

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, September 13, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Administration:

- M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
- K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
- R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
- B. Couture, Executive Director
- E. Hutton, Executive Director
- A. Gulamhusein, Legal Counsel
- J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative Services
- A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
- D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Councillor K. McGrath served the following Notice of Motion to be presented during the Council Meeting of September 20, 2016.

1. That Council supports in principle that residential property owners whose homes were destroyed by the May 2016 wildfire should not be required to pay:
 - (a) the costs of any survey or Real Property Report; or
 - (b) the costs of any geotechnical investigation, analysis or report that is required as part of a Development Permit application or as a condition of a Development Permit
2. And that Administration is directed to report back to Council with a recommendation for an implementation strategy and a cost estimate in respect of the RMWB paying for the services described in 1. above, including information as to the probability of such costs incurred by the RMWB in support of affected property owners being reimbursed by the Government of Alberta.

Voting then occurred on Councillor P. Meagher's motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Minutes from Council Meeting – September 6, 2016

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 6, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**2. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Social Procurement Framework**

(6:11 p.m. – 6:34 p.m.)

Ted Zlotnik, Director, Supply Chain Management, provided an overview of the proposed social procurement framework and pilot plan.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath :

- That the Social Procurement Framework be accepted as information; and
- That Administration be directed to proceed with the pilot plan.

Bryce Kumka, President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the social procurement framework and suggested several areas of improvement that would benefit the local economy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Engaging Youth Report

(6:35 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the “Engaging Youth” report dated April 2016 be approved as an internal municipal guiding document.

Heather Evasiuk, Manager, Neighbourhood and Community Development, and Julie Dolmont, Community Strategies Coordinator, provided a summary of the Engaging Youth report, noting that positive youth development is supported by providing meaningful, youth-friendly programs, services and activities.

Exit

Councillor C. Voyageur disconnected from and left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Proposed 2017 Budget Preparation Work Plan

(6:46 p.m. – 6:53 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Proposed 2017 Budget Development Work Plan dated September 13, 2016, be accepted as information.

Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance and Pat Sibilleau, Financial Planning Manager, provided an overview of the proposed 2017 budget preparation work plan.

Bryce Kumka, President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce spoke to this matter, encouraging the preparation of a zero base budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 2016 Capital Budget Amendments – New, Cancelled, Revised and Deferred Projects

(6:54 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance, and Dawny George, Director of Engineering, provided a summary of the proposed capital budget amendments.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

1. THAT the 2016 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – New, Cancelled, Revised, and Deferred Projects) dated September 13, 2016.
2. THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2016 Capital Budget Amendments – New, Cancelled, Revised, and Deferred Projects – Projects Cash Flow Summary), dated September 13, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Second Quarter 2016 Financial Performance Update

(7:11 p.m. – 7:43 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Second Quarter 2016 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Linda Ollivier, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the financial performance update noting that the projected operating deficit does not include the financial impact of the cancelled taxes, the municipal facilities remedial cleaning or any revenue or expenses that may be attributed to the Disaster Recovery Program.

Administration committed to preparing a briefing note for Council to detail the costs associated with remedial cleaning for all municipal facilities due to smoke damage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors' Motions**7. Municipal Fee Structure Relating to Residential Development and Building Permits**

(7:43 p.m. – 8:52 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration review the municipal fee structure relating to residential development and building permits and all fees associated therein, specific to the properties destroyed or damaged by the wildfire of May 2016, and report back to Council with recommendations for possible fee amendments no later than September 27, 2016.

Exits and Returns:

Councillor K. McGrath exited the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud exited the meeting at 7:44 p.m. and returned at 7:46 p.m.

Councillor C. Tatum exited the meeting at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m.

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Holly Bennett, resident of Saprae Creek Estates, spoke in support of the motion, further suggesting that affected residents should not be charged fees for permits associated with rebuilding.

Tony Mankowski, representative, Kydan Industries, spoke in support of the review of the municipal fee structure as it relates to residential properties destroyed or damaged during the wildfire.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the motion and commended Council on the initiatives taken in support of affected residents.

Marty Giles, Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee member, and resident of Saprae Creek Estates, spoke in support of the motion.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in support of the motion.

Voting then occurred on Councillor S. Germain's motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer