

Minutes of a Special 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 Monday, November 28, 2016, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

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

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. and explained that Council would immediately move into Committee of the Whole to allow for the relaxing of procedure while conducting its annual budget workshop. The Mayor also noted that no motions could be passed while Council is convened as Committee of the Whole.

Motion to move into Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the meeting be recessed so that Council may move into Committee of the Whole.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Community Investment Program Presentations

1. Northern Alberta Athletic Association
(5:11 p.m. – 5:23 p.m.)

David Fitzgerald, President, and Ross Green, Treasurer, provided a presentation on the Northern Alberta Athletic Association and the funding request for 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding ice usage for the Casman Centre and it was requested that Administration report to Council with details of ice utilization for the facility.

2. Fort McMurray Heritage Society

(5:24 p.m. – 5:54 p.m.)

Carmen Ramstead, President, Roseann Davidson, Executive Director, and Tammy Plowman, Programs Manager, provided a presentation on the Fort McMurray Heritage Society and the funding request for 2017.

Arrival

Councillor S. Germain joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

3. Wood Buffalo Regional Library

(5:55 p.m. - 6:12 p.m.)

Monica Domingues, Chair, and Melissa Flett, Acting Director, provided a presentation on the Wood Buffalo Regional Library and the funding request for 2017.

4. Fort McMurray Tourism

(6:13 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.)

Frank Creasey, Chief Executive Officer and Jean-Marc Guillamot, Chair, provided a presentation on Fort McMurray Tourism and the funding request for 2017.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Council Chamber at 6:16 p.m. and returned at 6:26 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 6:46 p.m. to 7:02 p.m. Following the recess Mayor Blake expressed regrets on behalf of Councillors L. Bussieres and K. McGrath, indicating that they would be absent for the balance of the evening.

5. Local Helicopter Emergency Response Organization (HERO) Foundation

(7:02 p.m. – 7:29 p.m.)

Paul Spring, President and Board Chair, and Andrea Montgomery-Spring, Director of Stakeholder and Community Relations, provided a presentation on the Local H.E.R.O Foundation and the funding request for 2017.

6. Vista Ridge

(7:30 p.m. – 7:52 p.m.)

Kevin Grogan, General Manager, provided a presentation on Vista Ridge's funding request for 2017.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 7:53 p.m. and returned at 7:54 p.m.

7. YMCA of Northern Alberta, Wood Buffalo Region
(7:53 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.)

Janet Giles, Senior Vice President, and Jim Weller, Regional Vice-President, provided a presentation on the YMCA of Northern Alberta and the funding request for 2017.

Exit and Return and Assuming of the Chair

Mayor M. Blake exited the Council Chamber at 8:08 p.m. and Deputy Mayor S. Germain assumed the Chair. Mayor M. Blake returned to the Council Chamber at 8:09 p.m. and resumed chairing of the meeting.

8. Regional Recreation Corporation
(8:21 p.m. – 8:34 p.m.)

Bruno Francoeur, Board Chair, and Rachel Orser, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on the Regional Recreation Corporation and the funding request for 2017.

Discussion ensued regarding the 4% wage increase for the CUPE unionized staff for 2017 and it was requested that additional details be provided to Council with respect to this increase.

Recess

The Mayor then declared the meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m., noting that it would reconvene at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber.