

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 Friday, March 10, 2017, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Administration: A. Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer
J. Doyle, Director, Planning and Development
D. George, Director, Engineering and Environmental Services
M. Lance, A/Director, Community and Protective Services
T. O'Doherty, A/Director, Public Works and Transit Services
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. 2017 Operating Budget, 2018 - 2019 Financial Plan
(4:03 p.m. – 4:48 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the 2017 revised operating budget, and the initiatives undertaken in order to reach the reductions achieved.

Jim Rogers, resident, raised concerns about expenditures and suggested downsizing currently subsidized recreational infrastructure and programs.

J. Paul McLeod, resident, questioned the working together policy statement, agreed that a lot of work has gone into this but noted that administration still needs to look for further efficiencies.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault :

- THAT the 2017 Operating Budget, in the amount of \$804,261,033 be approved, representing \$468,708,164 for Municipal operations and \$335,552,869 as a transfer to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve;

- THAT the 2018 – 2019 Financial Plan in the amount of \$816,864,033 and \$822,507,293 respectively, with funding transfers to the Capital Infrastructure Reserve of \$345,765,294 and \$342,318,293 respectively, be used as the basis for the development of the respective subsequent budgets; and
- THAT \$350,000,000 from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve be transferred to fund previously approved debenture-funded capital projects and thereby reduce the committed debt of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer