

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, October 18, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

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

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting - October 11, 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 11, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting - October 11, 2016

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on October 11, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognition**3. National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 17 - 21**

Mayor M. Blake spoke to the proclamation for National Teen Driver Safety Week, October 17 - 21.

Reports**4. Alternative Capital Financing Policy FIN-170**

(6:11 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the revised Alternative Capital Financing (ACF) Policy, which provides a governance framework for evaluating and approving alternatives to traditional or conventional procurement and funding of capital projects. To date, the Municipality has not fully executed an ACF arrangement.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke to projects that could use alternative capital financing, but not to the policy itself.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Alternative Capital Financing Policy FIN-170, dated October 18, 2016, be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Investment Policy FIN-140

(6:21 p.m. – 6:24 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided a summary of the revised Investment Policy, noting that the investment portfolio priorities of safety, liquidity and return have not changed.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Investment Policy - FIN-140 dated October 18, 2016, be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Social Media Policy COM-140

(6:25 p.m. – 6:44 p.m.)

Brenda Erskine, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, and Jennie Walker, Social Media Advisor, presented an overview of the proposed Social Media Policy, which establishes a guideline for consistent use of social media in an appropriate, effective and secure manner, in accordance with all applicable legislation.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the Social Media Policy.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Social Media Policy COM-140, dated October 18, 2016, be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Public Engagement Policy COM-130
(6:45 p.m. – 7:08 p.m.)

Brenda Erskine, Acting Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, and Sarah Murrant, Acting Manager, Public Affairs, presented a summary of the Public Engagement Policy, which formalizes the process for public engagement opportunities, enhances the municipal decision-making process, and ensures public engagement activities and outcomes are consistent and open to the public.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the Public Engagement Policy.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Public Engagement Policy COM-130, dated October 18, 2016, be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer