

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, July 11, 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
- A. Rogers, Chief 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 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Agenda be amended by adding Item #14 - Selection Committee Recommendation and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Council Meeting - June 27, 2017

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 27, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recognition

2. Community Identification Committee Recognition - Betty Witzel
(6:02 p.m. – 6:04 p.m.)

Betty Witzel was recognized by the naming of Betty Witzel Dog Park. As the recipient was not in attendance at this time, the commemorating sign will be presented to her at a later date.

Presentations

3. Dennis Warr, Recovery Task Force re: FireSmart Begins at Home
(6:04 p.m. – 6:21 p.m.)

Dennis Warr, Recovery Task Force, presented information on the FireSmart Program including details of its framework for the entire Municipality.

Reports

4. Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Society
(6:22 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.)

Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services, Monica Lance, Manager, Community Strategies, and Norma Shaw, Supervisor, Community Strategies, provided background information for the recommendation.

It was requested that the Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Society provide updates on, at minimum, a semi-annual basis, through established Community Investment Program practices.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Wood Buffalo Sport Connection Society, as an incorporated non-profit society supporting sports in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, be allocated \$604,071 over a period of three years from 2017-2019 from the Games Legacy Reserve fund to be administered through the Community Investment Program.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: L. Bussieres

5. Enhanced Policing Agreement
(6:50 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.)

Dennis Fraser, Director of Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided background information on the report.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Administration be directed to fulfill the terms of the existing enhanced policing agreement between the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the Alberta Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General (AJSG), with the intention that the Municipality will not renew it in 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Sale of Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET in Waterways Community

(6:55 p.m. – 7:43 p.m.)

Councillor P. Meagher put forward the following recommendation: “THAT, subject to final passage of Bylaw No. 17/019, Administration be authorized to proceed with the sale of the property legally described as Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET, at current fair market value to the Tabernacle of Praise Church.”

Matias Espinoza, Tabernacle of Praise Church, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Bilal Abbas, resident, raised concern with the proposed sale of land due to the loss by fire of the Waterways Community Centre previously located on that land.

Merlin Landry, resident, spoke to the need for replacing the Waterways Community Centre.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the Church getting the land, and the need for developing a new community centre for Waterways.

Larry Lemesurier, resident, raised questions about historical data related to ownership of the Waterways Community Centre and the land it was located on.

Liz Pike, Waterways resident, spoke in support of the church rebuild, and the replacement of the community centre.

Cheryl Alexander, Tabernacle of Praise Church, spoke in support of the recommendation.

J. Paul McLeod, resident, spoke neither in support or opposition to the matter at hand.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:31 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the motion be amended by adding the following: “that the revenue generated from the sale of Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET to be held for use only of rebuilding a community space in Waterways.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the motion, as amended, which now reads:

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that:

- subject to final passage of Bylaw No. 17/019, Administration be authorized to proceed with the sale of the property legally described as Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET, at current fair market value to the Tabernacle of Praise Church; and
- that the revenue generated from the sale of Lot 14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET to be held for use only of rebuilding a community space in Waterways.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred between 7:43 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

7. Land Planning and Transportation Committee Recommendation – South Policing Facility

(8:00 p.m. – 8:21 p.m.)

Mark Fortais, Manager, Property Leasing, provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Municipality enter into a lease with Her Majesty The Queen, in Right of Canada as represented by the Minister responsible for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (hereinafter called the “RCMP”) for a proportion of the space of the South Policing Facility, subject to the terms and conditions set out in South Policing Facility – Building Lease Terms and Conditions, dated June 1, 2017 (Attachment 1 to Land Planning and Transportation Committee Report, dated June 27, 2017).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. 2017 Capital Budget Amendments – New and Cancelled Projects

(8:21p.m. – 8:38 p.m.)

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provided an overview of the report.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 8:23 p.m. and returned at 8:24 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- that the 2017 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – New and Cancelled Projects, dated July 11, 2017) be approved; and
- that the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – New and Cancelled Projects – Cash Flow Summary, dated July 11, 2017) be approved.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: L. Bussieres

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor S. Germain declared a potential pecuniary interest in the upcoming item due to a business interest and exited the Chamber at 8:37 p.m.

Bylaws

- 9. Land Planning and Transportation Committee Recommendation – Bylaw No. 17/012 - Reserve Designation Removal and Sale of Portion Block R1, Plan 7520462 (Gregoire)**
(8:37 p.m. – 8:39 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 17/012, being a bylaw to remove a portion of the Reserve designation within Block R1, Plan 7520462, be read a first time; and that the public hearing be held during a special Council Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor S. Germain returned to the Chamber at 8:39 p.m.

- 10. Land Planning and Transportation Committee Recommendation – Bylaw No. 17/018 - Road Closure and Authorization to Transfer (Eagle Ridge)**
(8:39 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 17/018, being a bylaw to close parts of Road Plan 152 3389 be read a first time; and that the public hearing be held during a special Council Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 11. Bylaw No. 17/019 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lots 11-14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET (Waterways)**
(8:41 p.m. – 8:42 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 17/019, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to Lots 11-14, Block 2, Plan 3969ET, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held during a special Council Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 12. Bylaw No. 17/020 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment - BI - Business Industrial District**
(8:42 p.m. – 8:43 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 17/020, being a Land Use Bylaw text amendment specific to the BI - Business Industrial District, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held during a special Council Meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors' Motions

13. Government of Canada's Proposed Legislation to Legalize, Regulate and Restrict Access to Cannabis

(8:43 p.m. – 9:02 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that, in response to the Government of Canada's proposed legislation to legalize, regulate and restrict access to cannabis by July, 2018, Administration be requested to commence research and development of strategic initiatives, including possible amendments to various municipal bylaws, to establish the parameters around which cannabis dispensaries and places of sale may exist in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and to restrict smoking of cannabis, cannabis-based products or related products in an appropriate vicinity of any schools, playgrounds, parks, child care centres, places of worship, community centres and at any public events.

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

Jay Telegdi, resident, spoke in support of the recommendation.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: C. Tatum

14. Selection Committee Recommendation

(9:02 p.m. – 9:03 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the term of appointment for Chris Hamacher, Public Art Committee member, be amended to January 1, 2017 to July 11, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer