

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor (via teleconferencing)
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
C. Hanly, Municipal Legal Counsel
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Adoption of Agenda for Open Meeting

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that Councillor K. McGrath has withdrawn the Notice of Motion served at the July 12th Council meeting regarding cancellation of municipal taxes for properties affected by wildfire. The matter will now be forwarded to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee for review and a possible recommendation for Council's consideration.

1. Minutes from Council Meeting – July 19, 2016

Moved by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 19, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

2. 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society Post-Wildfire Assessment (6:09 p.m. – 7:16 p.m.)

Councillor P. Meagher presented the following for consideration: “THAT the 2018 Wood Buffalo Winter Games Host Society, with support from the community and key stakeholders continue to move forward with plans to host the Alberta Winter Games in February 2018.”

Sally Warford, Acting Director of Community Services, Lonnie Pilgrim, Acting Manager of Community Strategies and Norma Shaw, Supervisor, Community Strategies provided an overview of the report before Council.

Mohamed Salem, and Amanda Mercer, Co-Chairs, 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society, spoke in support of the recommendation before Council.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath was inadvertently disconnected and was deemed to have exited the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Jean Marc Guillamot, representing Fort McMurray Tourism, Hotel Group in Fort McMurray and a board member of the 2018 Winter Games Committee, spoke in support of the recommendation and the positive impact the Games will have on the community.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation before Council.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation providing that this will not be an impediment to the rebuild of the community.

Moved by Councillor Meagher that the 2018 Wood Buffalo Winter Games Host Society, with support from the community and key stakeholders continue to move forward with plans to host the Alberta Winter Games in February 2018.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: T. Ault

Recess and Reconvene

A break occurred at 7:16 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m., at which time, Councillor P. Meagher was not in attendance.

3. 2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects (7:31 p.m. – 7:40 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance and Dawny George, Director of Infrastructure and Engineering Division, provided a brief overview of the report before Council.

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain:

- THAT the 2016 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects, dated July 26, 2016) be approved; and
- THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects – Project Cash Flow Summary, dated July 26, 2016) be approved.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: S. Germain

4. 2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment Update

(7:40 p.m. – 7:44 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance and Dawny George, Director, Infrastructure and Engineering Division, provided an overview of the 2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment updates.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the 2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment update, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment, dated March 31, 2016), be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer