

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the River Valley Room at Edmonton City Hall in Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 18, 2016, commencing at 3:00 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
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: C. Tatum, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
E. Hutton, Executive Director
M. Johnstone, Executive Director
D. Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
S. Soutter, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Deputy Mayor K. McGrath called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and thanked the City of Edmonton for the opportunity of holding the Council Meeting in this venue.

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Minutes from Council Meeting – April 26, 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on April 26, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes from Special Council Meeting – May 11, 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Special Council meeting held on May 11, 2016 be approved as presented.

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Recognition

3. **Letters for Recognition**
 - Letter from Queen Elizabeth II
 - Letter from Vatican

Deputy Mayor K. McGrath read the letters received from Queen Elizabeth and the Vatican as they related to the wildfire event in the Fort McMurray region.

Public

4. **Consideration of Municipal Utilities**
(3:15 p.m. – 3:17 p.m.)

Moved by Cr. P. Meagher:

That charges, rates and fees for the distribution, collection and treatment of solid waste, water and sanitary sewage as outlined in Utility Bylaw 10/001 not be applied for May and June, 2016; and

That penalties on outstanding amounts not be applied for May and June, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Presentation of Rapid Damage Assessment Tool**
(3:17 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.)

Damon McGillivray, Manager, Safety Codes, spoke to the Rapid Damage Assessment Tool recognizing the work of the safety officers who gathered the tremendous amount of data contained within this tool

Arrival

Mayor Blake joined the meeting and assumed the Chair at 3:22 p.m.

Mr. McGillivray then provided a demonstration of the Fire Assessment Tool, through the Municipality's website, which has been created to provide residents with an opportunity to view the current condition of their property prior to re-entry. The link will be live following this demonstration for Council. He confirmed that only public information is contained within the site.

6. **Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation Update**
(3:35 p.m. – p.m.)

Dale Bendfeld, Acting Executive Director of Community and Protective Services, provided an update from the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation, identifying that there are currently 385 unfurnished social housing units available to assist returning residents. It was also noted that there was a plan in place for other property owners to assess individual vacancy rates, which has been delayed due to the latest developments.

He confirmed that there will be assessment centres to determine what type of housing is available once re-entry is in place.

Mr. Bendfeld committed to report back on the following:

- Social housing waitlist and how that is being taken into consideration at this time;
- Number of units previously available to the school boards for housing teachers on an interim basis and whether or not the same number or additional ones would still be available.

Motion to Move In Camera

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting move In Camera pursuant to section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act..

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess:

A brief recess occurred at 3:49 p.m. to allow the gallery to clear; following which Council met in-camera.

7. **Discussion with Provincial Officials**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
8. **Re-Entry Considerations**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
9. **2016 Property Taxation Considerations**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
10. **Discussion of Long Term Plans**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Reconvene to Public

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the meeting reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Council concluded its in-camera matters at 5:56 p.m., at which time Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer