

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, November 01, 2016, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: S. Germain, Deputy Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor (teleconference)

Absent: M. Blake, Mayor
J. Cardinal, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
D. Bendfeld, Executive Director
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
D. Leflar, Regional Legal Counsel
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Deputy Mayor Germain sent regrets on behalf of Mayor Blake and Councillor Cardinal who are unable to attend the meeting.

Cathy Underhill, Borealis Counselling Services, led the evening's mental health moment with a brief presentation on Mindfulness.

Call To Order

Deputy Mayor S. Germain called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Item No. 4 "Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation – Secondary and Emergency Access Roads" be deleted from the agenda and deferred to November 8, 2016 Council meeting; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting - October 25, 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 25, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

2. Third Quarter 2016 Financial Performance Update
(6:13 p.m. – 6:33 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided a summary of the third quarter 2016 financial performance update.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Third Quarter 2016 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. 2017 Proposed Budget, 2018 – 2022 Financial Plan
(6:33 p.m. – 7:22 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, provided a high-level overview of the 2017 Proposed Budget and 2018-2022 Financial Plans prologue to the upcoming budget meetings before Council.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the 2017 Proposed Operating Budget, 2018 - 2019 Financial Plan, 2017 Proposed Capital Budget and 2018 – 2022 Capital Plan be accepted as the basis for budget discussion and final budget recommendation.

Exit and Return

Councillor C. Voyageur was disconnected from the teleconference at 6:55 p.m. and reconnected at 6:59 p.m.

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

CARRIED
For: S. Germain, T. Ault, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur
Opposed: L. Bussieres, C. Tatum

5. Oversight Committee Recommendation - Regional Recreation Corporation – Amendment to the Corporate Bylaw

(7:23 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that the Directors of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo be requested to amend the RRC corporate bylaw by deleting Article 3(b) and substituting therefore the following:

“operating the recreational and cultural facilities existing as of November 1, 2016 at:

- (i) MacDonald Island Park;
- (ii) Anzac Recreation Centre (indoor operations only); and
- (iii) Fort Chipewyan Aquatics Centre (aquatics programming only)

and operating such additional recreational and cultural facilities, whether existing as of November 1, 2016 or constructed after November 1, 2016, as the Council may from time to time request the Corporation to operate”; and

- that the RRC be advised that a certified true copy of the above resolution, issued from the office of the Chief Legislative Officer of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, shall constitute sufficient compliance with the provisions of clause 24(b) and section 44 of the Regional Recreation Corporation’s corporate bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Oversight Committee Recommendation - Municipal Utility Corporation – Next Steps

(7:25 p.m. – 7:59 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that Administration initiate the process of recruiting qualified and independent Directors for the Wood Buffalo Utilities Corporation; and
- that Administration present to the Selection Committee by March 1, 2017 a list of qualified and independent individuals for consideration for appointment as Directors of the Wood Buffalo Utilities Corporation.

Leslie Burke, Director, Sustainable Operations/Acting Director, Environmental Services, and **Travis Kendal, Manager, Environmental Services,** and spoke to next steps in the formation of the Municipal Utility Corporation being recruitment of the board for the corporation.

Jim Rogers, resident, questioned what structure, if any, may be imposed on this corporation that will lead them to provide annual reports to the stakeholders.

Exit

Councillor C. Voyageur disconnected from the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

For: S. Germain, T. Ault, L. Bussieres, P.
Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A.
Vinni

Opposed: K. McGrath

Adjournment

As all scheduled business had been concluded, Deputy Chair Germain declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer