

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, January 10, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
D. Kirschner, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
D. Scott, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
R. Thomas, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
M. Laing, Legislative Assistant/Recorder

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Mayor Blake asked those so inclined to join her in prayer.

Statement re: Continuing Care Facility:

In response to some confusion in the community in the wake of the December 9, 2011 announcement made by the Government of Alberta and the relocation of the continuing care facility site from Willow Square to the North Parsons Creek site, Mayor Blake advised that Council's only responsibility is to determine the land use of the site keeping consistent with zoning regulations and the land use bylaw. On behalf of Council, Mayor Blake stated the following: It is the responsibility of the Government of Alberta to deliver the continuing care centre in Fort McMurray; the Province should formally engage the seniors of Wood Buffalo in the decision-making process and Council is disappointed to learn that this has not occurred; and Council rejects any implication that any member of Council or Administration expressed to government a preference for the Parsons Creek site over Willow Square.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings**1. Regular Meeting - December 13, 2011**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on December 13, 2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations**2. Mr. Syed Rizvi and Ms. Jennifer Elliott, Wood Buffalo Communities in Bloom Committee re: Information Sharing**

Mr. Syed Rizvi and Ms. Jennifer Elliott provided an update on the annual events of the Wood Buffalo Communities In Bloom Committee.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation from the Wood Buffalo Communities In Bloom Committee be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Ms. Lesley Pearcey, Justin Slade Youth Foundation re: Information Sharing

Ms. Lesley Pearcey and Ms. Marie Ralph, provided an update on the programs and services offered by the Justin Slade Youth Foundation in 2011.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation from the Justin Slade Youth Foundation be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Ms. Erika Hornsey, Volunteer Wood Buffalo re: Information Sharing

Mr. Steve Kelly, Mr. Bob O'Byrne and Ms. Erika Hornsey provided an overview of Volunteer Wood Buffalo's 2011 activities and events.

Moved by Councillor D. Scott that the presentation from Volunteer Wood Buffalo be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Mr. Jeff Fitzner, Chair, Western Canada Summer Games Host Society re: Appointment to 2015 Wood Buffalo Host Society Board of Directors

Mr. Jeff Fitzner, Western Canada Summer Games Host Society, addressed Council

regarding the appointment of the Director of Administration and Finance to the Board.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from the Western Canada Summer Games Host Society be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no other delegations.

Business Arising from Delegation

6. Appointment to 2015 Wood Buffalo Host Society Board of Directors

Moved by Councillor M. Allen that Rachel Gordon be appointed to the 2015 Wood Buffalo Host Society Board of Directors as Director of Administration and Finance, effective immediately, until December 31, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

7. Bylaw No. 12/001 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 51, Block 47, Plan 102 1096 (Eagle Ridge)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/001, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to Lot 51, Block 47, Plan 102 1096 (Eagle Ridge), be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Bylaw No. 12/002 – City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/002, being the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

9. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Roadways in Parsons Creek Phase 1A

It was requested that detailed information be provided relative to the selection of names and that a formal process be implemented to ensure that the individual who submitted the application and, where possible, the nominee and/or nominee's family are notified of the naming. It was also specifically requested that the Community Identification Policy be amended to utilize a more logical approach to naming.

Moved by Councillor M. Allen that the subdivisions of Parsons Creek Phase 1A, Blocks 1 and 2 be named Heritage Point and Heritage Crossing respectively; and that the roads within Parsons Creek Phase 1A, Blocks 1 and 2 be named Heritage Drive, Dakin Drive, Coniker Crescent, Callen Drive, Comeau Crescent, Blackburn Drive, Furber Street, Dixon Road, Dafoe Way, Ward Crescent, and Olsen Place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reporting - Boards and Committees

- Upcoming Leading the North Conference (Councillor Kirschner)
- Athabasca Oil Sands Area Transportation Coordinating Committee (Mayor Blake)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Blair that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer