

Minutes of a Meeting of the Land Planning and Transportation Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: K. McGrath, Chair
T. Ault, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration: K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
D. Bendfeld, Executive Director
B. Couture, Executive Director
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair K. McGrath called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the Agenda be amended by adding the following as Item # 12 – Speed Limit – Sapræ Creek Trail; that the Committee waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Meeting

1. Minutes from Land Planning and Transportation Committee Meeting – April 13, 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes from the Land Planning and Transportation Committee of April 13, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentation

2. Frank Creasey, Chair, Taxi Advisory Committee (TAC) re: Update
(4:03 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.)

Frank Creasey, Chair of the Taxi Advisory Committee (TAC), provided a brief overview of the function and role of the Taxi Advisory Committee.

New and Unfinished Business

3. Residential Street Safety and On-Street Parking Update
(4:15 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.)

Dawny George, Director of Engineering, and Mazhar Hajhossein, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided a brief update of the residential street safety and on-street parking study which was on target to be presented to Council by the end of August, 2016 prior to the wildfire.

Ms. George indicated that an extension request will be going before Council to extend the completion of the project to the end of February 2017, provided they have restarted the project by September.

4. Hardin Street Traffic Control Measures

(4:20 p.m. – 4:32 p.m.)

Dawny George, Director of Engineering and Mazhar Hajhossein, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided a brief update on the Hardin Street traffic control measures, as well as the safety concerns and the interruption of the flow of traffic.

5. Parking Violations Through Winter Program 2015-2016

(4:32 p.m. – 4:44 p.m.)

Robert Billard, Acting Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering and Kim Snow, Acting Director of Municipal Law Enforcement and RCMP Support Services, provided an update on the parking violations in relation to the winter program during 2015 and 2016. Mr. Billard also spoke to the success and compliance of the program.

6. Update on Highway 63 – Driving Conditions

(4:44 p.m. – 4:46 p.m.)

Dawny George, Director of Engineering and Mazhar Hajhossein, Senior Transportation Engineer, provided a brief update on the driving conditions of Highway 63 and the recent paving conducted by Alberta Transportation along the Hardin Street and Beacon Hill area.

7. Dust Suppression – Urban and Rural Roadways Update

(4:46 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.)

Robert Billard, Acting Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering, provided a brief overview of the program in place for dust suppression in the urban and rural areas.

8. Impound Yard – Silin Forest Road

(4:50 p.m. – 4:57 p.m.)

Robert Billard, Acting Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering; Kim Snow, Acting Director of Municipal Law Enforcement and RCMP Support Services and Keith Smith, Director of Land Administration, provided a brief summary of the Request for Proposals associated with the impound yard. It was also indicated that this area was selected as it was capable of supporting the operation and did not require rezoning.

9. Status of Prairie Loop Trail Escarpment Clean-Up

(4:57 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Robert Billard, Acting Executive Director of Infrastructure and Engineering, provided a brief overview of the program in place for the cleanup of the Prairie Loop Trail escarpment.

10. Transit Update – Cost Review

(5:00 p.m. – 5:12 p.m.)

Robert Kirby, Director of Transit Services, provided a brief summary of the cost review of transit services since it was brought in-house by the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in May 2015.

11. Update – Progress of Edinburgh Tower, Manning Avenue
(5:12 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.)

Jamie Doyle, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief update of the progress of Edinburgh Tower, which has been rebranded as Rio Verde, and indicated that all updated drawings are to be submitted to the Planning and Development Department by August 25, 2016. Mr. Doyle also indicated that he will continue to update this Committee on the progression of this property.

12. Speed Limit – Sapræ Creek Trail
(5:15 p.m. – 5:18 p.m.)

The following motion was put forward for consideration by Councillor A. Vinni: that this item be forwarded to Council for consideration and approval that the \$250,000.00 funding required to make the upgrades to increase the speed limit of the Sapræ Creek Trail from 70 kilometers an hour to 80 kilometers per hour be approved.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that it be recommended to Council that the \$250,000 required to upgrade the speed limit on Sapræ Creek Trail from 70 km/hour to 80 km/hour between MacKenzie Boulevard and the Fort McMurray International Airport be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair K. McGrath declared the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer