

Unapproved Minutes of a Special 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, March 22, 2016, commencing at 5:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director
E. Hutton, Executive Director
R. Billard, Acting Executive Director
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Notices of Motion

Councillor A. Vinni served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 5, 2016:

"THAT Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council enter into discussions with the oilsands companies with a view to quickly formulating a plan that would both

(a) reduce the property tax burden on the oilsands companies; and

(b) see oilsands companies expand the employment of residents of the RMWB with particular focus on elimination or reduction of costly fly-in, fly-out operations that exist at many of the oilsands operations in this Municipality."

Councillor K. McGrath served notice of his intent to bring forward the following motion for Council's consideration at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 5, 2016:

"THAT Administration be directed to conduct a review of best practices of similarly-sized Alberta municipalities with respect to the establishment of budget allocations for individual Council Members, inclusive of any spending requirements and/or restrictions, and associated approval process; and

THAT the findings of said review, along with any resulting recommendations for policy improvements be presented to the Audit Committee on or before July 12, 2016."

1. Oversight Committee Recommendations - Bylaw No. 16/001 - Regional Recreation Corporation Operating Line of Credit Guarantee
(5:03 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 16/001, being a bylaw to authorize the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to guarantee a \$3 Million operating line of credit for the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, be read a second time.

Exits

David Leflar, Regional Legal Counsel, identified the potential for a conflict of interest given that some Council members are also appointed to the Regional Recreation Corporation Board of Directors.

Councillors J. Cardinal and K. McGrath then excused themselves and exited the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 16/001 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Opposed: A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer