

Unapproved 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 25, 2016, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: T. Ault, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Director, Emergency Management
E. Hutton, Executive Director
M. Johnstone, Executive Director
Dale Bendfeld, Acting Executive Director
D. Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Kendall, Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 from Council Meeting - May 18, 2016](#)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on May 18, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Wood Buffalo Policing Update (3:03 p.m. – 3:18 p.m.)

Rob McCloy, Superintendent, Wood Buffalo RCMP, provided an update and overview of the services that have been provided by RCMP Officers in the Region since the evacuation, noting that approximately 300 members came from different detachments across Canada to assist. It was also noted that the Wood Buffalo RCMP Detachment have resumed day-to-day policing operations since May 23, 2016, with 24 hour general duty policing in the community.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Wood Buffalo Policing Update be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. FireSmart Program (3:18 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.)

Bob Couture, Director of Emergency Management, and Stew Walkinshaw provided an overview of the FireSmart Program which included identifying future wildfire risk areas.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the FireSmart Program information being presented to Council be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business and Economic Recovery Plan (3:40 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Keith Smith, Acting Director of Economic Development, provided a presentation in relation to the short-term, intermediate and long term business and economic recovery plan in the region. This plan is based on determining the needs of businesses in all stages of the recovery process and being responsive to those needs.

Wes Holodniuk, President, and Ben Dutton, Vice President, UDI Wood Buffalo, spoke to the recovery process and the opportunity ahead to revitalize the community. It was also indicated that it is importance for UDI to be engaged with the municipality and the province in these processes.

Bryce Kumka, President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the proposed plan put forward by Administration, as well as the work that has been ongoing in the community.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath left the Chamber at 4:10 p.m. and returned at 4:17 p.m.

Councillor C. Voyageur left the Chamber at 4:15 p.m. and returned at 4:19 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor A. Vinni declared a pecuniary interest as the following delegates were associated with the Penhorwood Condo Association and he is an owner of one of the units and excused himself from the meeting at 4:19 p.m.

Christine Burton, Chair, Penhorwood Condo Association, and Bill de Silva, Liam Construction Inc., provided information on a proposal of temporary accommodations in the form of a micro-hotel on the Penhorwood site. As this presentation was not related to the agenda item, it was recommended that the presenters work directly with Administration.

Return

Councillor A. Vinni returned to the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Greg Elsasser, Acting President, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation, provided comments pertaining to the re-entry timelines indicating that WBHDC units may not be cleaned in time for the voluntary re-entry. As this presentation was not related to the agenda item, it was recommended that the presenter work with Administration on the matter.

Charles Iggulden, President, Fort McMurray Construction Association, spoke in support of the proposed plan and encouraged hiring of local contractor.

Scott Clements, President and CEO, Fort McMurray Airport, spoke in support of the proposed plan noting that the Fort McMurray Airport is scheduled to resume commercial service on June 10, 2016.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo's Business and Economic Recovery Plan be adopted.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Move In Camera

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath 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 5:01 p.m. to allow the gallery to clear; following which Council met in-camera.

5. [Status of Planning for Re-Entry](#) (in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
6. [Rebuilding Cooperative Framework](#) (in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
7. [Review of Municipal Programs and Services](#) (in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)
8. [Tax Penalty Options](#) (in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

9. [Place-crete - Fire Affected Areas](#) (in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Reconvene to Public

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Council concluded its in-camera matters at 7:37 p.m., at which time Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer