

Unapproved 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, November 03, 2015, 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

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, 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 adopted as presented.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni

Opposed: S. Germain, K. McGrath

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - October 20, 2015

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 20, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes from Council Organizational Meeting - October 27, 2015

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on October 27, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations**3. Wes Holodniuk, Urban Development Institute Wood Buffalo, and Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce re: Protecting the Investment in Our Future**

(6:07 p.m. – 7:08 p.m.)

Wes Holodniuk, President, Urban Development Institute Wood Buffalo, and Nick Sanders, President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of their report, commissioned in collaboration with the Fort McMurray Real Estate Board, titled Protecting the Investment in Our Future. The intent of the report is to provide collaborative engagement by managing the socio-economic impacts of oil sands development in the Municipality for the next decade.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke to a matter unrelated to the presentation.

Point of Order

Councillor S. Germain raised a Point of Order, noting that Mr. Rogers was not speaking to the presentation. The Point of Order was upheld and Mr. Rogers was instructed to keep his comments relative to the current agenda item.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- That the Protecting the Investment in our Future report be accepted as information;
- That Administration analyze and validate the recommendations contained in the report in the context of the Municipality's 2015-2017 Strategic Plan, review the findings with the relevant Council Committees, and present a comprehensive report to Council encompassing all issues on the actions to be taken with respect to those recommendations which are aligned with the Municipality's Strategic Plan;
- That Administration collaborate and seek input from Regional Community Leaders (eg. Oil Sands Community Alliance, Athabasca Oil Sands Area Transportation Coordinating Committee, First Nations, Metis Nations etc.) in advancing those recommendations that are aligned with the Municipality's Strategic Plan; and
- That Administration collaborate with the staff at the ministries of Alberta Municipal Affairs and Alberta Economic Development to review, validate and to determine next steps that the Municipality may be involved with as it relates to the balance of the report to ensure that the broader interests in the region are represented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws**4. Bylaw No. 15/028 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Business Industrial District**
(7:09 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)**Exit**

Councillor A. Vinni declared a potential pecuniary interest and exited the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That Bylaw No. 15/028, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to the Business Industrial (BI) district, be read a first time; and
- That the required public hearing be held on November 24, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor A. Vinni re-entered the Council Chamber at 7:11 p.m.

Reports**5. Cancellation of Council Meeting – November 10, 2015**
(7:11 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the November 10, 2015 regular Council meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Flood Mitigation Plan Update
(7:12 p.m. – 8:08 p.m.)

Kevin Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Municipality's flood mitigation and identified alternative measures and recommendations for consideration.

Exits and Returns

Mayor M. Blake exited the Chamber at 7:12 p.m. and returned at 7:18 p.m. during which time Deputy Mayor Germain assumed the Chair.

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 7:38 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke to Flood Mitigation Plan and expressed his views on ice jams.

Ian Dirom, resident, spoke in relation to the Flood Mitigation Plan and the proposed 248.5 elevation.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That until the Province completes its update of the river hazard (flood elevation) local study, the remaining reaches of the Flood Mitigation Plan, including the completion of Prairie Loop Boulevard (PLB), proceed to be constructed to an elevation of 248.5m.

- That when the Province completes its update of the river hazard (flood elevation) local study, the Flood Mitigation Plan be updated by Administration and provided to Council, with recommendation to proceed or not to the elevation required by the Province to ensure eligibility for grants and disaster assistance along with a cost-benefit analysis of this option relative to self-insurance and operational protection options.
- That Administration send a letter to the Province summarizing recent discussions regarding the Province's plans to undertake an extensive river hazard study and the impact this has on the Municipality's Flood Mitigation Plan, access to grant funding and access to disaster assistance in the event of a flood.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A break occurred from 8:08 p.m., at which time Councillor S. Germain exited the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

7. 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games

(8:23 p.m. – 9:03 p.m.)

Luana Bussieres and Gwen Leepart, Co-Chairs, 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games Bid Committee, provided a presentation outlining the bid process, package, budget, timelines and the vision for the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games, if the bid to host the games is successful.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the bid submission, noting that the funds would be more appropriately spent on infrastructure and community improvement initiatives.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- That the bid package to host the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games be approved;
- That the proposed 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Bid Committee membership list as detailed in Attachment 2 (2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games Bid Committee Membership List, dated October 6, 2015) be approved;
- That \$20,000 be allocated from the Community Services 2015 budget for costs associated with the bid selection tour; and
- That \$695,000 be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games Host Society to host the 2017 Alberta 55 Plus Games, subject to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo being the successful bidder.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. 2018 Alberta Winter Games

(9:04 p.m. – 9:41 p.m.)

John Wilson, Chair, 2018 Alberta Winter Games Bid Committee, provided a presentation outlining the bid process, package, budget, timelines and the vision for the 2018 Alberta Winter Games, if the bid to host the games is successful.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the bid submission, noting that the funds would be more appropriately spent on infrastructure and community improvement initiatives.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- That the bid package to host the 2018 Alberta Winter Games be approved;
- That the proposed 2018 Alberta Winter Games Bid Committee membership list as detailed in Attachment 2 (2018 Alberta Winter Games Bid Committee Membership List, dated October 6, 2015) be approved;
- That \$30,000 be allocated from the Community Services 2015 budget for costs associated with the bid selection tour; and
- That \$3,372,000 be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to the 2018 Alberta Winter Games Host Society to host the 2018 Alberta Winter Games, subject to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo being the successful bidder.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni

Opposed: T. Ault

Due to the lateness of the hour, it was noted that it was unlikely that all agenda items could be completed prior to the end time set out in Council's Procedure Bylaw, and it was suggested that the following matters be deferred to the November 17th Council meeting:

- Item 9 - Capital Projects Status Update – Third Quarter 2015; and
- Item 10 - Third Quarter 2015 Financial Performance Update.

The Chair polled Council, and with no objection being raised, the items were deemed to be deferred with unanimous consent.

11. 2016 Proposed Budget, 2017 – 2021 Financial Plan
(9:42 p.m. – 10:12 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Kola Oladimeji, Director of Finance, provided a presentation on the 2016 Proposed Budget and 2017 – 2021 Financial Plan.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the 2016 Proposed Operating Budget, 2017 - 2018 Financial Plans, 2016 Proposed Capital Budget and 2017 – 2021 Capital Plan be accepted as the basis for budget discussion and final budget recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As the Council Meeting had extended beyond the four hour time limit set out in the Procedure Bylaw, the Chair advised that the following items will not be dealt with, and will be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting:

- Item 12 – Sustainable Development Committee Recommendation – Laydown Yards and Soil Management; and
- Item 13 – Committee Representation – Fort McMurray Airport Authority Appointers' Representative and Water North Coalition.

Mayor M. Blake then declared the meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer