

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 12, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: K. McGrath, 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
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
S. Harper, 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 adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Council Meeting - April 5, 2016

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 5, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. [Frank Creasey and Grant MacDonald, Fort McMurray Tourism re: Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo - Sport Strategic Plan](#)
(6:01 p.m. – 6:18 p.m.)

Messrs. Frank Creasey and Grant MacDonald, Fort McMurray Tourism presented the Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo Sport Strategic Plan.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Fort McMurray and Wood Buffalo Region Sport Strategic Plan be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

3. [Community Identification Committee Recommendation](#)
(6:19 p.m. – 6:26 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the road within Prairie Creek Business Park currently known as 'Doug Fader Road' be renamed to "Doug Fader CV Road."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. [Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Wood Buffalo Sport Connection and Allocation of 2015 Western Canada Summer Games Legacy Funding](#)
(6:27 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following for consideration: "THAT the Community Services Department complete an inclusive community engagement process to contribute to the establishment of a Wood Buffalo Sport Connection; and THAT the \$604,071 from the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games (WCSG) surplus remains in the Games Legacy Reserve Fund to be allocated through the Community Investment Program to a Wood Buffalo Sport Connection once it is formally established and able to request funding."

Jean-Marc Guillamot, Director, Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the establishment of a Wood Buffalo Sport Connection.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the motion be amended by adding: "and that the final presentation be brought back to Council through the Sustainable Development Committee."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the main motion, as amended, which now reads as follows:

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That the Community Services Department complete an inclusive community engagement process to contribute to the establishment of a Wood Buffalo Sport Connection;

- That the \$604,071 from the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games (WCSG) surplus remains in the Games Legacy Reserve Fund to be allocated through the Community Investment Program to a Wood Buffalo Sport Connection once it is formally established and able to request funding; and
- That the final presentation be brought back to Council through the Sustainable Development Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. [Selection Committee Recommendation – Regional Recreation Corporation Appointment](#)

(7:01 p.m. – 7:02 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Christopher Pirie be appointed to the Regional Recreation Corporation, effective immediately, until December 31, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. [Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 1 \(Twin Arenas\) and Phase 2 \(Recreation Centre\) Capital Project Update](#)

(7:02 p.m. – 9:20 p.m.)

Councillor J. Stroud presented the following for consideration: “THAT the Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 1 (Twin Arenas) capital project be approved for construction as a single phase project; THAT the Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 2 (Recreation Centre) design capital project be halted and be cancelled; and THAT the Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 2 (Recreation Centre) construction capital project, be cancelled and removed from the 2017 unfunded capital project list.

Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services, Monica Lance, Manager, Community Strategies, and Nasir Qureshi, Manager, Program Management Preservation & Life, were present to address questions of Council.

Justin Ellis, resident came forward and spoke in opposition to Phase 2 of the project being cancelled.

Mike Durocher, resident, spoke in support of Phase 1 going ahead.

Weeden Rouse, resident, spoke in support of Phases 1 and 2 moving ahead.

Gene Ouellette, resident, expressed neither support nor opposition to the recommendations before Council for consideration, suggesting that this discussion should be part of a larger projects review process.

A lengthy debate occurred on the matter during which it was requested that any future requests for capital projects such as the Northside Multi-Use Facility include the total cost of ownership (i.e. operational costs) for the projected life expectancy of the asset.

Exits and Returns

Mayor M. Blake exited the meeting at 8:18 p.m. during which Deputy Mayor Germain assumed the Chair. Mayor M. Blake returned and resumed the Chair at 8:21 p.m. Councillor S. Germain then exited at 8:23 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

At this time, it was requested and agreed to by Council that the individual components of the motion be debated and voted upon separately.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 1 (Twin Arenas) capital project be approved for construction as a single phase project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor J. Stroud presented the following for consideration: “THAT the Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 2 (Recreation Centre) design capital project be halted and be cancelled.”

Recess

A recess occurred from 8:51 p.m. to 9:09 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Part 2 of the Committee recommendation be amended to read as follows and that the motion as so amended be adopted: “That the Northside Multi-use Facility Phase 2 design capital project be put on hold and that Administration be directed to conduct a scope review and come back to the Sustainable Development Committee with recommendations.”

CARRIED

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

Opposed: T. Ault

It was agreed that a Council Workshop will be scheduled to review and determine the project scope for Phase 2.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Northside Multi-Use Facility Phase 2 (Recreation Centre) construction capital project, be cancelled and removed from the 2017 unfunded capital project list.

DEFEATED

For: S. Germain

Opposed: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

7. **Municipally Funded Commuting Policy**
(9:22 p.m. – 9:24 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Municipally Funded Commuting Policy HRM-510 dated April 12, 2016 be approved.

Terry Hartley, Director, Human Resources and Tammy Stevenson, Manager Recruitment Systems & Process provided the background and a brief overview of the Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Point of Order

Councillor S. Germain called a Point of Order regarding his vote on the last motion under Item #6. He clarified he misunderstood the intent of the motion and actually voted in favour of the motion when his intent was to vote in opposition. As his vote could not be changed at this time, it was agreed that his intent would be reflected in the record of the meeting.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer