

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, May 09, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor (teleconferencing)
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: T. Ault, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Administration: A. Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer
R. Billard, Director
C. Bouchard, Director
J. Doyle, Director
D. George, Director
D. Leflar, Regional Legal Counsel
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Council Meeting - April 25, 2017

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 25, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognition

**2. Community Identification Committee Recognition - Tobin Way
(6:02 p.m. – 6:07 p.m.)**

Mr. John Tobin, long term resident was presented with a sign commemorating the naming of Tobin Way.

Delegations

3. **Maureen Cormier Jackson, Wood Buffalo Community Foundation re: Start-up of Wood Buffalo Community Foundation**
(6:07 p.m. – 6:19 p.m.)

Maureen Cormier-Jackson, Chair of Wood Buffalo Community Foundation, provided information on the start-up of the Foundation, asking Council's support in promoting this initiative within the community.

Presentations

4. **David Schaff and Pearce Shewchuk, Nichols Applied Management, re: Population Model and Projections**
(6:19 p.m. – 6:42 p.m.)

Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development, provided background information on the report before Council.

David Schaff and Pearce Shewchuk, Nichols Applied Management then presented the population model and projections and how these were developed.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Council accept the 2016 OSCA Population Projections Model (2016-2030) as a tool for municipal planning purposes.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, S. Germain, K. McGrath,
P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: L. Bussieres, A. Vinni

Bylaws

5. **2017 Property Tax Rate Bylaw – Bylaw No. 17/010**
(6:42 p.m. – 7:11 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Phillip Schofield, Regional Assessor, provided information relative to the 2017 Property Tax Rate Bylaw. Administration recommended that in light of current negotiations with assessment appeals, Council defer third reading of Bylaw No. 17/010, as the numbers may be further impacted.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain:

- that Bylaw No. 17/010, being the 2017 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a second time; and
- that Bylaw No. 17/010 be amended by deleting the following paragraph “AND WHEREAS the net tax revenue requirements of the Municipality for 2016 is estimated to be \$714,645,350” and replacing it with “AND WHEREAS the net tax revenue requirements of the Municipality for 2017 is estimated to be \$714,312,151, and the Municipality has been facing unprecedented industry appeals, an additional \$39,970,160 in potential appeal reductions is required for the 2017 revenue requirements, for a total tax rate bylaw amount of \$754,282,311;”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that third reading of Bylaw No. 17/010 be deferred to a Special Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Bylaw No. 17/011 - Repealing of Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw
(7:11 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 17/011, being a bylaw to repeal the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, L. Bussieres, S. Germain,
K. McGrath, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A.
Vinni

Opposed: P. Meagher

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 17/011 be read a second time.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, L. Bussieres, K. McGrath,
C. Tatum, A. Vinni

Opposed: S. Germain, P. Meagher, J.
Stroud

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 17/011 be considered for third reading.

DEFEATED

For: M. Blake, L. Bussieres, S. Germain,
K. McGrath, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A.
Vinni

Opposed: P. Meagher

As unanimous consent was not obtained at this time, third reading of Bylaw No. 17/011 will be brought back for consideration at a subsequent Council meeting.

Reports

- 7. Rural Committee Recommendation: Fort McKay Fire Hall – Lease With an Option to Purchase Agreement**
(7:15 p.m. – 7:19 p.m.)

Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development, spoke to the report before Council.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Municipality enter into a Lease With an Option to Purchase Agreement with the Fort McKay Métis Community Association for the property legally described as Lot 4, Plan MCKAY (approximately 2.5 acres in size) for a minimum term of 50 years at the nominal rate of \$1.00 per year, to facilitate development of a fire hall.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 8. 2017 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects**
(7:19 p.m. – 7:23 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Finance, provided an overview of the Capital Budget Amendments being proposed.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- that the 2017 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled Projects (dated May 9, 2017) be approved; and
- that the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – Deferred and Cancelled – Projects Cash Flow Summary (dated May 9, 2017) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer