

Unapproved 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, Alberta, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, commencing at 4:30 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 (via teleconference)
A. Vinni, Councillor
C. Voyageur, Councillor

Administration:
M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
M. Johnstone, Executive Director
T. Hartley, Acting Executive Director
D. Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services
J. Brown, Supervisor, Legislative Services
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Motion to Move In Camera

Moved by Councillor C. Voyageur that the meeting move In Camera pursuant to section 24 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. **Confidential Whistleblower Matter**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
2. **2017 FCM Board Meeting**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)
3. **Options for Future Wildfire Hazard Reduction – Birchwood Trails**
(in-camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Close In Camera and Reconvene to Public

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council met in camera from 4:50 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda for Open Meeting

Councillor J. Stroud presented the following for consideration: That the Agenda be amended in the following manner: Move Item 9 to be the first item dealt with after adoption of the Minutes; Deal with the bylaw items in the following order: Item 6 Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw 16/013; Item 7, Development Moratorium Bylaw 16/011; Item 8, Relaxation of RV Parking Restrictions and Temporary Urban Accommodation Bylaw 16/012 Bylaw 16/014; Item 5, Controlled Access Bylaw- Bylaw 16/011.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Item 9, Review of Approved Capital Budget, be deferred to June 21, 2016.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, L. Bussieres, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur
Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, S. Germain J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Agenda be amended in the following manner:

Deal with the bylaw items in the following order:

- Item 6 Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw Bylaw 16/013.
- Item 7, Development Moratorium Bylaw 16/011
- Item 8, Relaxation of RV Parking Restrictions and Temporary Urban Accommodation Bylaw 16/012 Bylaw 16/014
- Item 5, Controlled Access Bylaw Bylaw 16/011

CARRIED

For: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur
Opposed: T. Ault, M. Blake, P. Meagher

4. Minutes from Council Meeting – June 8, 2016

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on June 8, 2016 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

6. Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee Bylaw No. 16/013

(6:30 p.m. – 9:08 p.m.)

David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, provided a brief overview of the proposed bylaw indicating that a council committee must be established by bylaw.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 16/013, being a bylaw to establish the Wood Buffalo Recovery Committee, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor K. McGrath put forward the following for consideration: That Bylaw No. 16/013, be read a second time.

Delegations

Bill Louttit, Vice President of McMurray Metis and President of Nistawoyou Friendship Centre, spoke in support of the bylaw and suggested that members of these groups serve on the proposed committee.

Shane Ganong, resident, spoke in support indicating that the homes destroyed should be rebuilt in their original locations.

Hans Zundel, resident, raised concerns relative to whether the committee will include residents of the affected areas.

Gregory Litvinov, resident, spoke and suggested that the committee have the ability to make fast decisions in consultation with the public, as citizens do not want a lengthy rebuild process.

Wes Holodniuk, President, UDI Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the creation of the committee and suggested that the committee be expanded to include six extra members at large which have specific skill sets to complement the existing members.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:49 p.m. and returned at 6:51 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, expressed concerns with respect to the efforts of the Municipality.

George Clark, resident, spoke and questioned the cleanup process for the affected areas and the process to obtain items that are not burned on someone's property.

Christine McGrath, resident, questioned whether there will be any assistance for those residents whose homes were saved although yard and contents were destroyed by bulldozing as that will not be covered by the insurance company.

Paul McLeod, resident, requested a timeline as to when residents would receive progress updates.

Bryce Kumka, President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, indicated that businesses will be affected by those who have no homes and have not returned to the Region. It was also noted that it is important for stakeholders to be involved with this committee.

Marty Giles, businessman, spoke in support of establishing the committee noting that passing the bylaw tonight would not allow time for the community to understand the role of the committee.

Andrew Thorne, resident, indicated that he is not in disagreement with the committee structure, but suggested that part of the committee’s mandate include completing an analysis on the wildfire event.

Chris Slater, resident, encouraged the committee, once established, to focus efforts on rebuilding in the damaged areas.

Gilles Huizinga, resident, spoke to the proposed bylaw suggesting that expectations and time frames be more specific in order for the committee to maintain focus.

Byron Bailey, resident, spoke in support of the committee indicating that there are a number of people who are financially strained due to the disaster. It was suggested that the Canadian Bankers Association be engaged to potentially provide options for this.

Terry Brittain, resident, sought clarity in terms of clean-up and rebuild information.

Bill Ramsey, resident, spoke in support of the proposed bylaw suggesting that Council has the ability to go forward to push to get things done faster.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 7:51 p.m. and returned at 7:52 p.m.

Phillip Jean, resident, spoke to the proposed bylaw.

Recess

A brief recess occurred between 7:57 p.m. and 8:17 p.m.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw 16/013 be amended:

- (a) in subsection 3(c) by inserting “appointed by the Recovery Team Leader with the approval of the Committee and” immediately following the first occurrence of the word “Municipality”
- (b) in subsection 3(d) by deleting the words “establishing and”
- (c) by deleting Section 4 and substituting the following:

- “4. Membership of the Committee consists of:
 - (a) one Councillor elected from a Ward in the Rural Service Area;
 - (b) two Councillors elected from Ward 1; and
 - (c) up to six members of the public at large appointed by resolution of Council. The Mayor is not an *ex officio* member of the Committee.”

(d) by adding at the end of clause 6(g)(iv) “including recommendations for Controlled Access Plans under Bylaw 16/009”;

(e) in Section 13:

- (i) by inserting the words “who are also Councillors” after the words “Committee members” in both places those words appear;
- (ii) in subsection 13(a) by deleting “reduce, eliminate or take leave of absence from” and substituting “reduce their time commitment to”
- (iii) by inserting the words “offset by any amount up to \$75,000.00 that a Councillor’s employer is prepared to contribute toward the Councillor’s remuneration while the Councillor is devoting full-time attention to Committee duties” immediately after “\$150,000.00 per annum”

(f) by adding the following as a new Section 17.1:

“17.1 Members of the Committee who are not Councillors are under the same duty of confidentiality in respect of matters dealt with *in camera* as applies to Councillors under Section 153(e) of the *Municipal Government Act*.”

CARRIED

For: T Ault, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, P. Meagher, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Stroud

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Bylaw No. 16/013 be amended by striking the word “not” from section 4(c).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 16/013 be read a second time as amended.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, P. Meagher, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Stroud

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 16/014, be considered for third and final reading.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, P. Meagher, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Stroud

7. Development Moratorium – Abasand, Beason Hill, Waterways – Bylaw No. 16/011

(9:08 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.)

David Leflar, Director of Legal and Legislative Services, provided an overview of the proposed bylaw. It was noted that this bylaw will not prevent or halt cleanup of properties.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 16/011, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to provide for a 90 day development moratorium in the areas of Abasand, Beacon Hill and Waterways be read a first time.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: K. McGrath, P. Meagher

8. Relaxation of RV Parking Restrictions and Temporary Urban Accommodation

(9:15 p.m. – 9:21 p.m.)

Jamie Doyle, Acting Director, Planning and Development, provided a summary of the proposed amendments to the Land Use Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 16/012, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to allow temporary relaxation of Recreational Vehicle parking restrictions, be read a first time; and

That Bylaw No. 16/014, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment to make Temporary Urban Accommodation a discretionary use anywhere in the Urban Service Area and in the hamlet of Anzac, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Controlled Access Bylaw – Bylaw No. 16/009

(9:22 p.m. – 11:25 p.m.)

David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, provided an overview of the proposed bylaw.

Delegations

Arianna Johnson, resident, spoke in opposition to the bylaw noting a number of questions relative to control and access to properties within the restricted areas.

Andrea Noel, resident, requested clarification on the proposed bylaw relative to access to destroyed homes.

John Reimer, resident, spoke in relation to the debris removal process.

Christina Oxamitny, resident, spoke to the proposed bylaw requesting clarification on the rationale for the fine amount referenced.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 10:01 p.m. and returned at 10:02 p.m.

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

George Clark, resident, spoke to the proposed bylaw and raised security questions regarding access to the restricted areas. It was suggested that cards be produced for those people who reside in the affected areas as an enhanced security feature.

Laila Goodridge, resident, suggested that the communities of Wood Buffalo and Stonecreek, be included in this bylaw.

Iris Kirschner, resident, indicated that there is a need for increased communication and questioned the time frames for cleanup.

Shane Ganong, resident, spoke to the control access periods.

Gene Oullette, resident, spoke to the proposed bylaw questioning current security in the restricted areas.

Don Lutrie, resident, spoke to the financial strain that has been placed on citizens.

Councillor J. Stroud put the following recommendation forward: that Bylaw No. 16/009, being the Controlled Access Bylaw, be read a second time.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 11:04 p.m. and returned at 11:08 p.m.

Motion Recess

A Motion Recess occurred between 11:10 p.m. and 11:26 p.m.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault: that the current section 11(2)(a) be deleted and replaced with the following:

(a) Any person who cannot provide proof of residency in a restricted zone and who is not otherwise authorized to be in the restricted zone; and

(b) that section 15 be amended by deleting the words “3 months” and inserting “42 days”.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: P. Meagher

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud: that Bylaw No. 16/009 be read a second time as amended.

CARRIED

For: T. Ault, M. Blake, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, C. Tatum, A. Vinni, C. Voyageur

Opposed: K. McGrath, P. Meagher

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 16/009, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: K. McGrath, P. Meagher

9. Review of Approved Capital Projects

This item was deleted from the Agenda and re-scheduled for June 21, 2016.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer