

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, June 21, 2016, commencing at 4:00 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 (via teleconference)
- A. Vinni, Councillor
- C. Voyageur, Councillor (via teleconference)

Administration:

- M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
- K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- B. Couture, Executive Director
- E. Hutton, Executive Director
- D. Bendfeld, Acting Executive Director
- D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
- J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative Services
- D. Soucy, Legislative Officer
- S. Harper, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Motion to Move In-Camera

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In Camera

1. **Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Updates**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
2. **2016 Property Tax Options**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
3. **Personnel Matter**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
4. **Strategic Plan Discussion**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Close In-Camera Session and Reconvene in Public

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the meeting reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council met in camera from 4:03 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Recognition

Mayor M. Blake recognized National Aboriginal Day, which celebrates the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding achievements of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada.

Adoption of Agenda for Open Meeting

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

5. [Minutes from Council Meeting - June 14, 2016](#)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 14, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

**6. [Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw No. 16/013](#)
(6:04 p.m. – 6:13 p.m.)**

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 16/013, being a bylaw to establish the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, be read a third time.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

- That Bylaw No. 16/013 be amended by deleting the entire paragraph following Section 13(c) and deleting Section 14, with sections that follow renumbered accordingly with whole numbers; and
- That the compensation review passed by Council resolution on April 26, 2016 be expanded to include wildfire recovery compensation considerations, and that the recommendations be brought to Council for public debate no later than July 19, 2016.

DEFEATED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Voting then occurred on third reading of the bylaw.

CARRIED

For: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault, P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur, on teleconference, disconnected from the meeting at 6:13 p.m. and reconnected at 6:14 p.m.

7. [Relaxation of RV Parking Restrictions and Temporary Urban Accommodation](#) (6:14 p.m. – 7:53 p.m.)

Councillor T. Ault presented the following for consideration: “That Bylaw No. 16/012, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to allow temporary relaxation of Recreational Vehicle parking restrictions, be read a second time.”

Jamie Doyle, Acting Director, Planning and Development, provided a summary of the proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

Delegations

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in favour of both proposed amending bylaws.

Jean-Marc Guillamot, Fort McMurray Hotel Group, spoke in opposition to the Temporary Urban Accommodation amendment, noting that hotels have lower than normal occupancy.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 6:38 p.m. and returned at 6:40 p.m.

Kevin Cloutier, Podollan Inn, spoke in support of the Relaxation of the RV Parking Restrictions and in opposition to the Temporary Urban Accommodation amendment.

Laila Goodrich, resident, suggested the Relaxation of the RV Parking Restrictions be further amended to allow only one RV per lot in the urban area and prohibit parking of RV's on lots that have damaged or destroyed residences.

Gene Ouellette, resident, spoke in favour of the bylaw amendments and noted that more solutions are needed on the south side of Fort McMurray.

Bill Ladoucet, businessman, spoke in favour of the Relaxation of the RV Parking Restrictions amendment but noted that careful consideration needs to be given to where they are parked.

Exit

Councillor C. Voyageur, on teleconference, disconnected from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:10 p.m. and returned at 7:12 p.m.

John Reimer, resident, expressed his support for the Relaxation of the RV Parking Restrictions amendment, and requested that something similar to the proposal for Abraham's Land be considered for the south side of Fort McMurray.

Sherwin Toms, resident, spoke in favour of the RV Parking amendment but in opposition to the Temporary Urban Accommodation amendment.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 7:38 p.m. and returned at 7:40 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 16/012, be amended as follows:

- in section 3(a) delete "or two" and the "s" from the word residences at the end of the clause; and
- add the word "no" to the beginning of section 3(b).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 16/012 be read a second time as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 16/012 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 16/014, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to make Temporary Urban Accommodation a discretionary use anywhere in the Urban Service Area and in the hamlet of Anzac, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 16/014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A brief recess occurred between 7:53 p.m. and 8:11 p.m., after which Councillor K. McGrath did not return to the meeting.

New and Unfinished Business

8. [2016 Canada Day Parade and Festivities](#)
(8:12 p.m. – 8:16 p.m.)

Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services, and Monica Lance, Manager, Community Strategies, provided a summary of the planned activities for Canada Day, noting that it will give residents an opportunity to celebrate the community's resilience and pay tribute to the people and first responders for everything they have done for the region during the wildfire.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2016 Canada Day Parade and Festivities report be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. [Business and Economic Recovery Plan Status Update](#)
(8:17 p.m. – 8:28 p.m.)

Exit

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Keith Smith, Acting Director, Economic Development, and Natasha Hartson, Business Development Coordinator, presented an update on the Business and Economic Recovery Plan, noting the key considerations are that timing is critical, and the recovery plan must continue to be responsive to the needs of businesses in a fluid manner.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Economic Development's status update for the approved Business and Economic Recovery Plan be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation

10. Coordinated Debris Removal and Cleanup Efforts (8:29 p.m. – 10:35 p.m.)

Dawny George, Director, Engineering, and Maureen Nakonechny, Project Manager, presented an overview of the current status of debris removal and the three options for debris removal available to residents: insurer solution, local contractor or do-it-yourself.

Delegations

Sharon Cooper, resident, sought clarity on how local contractors could be involved in the debris removal and cleanup process.

Gilles Huizinga, resident, raised concerns relative to the disposal of the debris, backfilling of lots and the scheduling of debris removal.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 8:46 p.m. and returned at 8:49 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, suggested that large items should be removed first before allowing residents to look for important items.

Bill Ladoucet, businessman, spoke in favour of debris removal option two, which uses local contractors to do the work.

Paul McLeod, businessman, expressed concerns with the debris removal and cleanup process.

Minard Presley, businessman, spoke in support of using local contractors for debris removal.

Mike Ryan, businessman, spoke in support of debris being removed by local contractors and suggested that the permitting process needs to be streamlined.

Darren Henderson, businessman, spoke in favour of local contractors doing debris removal.

Frances Jean, resident, spoke to the proposed debris removal options.

John Mulhall, spoke in favour of residents using local contractors for debris removal and sought clarity in terms of debris disposal.

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Tatum, on teleconference, disconnected from the meeting at 9:52 p.m. and reconnected at 9:54 p.m.

Discussion occurred on the landfill fees associated with the disposal of the debris and Administration was requested to bring back a recommendation to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee on amending the Utility Rates Bylaw No. 10/001 to provide differential Landfill Disposal Rates for residents and non-residents.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 10:05 p.m. and returned at 10:07 p.m.

Mayor M. Blake exited the Chamber at 10:14 p.m. and returned at 10:17 p.m., during which time Councillor S. Germain assumed the Chair.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer