

Approved Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, AB, on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor (via teleconferencing–departed at 10:04 p.m.)
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor (arrived 6:44 p.m.)
R. Rebus, Councillor (via teleconferencing)
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Absent: M. Byron, Councillor
G. Janvier, Councillor

Administration: K. Kloss, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
P. King, Assistant Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
W. Holodniuk, Assistant Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Legislative Assistant
A. Wojtkiewicz, Recorder/Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

10-068 Moved by Councillor Allen that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – March 9, 2010

10-069 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Mr. Steve Kelly, Chairperson re: Update on Volunteer Wood Buffalo

Mr. Steve Kelly, Chairperson, came in front of Council to present background information and future plans for Volunteer Wood Buffalo.

10-070 Moved by Councillor Blair that the Volunteer Wood Buffalo presentation be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Mr. Jim Rogers, resident re: Various Matters of Concern

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident, came forward in front of Council to request a reliable communication method with the communication department to set a clear understanding between the Municipality and Waterways Residents Association. Mr. Rogers addressed concerns regarding to the CILUS report and the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness. It was brought to Council’s attention that the lower Town Site Redevelopment Plan is a living document which should not be a limitation to the development.

10-071 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the presentation from Mr. Jim Rogers regarding various matters of concern be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

4. Commercial and Industrial Land Use Study Update

Mr. Dennis Peck, General Manager, Planning and Development, presented Council with an update on the Commercial and Industrial Land Use Study.

Arrival

Councillor Meagher arrived at 6:44 p.m.

10-072 Moved by Councillor Germain that the presentation regarding the Commercial and Industrial Land Use Study be accepted as information.

Due to technical difficulties Councillor Clarkson and Rebus could not take part in voting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-073 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that Administration and the Planning and Development Department report within the next two months with a strategy to move in a timely fashion to address the commercial and industrial needs in the urban and rural service areas.

CARRIED

For: Blair, Flett, Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Meagher

Recess

A recess occurred from 7:30 p.m. to 7:52 p.m. (Councillor Clarkson and Rebus were reconnected)

Bylaws

5. Bylaw No. 10/004 – Assessment and Taxation Fees Bylaw Amendment

Ms. Jade Callahan, Legislative Officer, spoke to the proposed amendment.

10-074 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/004, being an Assessment and Taxation Fees Bylaw Amendment, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-075 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/004 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-076 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/004 be considered for third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-077 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/004 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Bylaw No. 10/003 - Assessment Review Boards

10-078 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/003, being the Assessment Review Boards Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-079 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/003 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-080 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/003 be considered for third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-081 Moved by Councillor Blair that Bylaw No. 10/003 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

7. Reserve Bids for Tax Recovery Auction

10-082 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the reserve bids and sale conditions be established as listed in Attachment 1 – Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties, dated February 1, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Appointments to Council Committees

10-083 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the following appointments be approved, effective immediately:

- Assessment Review Board: Masood Akhtar to December 31, 2010;
- Communities in Bloom Committee: Olufunmilola “Funmi” Baiyewun to December 31, 2010; and Syed Rizvi and Ramazan Nassery to December 31, 2011;
- Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board: Sam Fotoohi to December 31, 2011; and
- Library Board: Ali Syed to December 31, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. 2010 Capital Budget

Mr. Kelly Kloss, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim), presented to Council background information and commended staff on the work done in preparing the Capital Budget.

Mr. Wes Holodniuk, Assistant Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, spoke briefly to Council about the Overview of the 2009 Capital Program, 2010 Capital Budget Drivers, 2010 Capital Overview, Program Delivery of 2010 Capital and Financial.

Mrs. Elsie Hutton, General Manager, Finance Department, brought forward the 2010 Capital Budget Financial Overview.

Mr. Victor Mema, Manager, Financial Planning proceeded to explain each resolution presented to Council.

The various components of the 2010 Capital Budget were discussed at length.

Concern was expressed with respect to the proposed Fort Chipewyan Mission Creek Road Upgrade project. It was agreed that the project title would be changed to remove the words “Mission Creek Road Upgrade” and the description adjusted to “Improve road conditions within Fort Chipewyan”.

It was also requested that the possibility of expanding the scope of Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School track restoration project to include winter uses, such as speed skating be explored.

10-084 Moved by Councillor Allen that the 2010 Capital Budget in the amount of \$263,038,720 as set out in Attachment 1, (2010 Capital Budget dated March 23, 2010), as amended be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-085 Moved by Councillor Allen that the amended future funding cash flow of \$106,820,000 for multiple year projects as set out in Attachment 2, (2010 Capital Budget – 2009 & Prior Year Projects, dated March 23, 2010), be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-086 Moved by Councillor Meagher that future funding cash flow of \$542,320,000 for multiple year projects as set out in Attachment 3, (2010 Capital Budget – Multiple Year Projects Starting in 2010, dated March 23, 2010), be approved.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-087 Moved by Councillor Meagher that individual project financial provisions of Attachments 1, 2 and 3 remain confidential pursuant to sections 16 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A, 2000 c F-25.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred at 10:04 p.m., at which time Councillor Clarkson departed the meeting. The meeting then reconvened at 10:23 p.m.

It was requested that Administration develop and implement a tracking mechanism for the various feasibility reports that are included in the 2010 Capital Budget.

10. Capital Budget Amendment – MacKenzie Industrial Park Pumphouse and Reservoir

10-088 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 1 – Capital Budget Amendment Request – MacKenzie Industrial Park Pumphouse and Reservoir Upgrade, dated March 23, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Local Assessment Review Boards and Composite Assessment Review Boards – Assignments of Members to Boards

10-089 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT the board assignments to the Local Assessment Review Boards and Composite Assessment Review Boards for 2010, as outlined in Attachment 1 (2010 Assessment Review Boards Appointments, dated March 23, 2010), be approved; and
- THAT each current member of the Local Assessment Review Boards and Composite Assessment Review Boards be appointed as authorized substitutes for 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness

Mrs. Carol Theberge, General Manager, Community Services, reviewed the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness initiatives, funding and long term plan, noting that vital part of this program is intervention and support. These programs ensure that within one year it will allow these individual to become a contributing part of society.

10-090 Moved by Councillor Allen that the 2010-2020 Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, *Heading Home: The Right Thing to Do*, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Allocation of 2010 Community Development Funding

10-091 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that \$200,000 of 2010 Community Development Funding be allocated as follows:

- Anzac L'il Lakers Family Resource Centre - \$25,000.00
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Wood Buffalo - \$23,000.00
- Canadian Mental Health Association - \$5,000.00
- Conklin Community Association - \$10,000.00
- Fort McMurray Family Crisis Society - \$20,000.00
- Justin Slade Youth Foundation - \$10,000.00

- Multicultural Association of Fort McMurray - \$25,000.00
- 868 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron - \$15,000.00
- Wood Buffalo Educare Society - \$25,000.00
- Wood Buffalo Senior Support Society - \$12,000.00
- Wood Buffalo Volunteer and Information Centre - \$15,000.00
- Wood Buffalo Wellness Society - \$10,000.00
- YMCA Youth Connections - \$5,000.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Amalgamation of Forcemain Project and Lift Station 1A Project Budgets

10-092 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT the Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 1 – 2010 Capital Budget Amendment Request – Forcemain System;
- THAT the Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 2 – 2010 Capital Budget Amendment Request – Sewer Forcemains – Lift Station 1B to Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- THAT the Capital Budget be amended as identified in Attachment 3 – 2010 Capital Budget Amendment Request – Lift Station 1A Pump Upgrades; and
- THAT the provisions of Attachments 1 to 3 remain confidential pursuant to sections 16 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A., 2000 c.F-25, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Conditional Offer to Sell Pursuant to Section 30, Expropriation Act

10-093 Moved by Councillor Allen that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute a Land Sale Agreement in compliance with Section 30 of the Expropriation Act for the disposal of those properties located adjacent to Highway 63 within the Fort McMurray Urban Service Area (as shown in Attachment 1) to the Province of Alberta subject to:

- terms and conditions acceptable to the Municipality;
- removal of the Reserve designation and allocation of the net proceeds from the sale of these lots to the “Other Parks Reserve” in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*; and
- transfer of the net proceeds from the remaining properties to the “Asset Additions Reserve”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business**16. Notice of Motion re: Addition of Program to 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw**

Councillor Allen, Blair, Germain, Meagher and Rebus each declared a potential pecuniary interest in this matter. As quorum was impacted by the declarations of pecuniary interest, this matter will be re-scheduled for the April 13, 2010 Council Meeting

17. Notice of Motion re: Letter to the Electoral Boundaries Commission

Councillor Vyboh put forward the following motion, as originally presented on March 9, 2010:

“Moved by Councillor Vyboh that Administration be directed to draft a letter to the Electoral Boundaries Commission supporting the recommendation in their interim report of creating an additional provincial constituency in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.”

A brief discussion ensued at which time concern was expressed relative to proposed boundary alignments. On that basis, the original motion was withdrawn and replaced with the following:

10-094 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that Administration be directed to draft a letter to the Electoral Boundaries Commission supporting the creation of an additional provincial constituency in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo subject to the municipality having further input into boundary alignments.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Updates**Mayor's Update**

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Red Cross of Alberta
- 2012 Royal Bank Cup
- Fort McMurray Tourism
- Community Development Advisory Board
- Dr. K.A. Clark School Aboriginal Days
- David Swan MD, MLA visit
- Rocking Out for Stepping Stones
- RCMP Delegation Meeting
- Vacation, March 27 - April 9 (Deputy Mayor, Councillor Germain and Acting Mayor, Councillor Allen)

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- 2012 Royal Bank Cup

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- United Way Board Meeting
- Soup Kitchen Auction (April 17)
- Communities in Bloom

Adjournment

10-095 Moved by Councillor Blair that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer