

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, June 13, 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
C. Voyageur, Councillor

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

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Council Meeting - May 23, 2017

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 23, 2017, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognition

2. Recognition - Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Members

(6:04 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake recognized the Members of the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, thanking them for their contribution to the Committee.

3. Community Identification Committee Recognition - L Robert Industrial Park
(6:15 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.)

Leo and Debbie Robert were presented with a sign commemorating the naming of L Robert Industrial Park.

Delegations

4. Aksh Patel, MACOY Member and Cait Evans, Social Program Advisor re: 2016-2017 MACOY - A Year in Review
(6:22 p.m. – 6:33 p.m.)

Himasha Rao and Kaylun Gomez, MACOY Members and Cait Evans, Social Program Advisory reviewed MACOY's initiatives undertaken over the past year and thanked Council for their ongoing support.

Bylaws

5. Bylaw No. 17/017 – Utility Rates Bylaw Amendment - Acceptable Contaminated Soil
(6:33 p.m. – 6:33 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 17/017, being an amendment to the Utility Rates Bylaw, be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

6. Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Recommendation - 2017 Capital Budget Amendment – Waterways Zone 3 Slope Stability
(6:33 p.m. – 9:03 p.m.)

Councillor J. Stroud presented the following for consideration: "THAT Administration proceed with the acquisition, at pre-fire value, and mitigation of the properties identified in red on Attachment 1 of the June 7th report to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee (Waterways Report – Additional Proposed Land Acquisitions, dated May 25, 2017); and

THAT the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 2 to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Report, dated June 7, 2017 (Capital Budget Amendment – Waterways Zone 3 Slope Stability Land Acquisition and Regrading, dated May 25, 2017).

Dana Woodworth and Erin O'Neill, Wood Buffalo Recovery Task Force, provided an overview of the report before Council.

Frances Jean, resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Monica Thompson, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Najwa Karamujic, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Margo Firman, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Phil Jean, resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation.

Exit

Councillor K. McGrath left the Chamber at 6:57 p.m.

Larry LeMesurier, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation noting that if there could be some mandatory and some voluntary acquisitions it would potentially satisfy the concerns of the residents in the neighbourhood.

Return

Councillor K. McGrath returned to the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Joan Furber, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Don Proudfoot, Thurber Engineering Inc, and Rob de Pruis, Insurance Bureau of Canada responded to questions of Council.

Exit and Return

Tatum exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

Recess

A recess occurred from 8:35 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the motion currently on the floor be amended to read as follows:

that Administration proceed with the acquisition of 10 of the 14 lots in Waterways identified as Zone 3 in red on Attachment 1 of the June 7th report to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee (Waterways Report – Additional Proposed Land Acquisitions, dated May 25, 2017), at pre-fire value, and mitigation of the properties, excluding lots 7305, 7303, 7311 and 7417; and

that the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 2 to the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Report, dated June 7, 2017 (Capital Budget Amendment – Waterways Zone 3 Slope Stability Land Acquisition and Regrading, dated May 25, 2017) save for deducting the savings for not buying the four excluded lots (lots 7305, 7303, 7311 and 7417).

CARRIED

For: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: T. Ault, M. Blake, S. Germain, C. Tatum

Voting then occurred on Councillor J. Stroud's motion, as amended, which now reads:

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

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CARRIED

For: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Tatum, C. Voyageur

Opposed: T. Ault, M. Blake, S. Germain

7. Land Planning and Transportation Committee Recommendation – Bus Bay Turn-outs and Transit Shelters on Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way
(9:03 p.m. – 9:17 p.m.)

Robert Billard, Director, provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

1. That the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 1 (Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Pre-design) dated April 24, 2017.
2. That the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 2 (Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way –Design) dated April 24, 2017.
3. That the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 3 (Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Construction) dated April 24, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. 2017 Capital Budget Amendments – New Project
(9:17 p.m. – 9:18 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

that the 2017 Capital Budget Amendment as summarized on Attachment 1 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – New Project (dated June 13, 2017) be approved; and

that the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – New Project – Cash Flow Summary (June 13, 2017) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer