment Assessment Complaints**  
(7:57 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

- That Paul McKenna, Paul Petry, Tom Hudson (acting) and Jeff Gilmour (acting) be appointed as members of a Composite Assessment Review Board established for the purpose of hearing Machinery and Equipment Complaints created under Section 6(c) of the Assessment Review Boards Bylaw, effective immediately to December 31, 2017;
- That remuneration rates for the Machinery and Equipment Composite Assessment Review Board Members be set at the same level as the rates for provincially-appointed members; and

- That expenses necessarily incurred in relation to activities of the Machinery and Equipment Composite Assessment Review Board be reimbursed in accordance with municipal policy for employees of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Urban Snow and Ice Control Policy (PRL – 150)**  
(8:00 p.m. – 8:56 p.m.)

**Robert Billard, Director of Public Works, and Dale Bendfeld, Director of Municipal Law Enforcement and RCMP Support Services,** provided a presentation on the proposed Urban Snow and Ice Control Policy.

**Linda Mywaart, Chair, Advisory Committee on Aging,** came forward and listed two specific areas of concern, being elimination of windrows on driveways for seniors and people with mobility challenges and better enforcement of sidewalk clearing regulations.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Urban Snow and Ice Control Policy (PRL – 150) dated January 12, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer