

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, January 17, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: C. Voyageur, 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, Chief Legislative Officer
J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative Services
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 - December 13, 2016

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 13, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. Darlene Soucy, Returning Officer re: 2017 Municipal Election Registration of Potential Candidates

(6:03 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)

Darlene Soucy, Returning Officer, presented an overview of the provincially legislated requirement for potential 2017 Municipal Election candidates to register with the Municipality prior to receiving any campaign contributions.

3. Council Compensation Review

(6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

David Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the Council Compensation Review noting that, if passed, the amendments to the Elected Officials Compensation, Travel and Expenses Policy would not come into effect until after the October 2017 Municipal Election.

Domenico D’Alessandro and David Gore, Gallagher McDowall Associates, presented an overview of the Council Compensation Review and the recommended changes to the policy.

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following for consideration: That the revisions to the Elected Officials Compensation, Travel and Expenses Policy LEG-050, shown in the Attachment to the Council report entitled “Council Compensation Review” dated January 17, 2017, be approved to come into effect on October 17, 2017.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the motion be amended by changing the last period to a comma, and by adding the following thereafter: “with the exception of the proposed revisions to clause 03.02(a) and (b) which shall be replaced with language reflecting a 30% reduction from current levels to the salaries of the Mayor and Councillors, to take effect immediately”.

DEFEATED

For: L. Bussieres, K. McGrath, A. Vinni

Opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal,
P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C.
Tatum

Arrival

Councillor S. Germain entered the meeting 6:51 p.m.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that section 03.02(b) be amended by setting Councillor salary at \$38,878 annually.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, L. Bussieres, S. Germain, K.
McGrath, P. Meagher, A. Vinni

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

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that section 03.02(a) be amended by setting the Mayor's salary at \$132,011 annually.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: K. McGrath, C. Tatum

Voting then occurred on the original motion, as amended.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the revisions to the Elected Officials Compensation, Travel and Expenses Policy LEG-050, as amended, shown in the Attachment to the Council report entitled "Council Compensation Review" dated January 17, 2017, be approved to come into effect on October 17, 2017.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Opposed: L. Bussieres, K. McGrath, C. Tatum, A. Vinni

Reports

4. Selection Committee Recommendations – Appointments to Boards and Committees

(7:31 p.m. – 7:33 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that:

- the following appointments be approved, effective immediately:
 - Communities in Bloom Committee:
Joanne Fisher to December 31, 2018; and
 - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board:
Anne-Marie Gauthier to December 31, 2017
- the following individuals be appointed to the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation effective immediately:
 - John Ross Carruthers to December 31, 2017;
 - Derek Jensen to December 31, 2018; and
 - Roy Amalu and Scott Garner to December 31, 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer