

Minutes of a Meeting of the Special Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Friday, December 02, 2016, commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor (via teleconference)
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor (via teleconference)

Absent: T. Ault, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliach, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
D. Bendfeld, Executive Director
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
J. Brown, Supervisor Legislative Services
J. Wall, Legislative Coordinator

Reconvene

Mayor M. Blake reconvened the meeting at 8:32 a.m., noting that the proceedings are a continuation of the November 28-30 meetings, and that Council was still sitting as Committee of the Whole.

28. Corporate Services Division
(8:33 a.m. – 8:36 a.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director, Corporate Services Division, introduced the proposed 2017 Operating Budget and gave an overview of the departments within the division.

29. Financial Services
(8:37 a.m. – 8:41 a.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

30. Human Resources
(8:42 a.m. - 8:53 a.m.)

Terry Hartley, Director, Human Resources, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

31. Information and Advisory Services
(8:54 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

AnnMarie Hintz, Acting Director, Information and Advisory Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

32. Supply Chain Management
(9:01 a.m. - 9:08 a.m.)

Ted Zlotnik, Director, Supply Chain Management, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

33. Assessment and Taxation
(9:09 a.m. – 9:24 a.m.)

Philip Schofield, Director, Assessment and Taxation, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

Entrance

Councillor C. Tatum joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

34. Council
(9:25 a.m. – 9:28 a.m.)

David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

35. Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
(9:29 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

Marcel Ulliac, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer.

36. Municipal Auditor
(9:31 a.m. – 9:41 a.m.)

Ralph Timleck, Director, accompanied by Monica Ball, Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

37. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
(9:41 a.m. – 9:42 a.m.)

Kevin Scoble, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

38. Legal and Legislative Services
(9:43 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.)

David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Operating Budget for the department.

Recess

A recess occurred from 9:56 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Capital Budget Presentations**39. 2017 Capital Budget Introduction**

(10:21 a.m. – 10:32 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director, Corporate Services Division and Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget.

Entrance

Councillors J. Cardinal and C. Voyageur joined the meeting via teleconference at 10:28 a.m.

40. Environmental Services

(10:30 a.m. – 10:48 a.m.)

Leslie Burke, Acting Director, Environmental Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

41. Public Works

(10:49 a.m. – 11:12 a.m.)

Ken Ball, Parks Superintendent, accompanied by Dawny George, Director, Engineering, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

It was requested that the following information be provided:

- Details on the project for the Clearwater Park System, more specifically, which components of the project are aesthetic or rehabilitation/environmental and those specific costs.

42. Engineering

(11:13 a.m. – 11:41 a.m.)

Dawny George, Director, Engineering, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

It was requested that the following information be provided:

- A detailed cost breakdown of the of the Jubilee Building renovations, more specifically which components of the project are aesthetic vs. mechanical.

43. Land Administration

(11:42 p.m. – 11:52 p.m.)

Keith Smith, Director, Land Administration, accompanied by Travis Kendel, Manager, Water Treatment, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

Recess

A recess occurred from 11:52 a.m. – 1:08 p.m.

44. Regional Emergency Services
(1:09 p.m. – 1:16 p.m.)

Darby Allen, Director, Regional Emergency Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

45. Community Services
(1:17 p.m. – 1:21 p.m.)

Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

46. Information and Advisory Services
(1:22 p.m. – 1:28 p.m.)

AnnMarie Hintz, Acting Director, Information and Advisory Services, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

47. Assessment and Taxation
(1:29 p.m. – 1:34 p.m.)

Philip Schofield, Director, Assessment and Taxation, gave an overview of the proposed 2017 Capital Budget for the department.

Recess

A recess occurred from 1:35 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.

Reconvening of Special Meeting

Mayor Blake advised that Council was no longer meeting as Committee of the Whole and declared that the Special Meeting of Council be reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

48. Public Delegations
(2:20 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.)

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke to the current financial situation in the Municipality and the Ward System.

Deliberations

49. Budget Deliberations - Conclusion and Recommendation to Council
(2:26 p.m. – 3:36 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that \$100,000 be allocated for the pre-design of a cemetery in Janvier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Capital Project # 30 - Jubilee Centre Renovation – Construction 2017, be split into three separate budget items as follows:

- a) mechanical upgrades;
- b) cost associated with the renovation needed to increase staff capacity; and
- c) the cost of lobby renovation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Capital Project #45 – FireSmart Greenspace Rehabilitation be reduced by at least 10% following a review of alternate materials and community consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the Community Investment Program Budget for organizations with requests over 500,000 for 2017 be reduced by 6%, excluding the Vista Ridge Community Investment Grant and the Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization (HERO) Foundation Grant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Capital Project #38 – Clearwater Park System (Riverside Park System) – Remediation – be funded for the remediation portion of the project only in the 2017 budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Capital Project #59 - Conklin Multiplex - Construction be deferred to 2018, pending a review of the scope and business case for this project.

DEFEATED

For: L. Bussieres, A. Vinni

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, J. Stroud,
C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Assuming of the Chair

Acting Mayor C. Tatum assumed the Chair and Mayor M. Blake vacated the Chair at 2:46 p.m. and put forth the following motions:

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that a Transit Bus Shelter Improvements Project, to include shelter decorations, the completion of all clear and heated bus shelters, and appropriate pull outs on Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that a Primary Road Beautification Project to include decorative covers for all eligible utility box boxes, decorative hanging flowers on both sides of the road, median and boulevard improvements (removing grass and replacing with solid surface like stamped concrete), and the integration of tree planting within median improvements be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that a Digital Screen be installed on the Weather Catcher to display public messages and promote municipal events.

DEFEATED

For: A. Vinni, J. Stroud

Opposed: M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that a Birchwood Trail Lookout Tower be constructed to commemorate all responders to the May 3, 2016 wildfire in the amount of not greater than \$500,000.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Assuming of the Chair

Mayor M. Blake resumed the Chair at 2:57 p.m.

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that Administration be directed to review all proposed funded Capital Projects and present a savings of at least 10% of the overall proposed 2017 Capital Budget.

CARRIED

For: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: M. Blake

The following motion was then presented by Councillor L. Bussieres, and subsequently withdrawn with consent of Council: “that Administration be directed to review the 2017 Operating Budget and present a savings of at least 10% of the overall proposed 2017 Operating Budget.”

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that Capital Project #102 – Rural Community Placemaking Fort MacKay – Design in the amount of \$110,000 be moved from unfunded to funded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that all approved amendments be incorporated into the 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets, and 2018-2019 Financial Plans, and that the revised budget documents be brought forward for Council’s consideration on December 13, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer