

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, June 8, 2010, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Administration: K. Kloss, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
A. Rogers, Acting Chief Legislative Officer
D. Elliott, Chief Operating Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer/Recorder
M. Laing, Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

10-189 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the agenda be amended by adding Item #11 – Stonecreek Parcel F Subdivision – Phases 3B, 3C, 4A and 4B, and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – May 25, 2010

10-190 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 25, 2010 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Jennifer Dahl re: Street Maintenance Notification

Ms. Dahl was in attendance to address Council regarding the Roads and Transportation Bylaw, specifically in terms of requesting clarification relative to the various notice provisions which she feels, are somewhat confusion to the average resident. She put forward the request that Council consider increasing neighbourhood notification time frame for vehicle removal to one week prior to doing street maintenance. She further suggested the municipality consider alternate methods of communicating with the residents about upcoming street maintenance.

10-191 Moved by Councillor Allen:

- that the presentation made by Jennifer Dahl regarding Street Maintenance Notification be received as information;
- that Administration investigate the wording of the current bylaw to clarify notice provisions and bring back any required amendment; and
- that Administration investigate various means of communicating with residents and specifically the possibility of implementing a one week notice period for routine street maintenance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was indicated that such a report could be coming back to Council by the end of August at the earliest.

Bylaws

3. Bylaw No. 10/002 – Roads and Transportation Bylaw Amendment (2nd and 3rd readings)

10-192 Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- that Bylaw No. 10/002, being an amendment to the Roads and Transportation Bylaw, be read a second time; and
- that the text "...a driver shall not stop or park his vehicle" be deleted from Section 7.03 and replaced with the following: "no person shall stop or park a vehicle."

Discussion occurred with respect to the portion of Highway 69 now incorporated within the Urban Service Area. Administration was requested to provide budget implications resulting from this action.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-193 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/002 as amended, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Bylaw No. 10/016 – Governance, Agenda and Priorities Standing Committee (3 readings)

10-194 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/016, being the Governance, Agenda and Priorities Standing Committee Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-195 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/016, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-196 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/016 be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-197 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/016 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-198 Moved by Councillor Germain that Mayor Blake and Councillors Allen, Clarkson, Flett and Germain be appointed to the Governance, Agenda and Priorities Standing Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Bylaw No. 10/011 – Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowances (Saline Creek Plateau Area) (1st reading)

10-199 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/011, being a Bylaw to close undeveloped government road allowances, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Debenture Bylaws – Borrowing for 2010 and Prior Capital Projects (7 bylaws for 1st reading)

10-200 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/019, being a debenture borrowing bylaw for the Forcemain System project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-201 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/020, being a debenture borrowing bylaw for the Franklin Avenue – Hwy 63 Interface – Design and Construction project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-202 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/021, being a debenture borrowing bylaw for the Lower Townsite Reservoir Upgrade – Construction project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-203 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/022, being a debenture borrowing bylaw for the Saline Creek Drive and Bridge - Construction project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-204 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/023, being a debenture borrowing bylaw for the Water Supply SE – Supply Line – MacKenzie to SE project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-205 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Bylaw No. 10/024, being a debenture borrowing bylaw amendment for the Lower Townsite West Loop Road project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10-206 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 10/025, being a debenture borrowing bylaw amendment for the Athabasca Water Treatment Plant Expansion project, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

7. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Fort Chipewyan Park

10-207 Moved by Councillor Meagher that that the baseball diamond at the Fort Chipewyan park be named Grant Courtoreille Memorial Ball Park.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Land Sale: Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 902 2920 – Anzac

10-208 Moved by Councillor Allen that the offer to purchase the property legally described as Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 902 2920 be approved, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 1 (Land Sale Summary, dated May 25, 2010).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Elected Officials Compensation, Travel, Expense and Support Policy

10-209 Moved by Councillor Meagher that Policy No. LEG-050 –

Elected Officials Compensation, Travel, Expense and Support Policy, dated May 25, 2010, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Land Exchange – Purchase of Portion of Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 962 3405 and sell a Portion of Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 872 2837

10-210 Moved by Councillor Allen:

- that the property legally described as all that portion of Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 962 3405, as shown in red on Attachment 2 (referenced as Land Exchange, dated June 8, 2010) containing 0.76 ha (1.87 acres) more or less be purchased in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 1 (referenced as Summary of Land Exchange, dated June 8, 2010); and
- That the property legally described as all that portion of Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 872 2837 as shown in green on Attachment 2 (referenced as Land Exchange, dated June 8, 2010) containing 0.64 ha (1.58 acres) more or less be sold in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 1 (referenced as Summary of Land Exchange, dated June 8, 2010) .

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Stonecreek Parcel F Subdivision – Phases 3B, 3C, 4A and 4B

10-211 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the subdivision application for Stonecreek Parcel F – Phases 3B, 3C, 4A and 4B be approved subject to the following conditions:

- a) Any and all easements required by the Municipality or any franchise utility as a result of this development shall be provided by the developer at no cost to the Municipality or any franchise utility and shall be registered on title by a Utility Right-of-Way Plan;
- b) All existing caveats registered on the title will need to be carried forward onto the newly created titles;
- c) The developer shall enter into a development agreement with the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo in a form suitable to the Municipality for the construction of municipal infrastructure that may include, but not be limited to, the construction of roads and underground services;
- d) If it should be necessary as a result of this subdivision to install, lower, alter or relocate any municipal or franchise utilities, such modification shall be to the standard of the Municipality or franchise utility and all cost shall be borne by the developer;
- e) No development will be allowed on site until such time as Engineering Services has approved the access to the site; and
- f) A covenant that restricts on-street parking shall be registered on

the following lots:

- Phase 3C – Lots 13-24 inclusive, Block 15
- Phase 4B – Lots 36-40 inclusive, Block 15

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

12. Notice of Motion – Truck Stop and Staging Area

Councillor Vyboh brought forward the following notice of motion:

THAT Administration be directed to review the development and community benefits of truck stop and staging area.

Point of Order Raised

Councillor Rebus raised a point of order as due process was not followed in terms of bringing forward the notice of motion. Mayor Blake ruled that the notice of motion would be accepted if a written copy was provided to Council members present prior to the end of the meeting.

This condition was subsequently met therefore the notice of motion will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration.

13. Notice of Motion – Scheduling of Joint Workshop re: Clarity and Accountability

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That Council and Administration schedule a joint workshop to develop clarity and accountability measures, to be brought forward for consideration as a Council Policy.”

14. Notice of Motion – Developing Performance Measures for Organizational Restructuring

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That Administration, with the support and guidance of Council, be directed to create organizational performance measures and outcomes that guide and provide the direction to rationalize the organizational restructuring; and
That Administration be further directed to develop a report for Council’s consideration that outlines the key performance measures and organizational outcomes that will form the framework for organizational targets.”

15. Notice of Motion – Reopening of 2010 Operating Budget

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That the 2010 Operating Budget be reopened as an agenda item at the July 13, 2010 Council meeting to provide budget parameters and more detail on each budget line item; and

That the departmental business plans presented at the 2010 Operating Budget workshop be included with 2010 Operating Budget documents, and approved as guiding documents for the 2010 calendar year.”

16. Notice of Motion – Proposed Transfers to Operating Reserve

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That the budgeted amount for all funded, un-staffed positions be transferred from the salaries and benefits budget line objects to the Operating Reserve.”

17. Notice of Motion – Development of Budget Variance Policy

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That Administration be directed to develop a budget variance policy.”

18. Notice of Motion – Whistle Blower Legislation

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That Administration be directed to develop whistle blower legislation.”

19. Notice of Motion – Disclosure and Recording of Lobbying Initiatives

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That Administration be directed to develop and bring forward a Council Policy regarding the disclosure and recording of lobbying activities.”

20. Notice of Motion – Quarterly Reports – Executive Advisory to the Mayor

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That the Mayor’s Executive Advisor be directed to table a report for Council’s review on a

quarterly basis, which contains the following:

- Performance measures (in-camera);
- Work plan (in-camera);
- Monthly activity report (in-camera);
- Yearly performance appraisals (in-camera);
- Monthly expense summary (public); and
- Summary of meeting and purpose (adherence to lobbyist legislation) (public).”

21. Notice of Motion – Creation of Office of the Ombudsman

Councillor Germain served the following notice of motion which will be brought forward at the next regular Council meeting for consideration:

“That Administration be directed to develop a scope of work and associated budgets to create an Office of the Ombudsman, and bring the position(s) forward through the 2011 budget process.”

Updates

Mayor’s Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Premier’s Dinner
- FCM Conference
- Global Petroleum Show
- MacDonalld Island Park Corporation Acknowledgement Night
- Stepping Stone Youth Home
- School Boards Recognition Event
- Keyano College Golf Tournament Fund Raiser
- Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Fund Raiser
- Roots of Empathy
- Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Annual Recognition
- Upcoming Relay for Life event

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Oil Sands Rotary Music Festival Grand Concert
- Upcoming Canadian Paraplegic Association Wheels in Motion Event
- Visit from Cabinet Ministers
- Ribbon cutting at the new Waste Water Treatment Plant
- FCM Conference
- Traditional Celebration of Achievements Event
- Seniors’ Week – 2010 Seniors of the Year – Meg Price and Jim Cowie

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Oil Sands Rotary Music Festival Grand Concert
- FCM Conference
- Environment Week

Councillor Germain reported on the following:

- MacDonald Island Park Corporation

Councillor Meagher reported on the following:

- United Way Community Partner Award and Seeing is Believing Tour
- Traditional Celebration of Achievements Event
- Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Fund Raiser
- Seniors Week

Councillor Flett reported on the following:

- FCM Conference

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Positive comments heard outside of Canada regarding Canadians doing things well, i.e. banking and health care systems and oil sands exploration with minimum impact on the environment.

Councillor Rebus reported on the following:

- Thanked Council and Administration for their prayers and well wishes.

Administrative Update

Interim CAO Kloss acknowledged municipal employee Mr. Phil Klug on his retirement after 35 years of service.

Adjournment

10-212 Moved by Councillor Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer