

Approved 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, February 14, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: M. Allen, Councillor
D. Blair, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
L. Kotyk, Legislative Assistant/Recorder

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Regular Meeting - January 24, 2012

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 24, 2012 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

2. Aging in Place Program

Carol Theberge, Executive Director, Community Development provided an introduction and overview regarding the proposed Aging in Place Program, specifically noting that the Municipality would not construct or create the facility but would acquire the lands to help facilitate the process only.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that, subject to the approval of the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan (CCARP), Bylaw No. 12/003:

1. The Mayor send a letter to the Premier of Alberta requesting that all interests in the property commonly known as Willow Square be released;
2. The Mayor send a letter to the Federal Government to discuss the transfer of the property commonly known as Willow Square from the Federal Government to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo; and,
3. Administration engage with stakeholders in identifying quality of life elements to be included in the proposed Aging in Place Program on the Willow Square site.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Crime Prevention and Reduction Plan

Tracey Tester, Planning and Development and Constable Adam Schedlosky, RCMP, provided an overview of the Crime Prevention and Reduction Plan.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Crime Prevention and Reduction Plan, dated June 2011 be approved as a guiding document for future crime prevention initiatives in the region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

4. Bylaw No. 12/003 - City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan

An introductory statement was provided by the Chief Legislative Officer, explaining that the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan received first reading on January 10, 2012. Since that date a number of changes to the plan had been identified. In addition, it was noted that a number of Councillors potentially held a pecuniary interest in the matter;

therefore, a ministerial order was requested and received, Ministerial Order L: 013/12, which authorized all members of council including those with a pecuniary interest to vote on the proposed City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan.

The Mayor asked the members of Council who potentially held a pecuniary interest to raise their hand. The following Councillors identified having a potential pecuniary interest; Councillor Flett, Councillor Germain, Councillor Kirschner, Councillor Scott, Councillor Thomas.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/003, being the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Council move into a Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No. 12/003.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Carol Theberge, Executive Director, Community Development and **Samuel Alatorre, Director, Planning and Development**, provided an introduction and overview of the proposed City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan, noting that it is supported by Administration.

Citium Enterprises Inc., provided a written letter of support regarding the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan.

Dave Hodson, Golden Years Society, spoke in support of the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Hodson requested to have the word retirement included in the plan terminology. In addition he requested that the Golden Years Society have the opportunity to meet with the Council senior's representative.

Ian Dirom, Rico Developments/Resident, spoke in support of the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Dirom mentioned that he has had the opportunity to gain more information regarding the building setbacks suggested in the document. It was also noted that it may be beneficial to possibly have a citizen's advisory committee to work directly with the planning team.

Bryan Lutes and Jennifer Roberts, Urban Development Institute Wood Buffalo, spoke in support of the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan. Three concerns were noted in relation to the proposed plan; the proposal of Franklin Avenue as a transit corridor, the issue of density within the downtown core, and concern over having only one route to and from MacDonald Island Park.

Jim Rogers, Resident, spoke in support of the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan. Mr. Rogers mentioned that rapid transit could be considered as an addition to the plan. He also mentioned that it is important to consider the Waterways area as community within a community.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Council close the Public Hearing regarding Bylaw No. 12/003.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing for Bylaw No. 12/003 was held between 6:36 p.m. and 7:41 p.m.

A recess occurred between 7:41 p.m. to 8:09 p.m.

The following motion was presented: "That Bylaw No. 12/003, be read a second time".

Although it was mentioned that the term "living" in the Plan was interpreted as encompassing all (infancy through to retirement), Councillor Scott proposed the following amendment:

Moved by Councillor D. Scott that Bylaw No. 12/003 be amended by adding "retire" to the City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan as appropriate.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 12/003, as amended be read a second time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/003 be considered for third reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Bylaw No. 12/003 be given third and final reading.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

5. Bylaw No.12/004 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Election Sign Provisions - 1st reading

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/004, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw specific to Election Sign Provisions, be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reporting - Boards and Committees

- Communities in Bloom Committee (Councillor J. Stroud)
- Oil Sands Discovery Centre Advisory Committee (Councillor P. Meagher)
- Transportation Coordinating Committee (Councillor D. Kirschner)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer