

Minutes of a Regular 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, October 28, 2008, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
M. Byron, Councillor
S. Clarkson, Councillor
S. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
R. Rebus, Councillor
J. Vyboh, Councillor

Absent: G. Janvier, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor

Administration: R. Burkard, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
K. Greig, Deputy CAO – Corporate
N. Qureshi, Acting Deputy CAO – Operations
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
B. Broomfield-Andrews, Legislative Assistant
L.J. Johnson, Recorder/Legislative Assistant

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

Opening Prayer

The Mayor asked everyone to join her in Prayer.

Agenda

08-242 Moved by Councillor Clarkson:

- THAT the agenda be amended as follows:
 - Under Delegations, add
 - Item 3 – Mr. Brian Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation re: Request for Approval to Enter into Construction Mortgage;
 - After Delegations, add Business Arising out of Delegations;
 - Under Business Arising out of Delegations, add:
 - Item 4 – Introduction Prevention Family Violence and Bullying

- Item 5 - Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation Request for Approval to Enter into Construction Mortgages
- Under Reports, delete Item 7 – Capital Budget Amendment Jubilee Centre Renovations – Detailed Design – Phase I;
- Under New and Unfinished Business add:
 - Item 11 – Appointment of Brenda Erskine as Chairperson for Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation;
 - Item 12 – Appointment of Nick Sanders as Chairperson for MacDonald Island Park Corporation; and
 - Item 13 - Fort McMurray Community Development Plan – Capital Funding Agreement, and
- THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes

1. Council Meeting – October 14, 2008

08-243 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2008 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Ms. Tammy Lockyer and Ms. Lynn Rhoddy re: Introduction Prevention Family Violence and Bullying

Ms. Lockyer introduced herself and Ms. Rhoddy, and began with the “Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Coordinating Council” presentation that explained what their cause entails.

Ms. Rhoddy encouraged Councillors to host awareness sessions to help educate people on the effects bullying has on the community.

3. Mr. Brian Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation re: Request for Approval to Enter into Construction Mortgage

Mr. Lutes came forward requesting permission to increase the Construction Mortgage and the Long Term Take-Out Mortgage for the Sandpiper Cove Development, from \$17,800,000 to \$25,000,000.

Business Arising out of Delegations

4. Introduction - Prevention Family Violence and Bullying Coordinating Council

08-244 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the presentation from Ms. Lockyer and Ms. Rhoddy be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation Request for Approval to Enter into Construction Mortgages

08-245 Moved by Councillor Allen that Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation be authorized to enter into construction and long term take out mortgages for the Sandpiper Cove (Parcel D) Development, to a maximum of \$25,000,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings

There were no Public Hearings scheduled.

Bylaws

6. Bylaw No. 08/ - 08/001 – Land Use Bylaw General Text Amendment

Bylaw No. 08/001, being a Land Use Bylaw text amendment, was presented to receive first reading.

08-246 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 08/001, being a Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Bylaw No. 08/043 – License Bylaw Amendment

08-247 Moved by Councillor Allen that Bylaw No. 08/043, being an amendment to License Bylaw No. 01/031, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

08-248 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that Bylaw No. 08/043 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

8. Funding Request – Music for Life

08-249 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that \$10,000.00 be allocated from the Joint Initiatives Fund for the Music for Life fundraiser with the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra featuring Alicia Guildler on June 13, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Funding Request – Noralta Skating Club 2008 Ice Show

08-250 Moved by Councillor that \$5,500.00 be allocated from the Joint Initiatives Fund for the Noralta Ice Show.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

10. Regional Priorities Update

Councillor Vyboh served Notice of Motion at the October 14, 2008 regular Council meeting regarding Regional Priorities Update. He now provided background information on the matter.

08-251 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that Council meet with representatives of the new Federal Government to discuss and provide an update on the status of the priorities of this region which the Municipality presented to the previous government last spring.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor Germain left the meeting at 6:46 p.m. and returned at 6:48 p.m.

11. Appointment of Brenda Erskine as Chairperson for Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation

08-252 Moved by Councillor Clarkson that Brenda Erskine be appointed as Chairperson for the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blair, Blake, Byron,
Clarkson, Flett, Germain, Vyboh
Opposed: Rebus

12. Appointment of Nick Sanders as Chairperson for MacDonald Island Park Corporation

O8-253 Moved by Councillor Allen that Nick Sanders be appointed as Chairperson for the MacDonald Island Park Corporation Board of Directors.

CARRIED

For: Allen, Blake, Clarkson, Flett,
Germain, Vyboh

Opposed: Blair, Byron, Rebus

13. Fort McMurray Community Development Plan - Capital Funding Agreement

The following recommendation was submitted for Council's consideration: that Administration be authorized to negotiate a funding agreement for capital projects related to the Fort McMurray Community Development Plan, in recognition of a grant from Alberta Transportation in the amount of \$95 million.

Ms. Heather Kennedy, Assistant Deputy Minister, updated that the Agreement should be with the Municipality by the end of the week. There have been some revisions to the Agreement but we are literally a week away from having the full status report. The money rests with the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Rodney Burkard, Chief Administrative Officer, suggested that the funding agreement and funding schedule be brought forth at the next Council meeting for consideration.

Ms. Kennedy explained that the projects are specific to the Community Development Program. The plan involves installing water and sewer going in North Parsons Creek and in Saline Creek. There will also be some work completed in Draper and Highway 69 both upsizing booster stations as well as the Mackenzie Reservoir.

Concern was expressed regarding whether or not there is a timeline associated with this Agreement.

Mr. Burkard advised that municipal staff is looking at matters of planning, focusing on starting these projects as soon as possible due to the lack of housing in the region. They will be discussing any amending issues at a later date.

Exit and Return

Councillors Rebus and Byron left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and 7:16 p.m. respectively. Both returned to the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The following was added to the recommendation submitted for consideration: That any expenditure in excess of \$95 million will require further negotiation and Council approval.

Council then voted on the following:

08-254 Moved by Councillor Vyboh:

1. That Administration be authorized to negotiate a funding agreement for capital projects related to the Fort McMurray Community Development Plan, in recognition of a grant from Alberta Transportation in the amount of \$95 million; and
2. That any expenditure in excess of \$95 million will require further negotiation and Council approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Updates

Mayor's Update

Mayor Blake reported on the following:

- Interface Symposium
- Community Engagement Opportunities in Saprae Creek
- Opti-Nexen Long Lake Project Grand Opening
- Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Reporting of Councillors on Boards and Committees

Councillor Blair reported on the following:

- Grand Opening of the Petro-Canada Office in Fort Chipewyan

Councillor Vyboh reported on the following:

- Waterways Community Meeting

Councillor Allen reported on the following:

- Take Back the Night for the Family Crisis Centre
- Inter-City Forum on Social Policy

Councillor Clarkson reported on the following:

- Leadership Wood Buffalo

Administrative Update

There was no administrative update at this time.

Adjournment

08-255 Moved by Councillor Vyboh that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer