

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, March 15, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor

Administration: K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- that the agenda be amended by adding the following:
 - Item # 5 – Selection Committee Recommendation – Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation Appointment
 - Item # 6 – Councillor Disqualification Matter;
- that Council waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed additions; and
- that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - March 8, 2016

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 8, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival:

Councillor C. Tatum entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Presentations

2. Grant Thornton LLP re: Operational and Administrative Functions Review - Business Arising from Presentation: Operational and Administrative Functions Review

(6:03 p.m. – 6:52 p.m.)

Dean Plater and **Rebecca DesRoches**, **Grant Thornton LLP**, provided a presentation on the findings relative to the Operational and Administrative Functions Review and their seven key recommendations for organizational improvement.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- That the Operational and Administrative Functions Review presentation, as delivered by Grant Thornton LLP, be accepted as information;
- That the Operational and Administrative Functions Review be referred to Administration for review and assessment; and
- That Administration provide recommendations on an implementation plan for prudent actions resulting from an analysis of the Operational and Administrative Functions Review in 60 days.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return:

Councillor S. Germain exited at 6:53 p.m. and reentered at 6:55 p.m.

3. Bryce Kumka, Chair, Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee re: Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Report and Recommendations

(6:53 p.m. – 7:33 p.m.)

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee, presented the Committee's final report with recommendations for redevelopment of municipally owned lands in the City block bounded by Franklin Avenue, MacDonald Avenue, Morrison Street and Main Street and other municipally owned lands in the immediate vicinity.

Adrienne Bennett, Committee Member, expressed her support for the recommendations and spoke of the passion and diversity of the Committee in developing the report.

Michael Durocher, resident, spoke in favour of the recommendation but expressed a desire to see other amenities, such as a multi-level atrium, included in the recommended redevelopment.

Carmelo Daprocida, Committee Member, spoke in support of the recommendation put forward by the Committee.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

- That the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee's presentation and report be received as information;
- That the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee's recommendation for a multiplex movie theatre development on the land highlighted in the report be approved, in principle; and
- That Administration be directed to bring forward an implementation plan for Council's consideration prior to April 30, 2016, which includes opportunities for public feedback, land sale and lease recommendations.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Opposed: A. Vinni

Reports

4. Governance Training Program

(7:34 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

Terry Hartley, Director of Human Resources, and Su-Yan Gay, Acting Supervisor, Employee Education, presented a report on the Governance Training Program options for Council, citing that four proposals had been received.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Council approve the engagement of Watson Advisors, Inc. to provide two days of governance training to Council members and designated members of Administration.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Opposed: L. Bussieres

5. Selection Committee Recommendation – Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation Appointment

(7:46 p.m. – 7:47 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Jag Singh be appointed to the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation effective immediately until December 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor C. Tatum declared a pecuniary interest in the remaining agenda item and exited the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

6. Councillor Disqualification Matter

(7:48 p.m. – 7:56 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Regional Solicitor be instructed to cause an application to be made to a judge of the Court of Queen’s Bench supported by relevant and material evidence, for an order determining whether Councillor Tatum has ceased to be qualified to remain a Councillor pursuant to the provisions of section 174(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act and section 22(1)(c) of the Local Authorities Election Act.

Michael Durocher, resident, spoke in favour of the motion, citing that, as guardians of the law, elected officials must seek to protect all laws equally.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: J. Stroud

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer