

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, May 08, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 - April 24, 2012

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Vinni arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Delegations

2. Rachel Gosse, Deloitte & Touche LLP, re: 2011 External Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements Summary Presentation

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation made by Rachel Gosse, Deloitte & Touche LLP, regarding the 2011 External Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements Summary Presentation, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sean Graham, resident, came forward and spoke in opposition to the proposed 2012 Property Tax Rate Bylaw. He recommended an increase to the mill rate for the rural non-residential class.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation made by Sean Graham, resident, regarding Bylaw No. 12/014 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, came forward and spoke in opposition to the proposed 2012 Property Tax Rate Bylaw. He recommended that the Municipality work towards a closer balance between residential and non-residential property classes and that a bi-annual review of capital projects be conducted.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the presentation made by Nick Sanders, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, regarding Bylaw No. 12/014 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Rogers, resident, came forward and spoke in opposition to the proposed 2012 Property Tax Rate Bylaw. He suggested an increase for the rural non-residential property class.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Jim Rogers, resident, regarding Bylaw No. 12/014 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Business Arising from Delegation

3. 2011 Consolidated Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the consolidated financial statements of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ended December 31, 2011 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

4. Bylaw No. 12/014– 2012 Property Tax Rate Bylaw

E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and H. van Waas, Regional Assessor, provided clarification to Council regarding questions surrounding the proposed 2012 Property Tax Rate Bylaw.

The following motion was presented by Councillor P. Meagher: “That Bylaw No. 12/014, being the 2012 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a second time.” The following amendment was put forward by Councillor A. Vinni.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 12/014 be amended by deleting paragraph 2.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/014, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/014 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

5. 2012 – 2014 Fiscal Management Strategy

E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and V. Mema, Manager, Financial Planning, presented the 2012 -2014 Fiscal Management Strategy.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2011 - 2014 Fiscal Management Strategy be replaced with the 2012 - 2014 Fiscal Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resignation of Councillors

G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer, announced that two resignations have been received. Effective immediately, Councillors Allen and Scott have resigned to assume their new roles in the Provincial Legislature.

6. By-Election 2012

Moved by Councillor Meagher:

- THAT a by-election be held in Ward 1 of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on Monday, June 25, 2012; and

- THAT Darlene Soucy be appointed Returning Officer to conduct the 2012 Ward 1 Municipal By-Election, and be authorized to divide the local jurisdiction into voting subdivisions; and
- THAT advance votes be held for the 2012 Ward 1 Municipal By-Election on dates and times determined by the Returning Officer; and
- THAT institutional voting stations be established on June 25, 2012, for the 2012 Ward 1 Municipal By-Election at Northern Lights Regional Health Centre, Continuing Care Unit, Northern Lights Regional Health Centre and Rotary House; and
- THAT, at the request of a physically incapacitated elector, deputy returning officers attend the incapacitated elector's residence for the purpose of taking the elector's vote, by appointment, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on June 25, 2012, for the 2012 Ward 1 Municipal By-Election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D. Soucy, Returning Officer, came forward to address the questions of Council regarding the upcoming 2012 by-election.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/015, being a bylaw to establish time and location to receive nominations, and to require nomination deposits, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 12/015 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/015 be considered for third reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 12/015 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/016, being a bylaw to provide for the opening of voting stations prior to

10:00 a.m., be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/016 be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/016 be considered for third and final reading.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/016 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reporting - Boards and Committees

- MacDonald Island Park Corporation (Councillor S. Germain)
- Safe 63 Rally/Communities In Bloom Committee (Councillor J. Stroud)
- Safe 63 Rally/McHappy Day Fundraiser (Councillor P. Meagher)
- Town Cleanup (Councillor D. Blair)
- Municipal Census/MS Society Open House/Business Walk Cleanup/Together Is Amazing Initiative/Girls Inc. Filming/Integrity Awards winner/Fort McMurray Little League/Safe 63 Rally/National Nurses Week (Mayor Blake)

Adjournment

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer