

**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, December 13, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
J. Cardinal, Councillor (via teleconference)  
K. McGrath, Councillor  
P. Meagher, Councillor  
J. Stroud, Councillor  
C. Tatum, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor  
C. Voyageur, Councillor

**Absent:** T. Ault, Councillor  
L. Bussieres, Councillor  
S. Germain, Councillor

**Administration:** A. Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Bendfeld, Executive Director  
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director  
B. Couture, Executive Director  
E. Hutton, Executive Director  
D. Leflar, Regional Legal Counsel  
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer  
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 amended by deleting Item # 3 - Bylaw No 16/026 - Amendment to Timberlea Area Structure Plan and Land Use Bylaw – Lot 25, Block 20, Plan 152 4140 (Paulson Street), and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Special Council Meeting - November 28, 2016**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 28, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### **Public Hearings and Related Reports**

#### **3. Bylaw No. 16/026 - Amendment to Timberlea Area Structure Plan and Land Use Bylaw - Lot 25, Block 20, Plan 152 4140 (Paulson Street)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **Reports**

#### **4. Flood Mitigation Plan Update** (6:12 p.m. – 7:32 p.m.)

**Dawny George, Director, Engineering, and Dana Woodworth, Recovery Team Leader,** presented an update on the Flood Mitigation Plan, including a benefit cost analysis.

#### **Exit and Return**

Councillor J. Cardinal disconnected from the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and reconnected at 6:21 p.m. Councillor J. Cardinal continued to experience connectivity issues and was again disconnected at 6:27 p.m. and was unable to reconnect.

**Tom Holland, resident,** spoke to different flood mitigation discussions by Councils over the years and the lack of public engagement as it relates to the current plan, but did not indicate support or opposition to the plan.

**Jim Rogers, resident,** spoke to the removal of soil and debris from the river to ensure water and flood levels do not change in the future.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that:

- Administration proceed with pre-design, design and construction of structural flood mitigation for the Lower Townsite, Waterways and Ptarmigan Court reaches in the form of an engineered demountable wall to the current estimated 1:100 year flood water elevation (250 metres);

Administration make provision in design and construction of the demountable wall for flexibility to increase the level of flood protection to the current estimated 1:200 year flood water elevation (251 metres) if flood protection above 250 metres is later stipulated by the Province based on the outcome of its Fort McMurray River Hazard Study currently underway.

- Administration adopt temporary flood mitigation measures to protect all flood hazard areas as well as possible from a flood water elevation of up to 248.5 metres (current estimated 1:40 year flood water level) until permanent flood mitigation measures are in place; and
- Council approve rental through a competitive procurement process of ice-breaking equipment (e.g. Amphibex) as part of the temporary flood mitigation measures to respond to an ice jam flood event, the funding source to be the approved operational budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5. **2017 Capital Budget, 2018 - 2022 Capital Plan**

(7:32 p.m. – 9:04 p.m. and 9:13 p.m. – 9:17 p.m.)

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services,** presented an overview of the 2017 Capital and Interim Operating Budgets and the 2018 – 2022 Capital Plan.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:32 p.m. and returned at 7:33 p.m.

#### Recess and Exit

A brief recess occurred between 7:42 p.m. and 8:01 p.m.; at which time Councillor K. McGrath had left the meeting.

**Rachel Orser, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Maureen Gravelle, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Regional Recreation Corporation,** presented a summary of the corporation's revised capital projects funding request of \$2.46 Million.

**Jeffrey O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee, Ernie Desjarlais and Tierra Desjarlais, Conklin residents,** spoke in support of the continuation of funding needed to complete the construction of the Conklin MultiPlex.

**Jim Rogers, resident,** spoke in opposition to the Regional Recreation Corporation's request and in support of capital projects related to the Municipality's hard infrastructure needs.

Councillor J. Stroud put forward the following for consideration:

- “1. That the 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of \$388,738,142 and \$619,535 Public Art Fund transfer totaling \$389,357,677 be approved as set out on Attachment 1, 2017 Capital Budget, dated December 13, 2016 as follows: Capital Infrastructure Reserve \$284,944,458; Debenture Financing \$52,297,605, Grants \$52,115,614, Total \$389,357,677;
2. that the net budget reduction on multi-year projects in progress totaling \$34,729,628 as set out on Attachment 2, 2017 Capital Budget – Multi-Year Projects – In Progress – Cash Flow Changes, dated December 13, 2016, be approved;
3. that the new multi-year projects totaling \$152,976,770 as set out on Attachment 3, 2017 Capital Budget New Multi-Year Projects – Cash Flow – Funded, dated December 13, 2016, be approved;

4. that the cash flow on multi-year projects totaling \$599,918,202 as set out on Attachment 4, 2018 – 2022 Capital Plan – Multi-Year Projects – Cash Flow – Funded, dated December 13, 2016, be approved.”

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the Conklin MultiPlex - Construction, Project #7 be deferred to the 2018 budget to allow administration to report back to Council on how this project could be re-scoped and to present an updated business case.

DEFEATED

For: A. Vinni

Opposed: M. Blake, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Administration research a tracking system for citizen and other inquiries to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and to do so within the Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the revised funding request from the Regional Recreation Corporation in the amount of \$2,457,527 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2017 Capital Budget, 2018 - 2022 Capital Plan be tabled to enable Financial Services to confirm the amended numbers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. **2017 Interim Operating Budget**

(9:05 p.m. – 9:12 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that:

- a 2017 Interim Operating Budget, in the amount of \$137,000,000 be approved to fund operations for the first quarter of 2017; and
- Administration present the 2017 Operating Budget, 2018 – 2019 Financial Plan subsequent to the Council endorsement of outcomes of the Wood Buffalo Steering Group tasked with the development of a Joint Plan for Bill 21 Transition before the end of the first quarter.

**Jim Rogers, resident**, expressed concern with the legacy that would be left for future residents with the current level of spending.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2017 Capital Budget, 2018 - 2022 Capital Plan be lifted from the table.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that:

1. The 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of \$391,195,669 and \$619,535 Public Art Fund transfer totaling \$391,815,204 be approved as set out on Attachment 1, 2017 Capital Budget, dated December 13, 2016 as follows:

Capital Infrastructure Reserve	\$287,401,985
Debenture Financing	52,297,605
Grants	<u>52,115,614</u>
Total	<u>\$ 391,815,204</u>

2. The net budget reduction on multi-year projects in progress totaling \$34,729,628 as set out on Attachment 2, 2017 Capital Budget – Multi-Year Projects – In Progress – Cash Flow Changes, dated December 13, 2016, be approved.
3. The new multi-year projects totaling \$152,976,770 as set out on Attachment 3, 2017 Capital Budget New Multi-Year Projects – Cash Flow – Funded, dated December 13, 2016, be approved.
4. The cash flow on multi-year projects totaling \$599,918,202 as set out on Attachment 4, 2018 – 2022 Capital Plan – Multi-Year Projects – Cash Flow – Funded, dated December 13, 2016, be approved.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Opposed: A. Vinni

#### Pecuniary Interest

Councillor C. Voyageur declared a potential pecuniary interest regarding the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation Board appointments due to an employment relationship, and would be abstaining from participation on this matter. As this resulted in a loss of quorum, these appointments were severed from the report and motion and will be submitted for consideration at the next regular Council meeting.

**7. Selection Committee Recommendations - Annual Committee Appointments**  
(9:17 p.m. – 9:23 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

1. THAT Samuel Odemuyiwa, Keith Haxton and John Ross Carruthers be appointed to the Local Assessment Review Board, effective January 1, 2017, until December 31, 2018; and

THAT Samuel Odemuyiwa, Keith Haxton and John Ross Carruthers be appointed as acting members to the Composite Assessment Review Board, effective January 1, 2017, until December 31, 2018; and

THAT remuneration for Local and Composite Assessment Review Board Members be set at the same level as provincial remuneration rates for Municipal Government Board Members.

2. THAT the following appointments be approved, effective January 1, 2017:

- **Advisory Committee on Aging**
  - Joan Furber, Golden Years Society representative,
  - Scott Garner, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation representative, and
  - Linda Mywaart, rural public-at-large representative, to December 31, 2018;
- **Combative Sports Commission:**
  - Himanshu Varshney to December 31, 2017;
  - Sandy Bowman,
  - Phil Heinzelman, and
  - Jason Kent to December 31, 2018;
- **Communities In Bloom Committee:**
  - Deanne Tomlinson to December 31, 2017;
  - Rebecca Anderson,
  - Adeline Azangue,
  - Hugh Crawford,
  - Johnny Dulku, and
  - Elaine Martens to December 31, 2018;
- **Community Identification Committee:**
  - Carrie Loy, and
  - Jessica Saunders to December 31, 2018;

- **Community Services Committee:**
    - Frank Polistena to December 31, 2017;
    - Rick Hulbert, and
    - Rita Lockyer to December 31, 2018;
  
  - **Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board:**
    - Janice Bailey,
    - Dawn Collier, and
    - Josh Splaine to December 31, 2018;
  
  - **Library Board:**
    - Corinna Pirie, and
    - Carla White to December 31, 2018.
    - Monica Domingues,
    - Amanda MacPherson, and
    - Shazia Mughal to December 31, 2019;
  
  - **Public Art Committee:**
    - Chris Hamacher to December 31, 2017;
    - Michelle Thorne to December 31, 2018;
    - Nabil Malik, and
    - Garette Tebay to December 31, 2019;
  
  - **Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality:**
    - Marlene Boyle,
    - Jim Carbery, and
    - Bindu Shah to December 31, 2018;
  
  - **Regional Recreation Corporation:**
    - Chantal Beaver to December 31, 2017;
    - Brendan Toner to December 31, 2018; and
    - Nicholas Germain, and
    - Colin Hartigan to December 31, 2019;
  
  - **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board:**
    - Nola Messer to December 31, 2017;
    - Sean Schaffer,
    - David Secord, and
    - Alex McKenzie to December 31, 2018;
3. THAT Nathalie Aubrey be appointed to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee effective immediately until October 31, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation –Snye Point Café Lease**  
(9:23 p.m. – 9:29p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Municipality enter into a lease with 1950805 Alberta Ltd. for the Snye Point Café, subject to the terms and conditions described in the Building Lease Terms and Conditions, dated November 4, 2016 (Attachment 1 to December 6, 2016 Sustainable Development Committee Report).

**Jim Rogers, resident**, spoke to matters unrelated to the recommendation before Council at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation –Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Community Engagements**  
(9:30 p.m. – 9:33 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Administration support community stakeholders in the creation of a Wood Buffalo Sport Connection as a separate, non-profit society supporting sports in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

**Jim Rogers, resident**, spoke in support of the creation of the sport connection as long as there was no cost to the tax payers for this initiative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer