

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, April 05, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
M. Johnstone, Executive Director
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Presentations

1. **Linda Mywaart, Advisory Committee on Aging (ACoA) re: Committee Update**
(6:00 p.m. – 6:18 p.m.)

Linda Mywaart, Chair, Advisory Committee on Aging (ACoA), presented an update on the work and accomplishments of the Committee, as well as future plans.

Mayor M. Blake presented the Committee Chair with the World Health Organization (WHO) plaque recognizing the Municipality as a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities (GNAFCC).

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings**2. Minutes from Council Meeting - March 15, 2016**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 15, 2016 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Minutes from Special Council Meeting - March 22, 2016

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 22, 2016 be approved as presented.

Exit

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the Chamber at 6:21 p.m.

Discussion occurred with respect to the Special Meeting held on March 22, 2016, at which time it was noted that items other than those identified on the agenda were dealt with, and it was questioned whether this would comply with the *Municipal Government Act* (MGA). The Chief Legislative Officer, D. Leflar, indicated that the matters involved serving notices of motion which will be dealt with by Council at a future meeting, and, as such, are not considered substantive items of business.

Recess and Return

A brief recess occurred at 6:25 p.m. and the meeting reconvened 6:27 p.m., at which time Councillor L. Bussieres returned to the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**4. Selection Committee Recommendations – 2018 Alberta Winter Games
(6:28 p.m. – 6:31 p.m.)**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- That Amanda Mercer and Mohamed Salem be appointed as Co-Chairs for the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society;
- That the Selection Committee, in consultation with the Co-Chairs, be authorized to approve the appointment of Directors, and any replacement or additional Directors, as required from time to time, for the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society; and
- That Administration facilitate the incorporation of a 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society once the selection and appointment process is complete.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors' Motions

5. Plan for Reduction of Property Tax Burden for Oilsands Industry

(6:31 p.m. – 8:09 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council enter into discussions with the oilsands companies with a view to quickly formulating a plan that would both:

- (a) reduce the property tax burden on the oilsands companies; and
- (b) see oilsands companies expand the employment of residents of the RMWB with particular focus on elimination or reduction of costly fly-in, fly-out operations that exist at many of the oilsands operations in this Municipality.

Marty Giles, businessman, spoke in favour of the motion and indicated that this region has to be competitive and attractive for industry and workers.

Nick Sanders, Past President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the motion and indicated that employment opportunities have to be provided for the citizens to allow this region to grow.

Jim Rogers, resident, indicated that spending large amounts of time travelling to and from work is a quality of life concern for workers.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the meeting at 6:56 pm and reentered at 6:58 p.m.

William Olynyk, resident, spoke in favour of the motion and indicated that the first step should be to engage in conversations as to what industry is seeking.

Exit and Return

Councillor McGrath exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and reentered at 7:09 p.m.

Byron Bailey, resident, spoke in favour of the motion and indicated that discussions should be expanded to include municipal service delivery, which will make the municipality viable to support the oil sands industry.

Reegan McCullough, Executive Director, Oil Sands Community Alliance (OSCA), spoke in support of the motion and suggested that the goal should be looking for ways to achieve a sustainable community, which is also the goal of the oil sands industry.

Don Scott, businessman, spoke in support of the motion and indicated that this is a critical issue for future security of employment and making this community viable.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer