

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, May 11, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
M. Byron, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor (via teleconferencing)
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Absent: G. Janvier, Councillor

Administration: K. Kloss, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer/Recorder
A. Wojtkiewitz, Voting System Operator/Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

10-143 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- that the agenda be amended by deleting Item #3 – Ms. Sheila Bailey re: Bylaw 10/002 – Roads and Transportation Bylaw – Alternating Flashing Lights on School Buses; and
- that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – April 27, 2010

10-144 Moved by Councillor Allen that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on, 2010 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations**2. Ms. Anna Gerecs, Cerebral Palsy Association Alberta re: Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month**

There were no representatives for the Cerebral Palsy Association in attendance at the meeting therefore the item was not dealt with. Mayor Blake did note that May is Cerebral Palsy Awareness month and that she has signed a proclamation for the organization.

3. Ms. Sheila Bailey re: Bylaw 10/002 – Roads and Transportation Bylaw – Alternating Flashing Lights on School Buses

This item was deleted from the Agenda and re-scheduled for May 25, 2010.

4. Ms. Adele Thompson, Oil Sands Developers Group re: Bylaw 10/010 – Tax Rate Bylaw

Ms. Adele Thompson, representative for the Oil Sands Developers Group, came forward and spoke in support of the proposed 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw.

10-145 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation made by Ms. Adele Thompson regarding Tax Rate Bylaw 10/010 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce/Fort McMurray Construction Association re: Bylaw No. 10/010 – Tax Rate Bylaw

Mr. Jon Tupper, representing the Chamber of Commerce and the Fort McMurray Construction Association came forward and spoke in support of the proposed 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw.

10-146 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the presentation made by Mr. Jon Tupper on behalf of the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce/Fort McMurray Construction Association regarding Tax Rate Bylaw 10/010 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident re: Bylaw No. 10/002 – Roads and Transportation Bylaw Amendment

Mr. Rogers cautioned that the proposed amendment, not allowing parking within 5 feet of a residential driveway will virtually eliminate on-street parking on a number of streets within the Municipality. It was requested that Administration provide feedback to Council in this regard prior to the Bylaw being presented for second and third readings.

Mr. Michael Durocher, resident, re: 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw

Mr. Michael Durocher, resident, came forward and spoke in support of the proposed 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw.

10-147 Moved by Councillor Allen that the presentation made by Michael Durocher be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

6. Bylaw No. 10/002 Roads and Transportation Bylaw Amendment

10-148 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/002, being an amendment to the Roads and Transportation Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Bylaw No. 10/012 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment re: Portion of N1/2 Section 15, Township 88, Range 8, W4M (along Highway 69)

10-149 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 10/012, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to a portion of N1/2 Section 15, Township 88, Range 8, W4M (along Highway 69), be read a first time.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Clarkson, Flett, Germain, Meagher, Rebus, Vyboh

Opposed: Byron

8. Bylaw No. 10/013 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Portion of Lot 1A, Plan 012 3208 (Stonecreek – Parcel F)

10-150 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/013, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 1A, Plan 012 3208, (Stonecreek – Parcel F), be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Bylaw No. 10/017 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Parsons Creek – Phase One

10-151 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/017, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment, Parsons Creek – Phase One, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Bylaw No. 10/010 – 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw

10-152 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/010, being the 2010 Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a second time.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding management of municipal financing during which pros and cons were discussed relative to the Municipality putting forward a property tax revenue neutral strategy at this point in time.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Clarkson, Flett, Meagher, Rebus

Opposed: Blair, Byron, Germain, Vyboh

10-153 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/010 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Clarkson, Flett, Meagher, Rebus

Opposed: Blair, Byron, Germain, Vyboh

10-154 Moved by Councillor Germain that in the event complaints filed against the 2010 Assessment Roll are successful, the Capital Infrastructure Reserve transfer be adjusted accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A break occurred between 7:40 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at which time the meeting reconvened.

New and Unfinished Business

11. Notice of Motion re: Request for Report on Employee Statistics

Councillor Byron provided rationale for the Notice of Motion, referring to the Municipal Government Act and putting forth her position that the information requested should be made available to the public. Interim CAO Kloss advised that Administration is currently developing new information systems which would capture this information, therefore should the motion be carried data collection would have to be done manually.

10-155 Moved by Councillor Byron that Administration be directed to prepare a report advising the total number of municipal employees whose employment has been terminated (this includes employees who resigned, who were let go and whose portfolios have been altered) since January, 2008, and the total number of dollars this has cost the organization, including legal fees.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson,
Flett, Meagher, Rebus

12. Notice of Motion re: Request for Report on Reorganizations

10-156 Moved by Councillor Byron that Administration be directed to prepare a report advising the total number of reorganizations this municipality has undergone since January 2008 and included in the report be disclosed the total number of positions that have been created, how those positions have been advertised to the public and the total cost to the municipality in salary increases including benefits.

DEFEATED

For: Blair, Byron, Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Allen, Blake, Clarkson,
Flett, Meagher, Rebus

Updates

Mayor's Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- International Day of Mourning ceremonies
- Keyano's 2010 Convocation Celebration
- Meeting with the Secretariat for Homelessness
- Session with the Alberta Federal Council
- Interview with David Suzuki
- North American Occupational Safety & Health Luncheon

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- McHappy Days Fundraiser for the Northern Lights Health Foundation
- M&M Meats Charity BBQ

- Keyano College Awards for Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Citizen
- Commendation to municipal Planning Staff, recipient of the AACIP Award for their work on the 2009 conference
- Christian School Playground Opening

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- Communities in Bloom Committee
- Commendation to municipal staff for work done on Birchwood Trail
- International Day of Mourning

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- AUMA Building Communities Session

Councillor Germain reported on the following:

- MacDonald Island Park Corporation

Administrative Update

Interim CAO Kloss provided the following update:

- The 2010 municipal census is currently taking place. He reminded the public at large they can also complete the census on line
- Commendation to Steve Andrejiw, FCSS Coordinator and Lorraine Demers, Public School Board representative, facilitators for the Fort McMurray Snow Angels who assisted seniors with snow clearing

Adjournment

10-157 Moved by Councillor Allen that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor

Acting Chief Legislative Officer