

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, December 12, 2017, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Call to Order

Present: Don Scott, Mayor
Mike Allen, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor
Bruce Inglis, Councillor
Sheila Lalonde, Councillor
Keith McGrath, Councillor
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jane Stroud, Councillor
Claris Voyageur, Councillor

Administration: Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer
Audrey Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Billard, Director, Public Works and Transit
Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services
Mazhar Hajhossein, Acting Director, Engineering
David Leflar, Director, Legal Services
Brad McMurdo, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Rebecca Marshall, Legislative Officer

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding Council Appointment to Regional Recreation Corporation as Item number 5.9; that Council waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Sheila Lalonde, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

Minutes of Previous Meetings**3.1. Council - Meeting – November 28, 2017****MOTION:**

That the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 28, 2017 be approved as presented.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Krista Balsom, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

Recognition**4.1. Proclamation**

Mayor D. Scott provided a brief overview of the proclamation for Human Rights Day on December 10, 2017.

4.2. Alberta Public Works Association (APWA) Manager of the Year Award Presentation

Annette Antoniak, Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to the presentation of the Alberta Public Works Association Manager of the Year Award. Jeanette Austin, Executive Director of the APWA Alberta Chapter presented Robert Billard, Director, Public Works and Transit with this award.

4.3. Service of Former Council Members

Mayor D. Scott recognized and presented former Mayor Melissa Blake and former Councillors Sheldon Germain and Colleen Tatum with a token of appreciation on behalf of Mayor and Council.

Recess:

The meeting recessed at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

Pecuniary Interest

Upon reconvening, Mayor Scott noted that Councillor Balsom had declared a pecuniary interest as a result of a business relationship with the Municipality and would not be participating in the next agenda item.

New Business**5.1. 2018 Interim Operating Budget**

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, accompanied with Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, spoke to the 2018 Interim Operating Budget.

MOTION:

THAT a 2018 Interim Operating Budget in the amount of \$100,000,000 be approved to fund operations for the first quarter of 2018; and

THAT Administration present the 2018 Operating Budget, 2019 – 2020 Financial Plan within the first quarter of 2018 following a series of budget workshops to be held January 24 – 27, 2018 inclusive.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Mike Allen, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |
| PECUNIARY INTEREST: | Balsom |

Return

Councillor K. Balsom returned to the Chamber at 6:33 p.m.

5.2. Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties

Philip Schofield, Regional Assessor, spoke to the Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sales Properties indicating that all attempts have been exhausted to collect the tax arrears on 54 properties.

MOTION:

THAT the reserve bids and sale conditions be established as listed in the Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties, dated November 15, 2017.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Jeff Peddle, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Jane Stroud, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

5.3. 2017 Request for Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services and Philip Schofield, Regional Assessor, spoke to the 2017 Request for Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off.

MOTION:

THAT the recommended Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write-Off of \$498,716.57 dated December 12, 2017, as Attachment 1, be approved.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Mike Allen, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Jeff Peddle, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

5.4. 2017 Capital Budget Amendments - Revised and New Projects

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, spoke to the 2017 Capital Budget Amendments - Revised and New Projects.

MOTION:

THAT the 2017 Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised and New Projects Amendment dated December 12, 2017) be approved; and

THAT the revised Cash Flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2017 Capital Budget Amendments – Revised and New Projects - Cash Flow Summary, dated December 12, 2017) be approved.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Claris Voyageur, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

5.5. 2017 Q3 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments Update

Linda Ollivier, Director, Financial Services, provide an update of the 2017 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments.

MOTION:

THAT the 2017 Q3 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments update, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2017 Q3 Capital Budget Fiscal Amendments, dated September 30, 2017), be accepted as information.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Krista Balsom, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

5.6. Bylaw No. 17/025 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - A Portion of Lot 5, Block 3, Plan 5642NY (121 McDonald Street, Fort Chipewyan)

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 17/025, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment to redesignate a portion of Lot 5, Block 3, 5642 NY from Hamlet Residential to Hamlet Commercial be read a second time.

Point of Order

Councillor P. Meagher called a Point of Order, noting that the question was extending into debate. The Point of Order was upheld by the Chair.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNAMIOUS] |
| MOVER: | Claris Voyageur, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

5.7. Bylaw No. 17/024 - Committees Bylaw

Audrey Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer, provided an overview of the proposed Committees Bylaw

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 17/024, being the Committees Bylaw, be read a first time.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Claris Voyageur, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:03 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 17/024 be read a second time.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Bruce Inglis, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Sheila Lalonde, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 17/024 be considered for third reading.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Claris Voyageur, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

MOTION:

THAT Bylaw No. 17/024 be read a third and final time.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Mike Allen, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Claris Voyageur, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

MOTION:

THAT the term of appointment for all current members of the Community Services Committee and the Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board be amended to end on December 31, 2017.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Krista Balsom, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

MOTION:

THAT Administration bring forward a separate bylaw to create a Rural Development Committee.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [10 TO 1] |
| MOVER: | Jane Stroud, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Jeff Peddle, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |
| AGAINST: | McGrath |

5.8. Appointments to Council Committees

MOTION:

THAT Donald Gorman and Alex McKenzie be appointed to the Composite Assessment Review Board, effective January 1, 2018, until December 31, 2019; and that Donald Gorman and Alex McKenzie be appointed as acting members to the Local Assessment Review Board, effective January 1, 2018, until December 31, 2019; and that remuneration for Local and Composite Assessment Review Board Members be set at the same level as provincial remuneration rates for Municipal Government Board Members.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Mike Allen, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

MOTION:

THAT the following appointments be approved effective January 1, 2018: Fort McMurray Airport Authority: Sheldon Germain to December 31, 2020; and Subdivision and Development Appeal Board: Alethea Austin, Kelly Hansen, James Hiltz and Rene Wells to December 31, 2019.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Claris Voyageur, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

MOTION:

THAT the following appointments to the Regional Recreation Corporation be approved effective immediately: Bruno Francoeur to December 31, 2018; and Chantal Beaver, Colleen Kearney and Allan Grandison to December 31, 2020.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Keith McGrath, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Krista Balsom, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

Pecuniary Interest

Councillor J. Peddle declared a potential pecuniary interest indicating that he has a business relationship with the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation. Councillor C. Voyageur also declared a potential pecuniary interest indicating that she is an employee of the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation. Both Councillors exited the Chamber at 7:29 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT that the following appointments to the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation be approved effective immediately: John Ross Carruthers to December 31, 2018; Peter Fortna to December 31, 2019; and Connie Stevens to December 31, 2020.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Mike Allen, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Stroud |
| PECUNIARY INTEREST: | Peddle, Voyageur |

Return

Councillors J. Peddle and C. Voyageur returned to the Chamber at 7:31 p.m.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

5.9. Council Appointment to Regional Recreation Corporation

MOTION:

THAT Councillor Claris Voyageur be appointed to replace Councillor Keith McGrath on the Regional Recreation Corporation’s Board of Directors, effective immediately.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Phil Meagher, Councillor |
| SECONDER: | Verna Murphy, Councillor |
| FOR: | Scott, Allen, Balsom, Inglis, Lalonde, McGrath, Meagher, Murphy, Peddle, Stroud, Voyageur |

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer