

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 23, 2017, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Administration: A. Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer
C. Bouchard, Director
N. Caines, A/Director
J. Doyle, Director
D. George, Director
D. Leflar, Director
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

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

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting - May 9, 2017

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 9, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes of Special Council Meeting - May 16, 2017

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 16, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognition

3. - **Child Care Appreciation Week, May 22 to 26, 2017**
- **Winky's Day, June 6, 2017**
(6:01 p.m. – 6:03 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake spoke to the proclamations for Child Care Appreciation Week, May 22 to 26, 2017, and Winky's Day, June 6, 2017.

4. **Community Identification Committee Recognition - Robert Walsh Road**
(6:04 p.m. – 6:07 p.m.)

The family of Robert Walsh was presented with a sign commemorating the naming of Robert Walsh Road.

Public Hearings and Related Reports

5. **Land Planning and Transportation Committee Recommendation – Bylaw No. 17/005 – Undeveloped Government Road Allowance Closure within the Parsons Creek Aggregates Project Area**
(6:08 p.m. – 6:12 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 17/005 opened at 6:08 p.m.

Jamie Doyle, Director, Planning and Development, gave an introduction from Administration, indicating that the road allowance closure will facilitate development of the project and address safety concerns related to public access within a quarry operation.

David Faber, Manager, Parsons Creek Aggregates, provided an overview of the request for the road allowance closure, noting that the area is within a quarry operation that is not accessible by the public.

Mayor M. Blake declared the Public Hearing for Bylaw 17/005 closed at 6:12 p.m.

Reports

6. **Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation - 2017 Capital Budget Amendment - Waterways Slope Stability**
(6:13 p.m. – 7:21 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that Administration proceed with acquisition, at pre-fire value, and mitigation of the following properties identified in the Waterways Slope Stability Assessment Report dated March 10, 2017:
 - All 15 properties located within Zone 3A;
 - One privately held lot in Zone 4 (being 7119 Cliff Avenue); and
 - Five selected properties within Zone 3 (being 7308,

7310 and 7312 High Avenue; 7211 and 7213 Cliff Avenue); and

- that the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Capital Budget Amendment – Waterways Slope Stability Land Acquisition and Regrading, dated May 11, 2017 (Attachment 3 to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Report, dated May 17, 2017) be approved.

Dana Woodworth, Recovery Team Leader, and Erin O’Neill, Operations Manager, Recovery Task Force, provided an overview of the report noting that the Waterways Area Slope Stability Assessment revealed constraints to redevelopment within the study area. It was proposed that 21 properties be acquired to mitigate slope stability concerns.

Margo Firman, resident, supported the recommendation and acquisition of her property, but noted that she feels conflicted for the owners of the 14 neighbouring properties which are not presently subject to acquisition..

Monica Thompson, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation, noting that her property is one of the 14 lots remaining in Zone 3. Ms. Thompson further expressed concern about the impact to the value of that property.

Najwa Karamujic, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation, noting that her property is one of the 14 lots remaining in Zone 3, and that home builders are reluctant to rebuild in the area because of the risks associated with the slope movement.

Tom Holland, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation, but expressed disappointment that all Zone 3 lots were not being considered in the motion before Council.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in favour of the recommendation.

Ken Sheardown, Office Manager, Athabasca Tribal Council, spoke in support of the recommendation and the potential acquisition of further properties in Waterways.

Paul McLeod, resident, spoke in favour of the recommendation.

Voting then occurred on Councillor K. McGrath’s motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Recovery Grant Program – Building Business Support

(7:22 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Small and Medium Business Recovery Support Funding Update be received as information.

Kelly Hansen, Economic Development Manager, Recovery Task Force, and Marty Giles, Chair, Economy Sub-Committee, Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, provided a summary of the grant program intended to provide access to financing to support business recovery in the region.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:34 p.m. and returned at 7:35 p.m.

Mike Durocher, resident, spoke in support of the program.

Matt Creighton, Chair, Community Futures Wood Buffalo Board, spoke in support of the recovery grant program.

Voting then occurred on Councillor P. Meagher’s motion.

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Recess

A brief recess occurred between 8:05 p.m. and 8:18 p.m.

8. First Quarter 2017 Financial Performance Update
(8:18 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the financial performance for the first quarter of 2017.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the First Quarter 2017 Financial Performance Update be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. 2017 Q1 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments Update
(8:26 p.m. – 8: 28 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the 2017 Q1 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment updates.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2017 Q1 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment update, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2017 Q1 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendment, dated March 31, 2017), be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer