

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, July 12, 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
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: J. Stroud, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
T. Hartley, Acting Executor Director
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

Councillor K. McGrath served the following Notice of Motion to be presented during the Council Meeting of July 26, 2016:

1. **THAT IN RECOGNITION** of the month-long evacuation of the Municipality due to wildfire, from May 3, 2016 to the first week of June, 2016, **AND IN FURTHER RECOGNITION** of the additional burdens on residents whose properties were severely destroyed or damaged or who have been displaced from their homes for substantial periods of time following re-entry, **COUNCIL HEREBY** in the exercise of its authority under s.347 of the *Municipal Government Act* and considering it equitable to do so:
 - a. cancels one-twelfth of the municipal portion of all residential taxes for 2016 in the urban and rural service areas;
 - b. in addition to the tax cancellation described in a. above, cancels seven-twelfths of the municipal portion of 2016 taxes on all properties in the urban and rural service areas in respect of which structures on the properties were destroyed or so severely structurally damaged that they require demolition; and

- c. in addition to the tax cancellation described in a. above, cancels one-third of the municipal portion of 2016 taxes on residential properties located in Abasand, Beacon Hill and Waterways that were neither destroyed nor so severely structurally damaged that they require demolition.
2. THAT Council agree in principle to use its authority under s. 347 of the *Municipal Government Act* to cancel nine twelfths of the municipal portion of 2017 taxes on all properties anywhere in the Municipality in respect of which structures on the properties were destroyed or so severely damaged that they require demolition, at the same time that the 2017 Tax Rate Bylaw is given third reading.

Voting then occurred on Councillor P. Meagher's motion:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting - July 5, 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 5, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

2. Selection Committee Recommendations – Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation and Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board Appointments

(6:09 p.m. – 6:12 p.m.)

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor C. Voyageur declared a pecuniary interest in the following Agenda Item due to an employment relationship and exited the Chamber at 6:09 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the following individuals be appointed to the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation Board, effective immediately:

- Roy Amalu and Scott Garner to December 31, 2016;
- Peter Fortna to December 31, 2017;

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor C. Voyageur returned to the Chamber at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the following individuals be appointed to the Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board, effective immediately:

- Jennifer Reid to December 31, 2016; and
- Muhammad Rizwan to December 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Selection Committee Recommendation – Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Appointments

(6:12 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the following individuals be appointed to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, effective immediately to October 31, 2017:

- Jeanette Bancarz;
- Maggie Farrington;
- Kevin Fleury;
- Marty Giles;
- Mark Hodson; and
- Kim Jenkins.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Matters

4. Presentation: Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Background and Moving Forward

(6:15 p.m. – 6:56 p.m.)

Councillor S. Germain provided background information as to the work that went into the development of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee. With the appointment of the public members to the Committee, it is anticipated that the Committee will hold its first public meeting on August 3, 2016.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath left the Chamber at 6:21 p.m. and returned at 6:22 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, noted he is looking forward to see the Committee's efforts in support of the affected residents.

Paul McLeod, resident, commended Council and staff on the presentation and formation of the Committee and stressed the importance of safety during the rebuild period.

Moved by Councillor C. Voyageur that the presentation by the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation – Request for Start-Up Funding

(6:56 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor C. Voyageur that the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee be allocated start-up funding of \$4 Million, to be funded from:

- a) the 2016 Operating Budget surplus; or
- b) the Emerging Issues Reserve;

in that order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation - Request for Interim Housing

(7:00 p.m. – 7:37 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- THAT Administration be directed to submit a request to the Government of Alberta for interim, pet-friendly housing units with three or more bedrooms to be made available to residents affected by the wildfire; and
- THAT all associated costs be included in the Municipality's request for funding from the Government of Alberta's Disaster Recovery Fund to compensate for extraordinary costs arising from the wildfire.

Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services and Paulina O'Connor, Supervisor, Neighbourhood Community Development, provided an overview of the data gathered which reflects a need for interim housing, specifically pet-friendly housing with three or more bedroom units.

Kunal Nagpal, resident, noted there are a number of vacant rental units within the community and questioned the need for the three or more bedroom units.

Jim Rogers, resident, recommended Ptarmigan Park area as a possible location for temporary housing.

Snehal Patel, resident, questioned how many temporary housing units are proposed and how these would be allocated. He further questioned the disposition of these units when they are no longer required.

Exit and return

Councillor K. McGrath left the chamber at 7:33 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

Voting then occurred on the motion made Councillor K. McGrath:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred between 7:37 p.m. and 7:53 p.m.

Presentations

7. Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development re: Permitting Process

(7:53 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.)

Jamie Doyle, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the demolition permit requirements and the process.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the presentation regarding the demolition permit process be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer