

Unapproved Minutes of Joint Meeting of the Rural and Sustainable Development Committees of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday, August 22, 2016, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: J. Stroud, Chair
M. Blake, Mayor, Ex-officio
J. Cardinal, Councillor (via teleconference)
P. Meagher, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Also Present: S. Germain, Councillor (non-voting)

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor

Administration: K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
D. Bendfeld, Executive Director
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
D. Leflar, Regional Legal Counsel
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair J. Stroud called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Dialogue with Rural Stakeholders Group

Jeffrey O'Donnell, Jay Telegdi, Nicole Gardener, and Stella Lavallee-Kreutzer, representing the Rural Stakeholders Group, presented their concerns regarding the 1995 amalgamation agreement, referencing various sections of the Amalgamation Handbook. It was stressed throughout the presentation that the group does not wish to separate from the Municipality, but to emphasize the deficiencies and secure the services and commitments outlined in the Amalgamation agreement.

Point of Order

Mayor M. Blake called a point of order, citing that questions and dialogue should wait until the end of the presentation. The Point of Order was upheld by Chair J. Stroud.

The representatives of the Rural Stakeholders Group continued providing an overview of the group's concerns with the amalgamation agreement, distribution of spending, standard of living and the business tax rates in the rural service areas.

Dialogue then proceeded between the representatives, the Committee and Council members on the matters brought forward by the Rural Stakeholders Group.

Exits and Returns

Councillor C. Tatum exited the Chamber at 4:54 p.m. and returned at 4:56 p.m.

Mayor M. Blake exited the Chamber at 5:01 p.m. and returned at 5:04 p.m.

Motion Recess

A Motion Recess occurred between 5:26 p.m. and 5:28 p.m.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Council send an expression of support for the Rural Stakeholders Group's request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for a fair and equitable third party review of the 1995 Amalgamation Agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer