

Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit and Budget Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, December 02, 2014, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: S. Germain, Chair
M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
G. Boutilier, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair S. Germain called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes of Audit and Budget Committee meeting - November 17, 2014

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that the Minutes of Audit and Budget Committee meeting - November 17, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Minutes from Audit and Budget Committee - Budget Meetings - November 6, 13 and 20, 2014

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Audit and Budget Committee - Budget Meetings of November 6, 13, and 20, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

4. Questions to the Municipal Auditor

Ralph Timleck, Municipal Auditor, came forward to answer questions from the Committee. The Committee reiterated their preference that the Municipal Auditor provide answers to all

Committee questions in a public setting (except where the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act applies).

5. Municipal Transit Services – Utilization & Rate Information

Ralph Timleck, Municipal Auditor, provided a presentation on the Municipal Transit Ridership Report and Information related to transit fares.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Municipal Transit Ridership Report and Information related to the Transit Fares be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer's Expenses

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer's Expenses for the period January 1 to November 30, 2014 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Fiscal Capital Budget Amendments Update – Third Quarter 2014

Kola Oladimeji, Director of Finance, provided an update on the Fiscal Capital Budget Amendments for the Third Quarter, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Third Quarter 2014 Fiscal Capital Budget Amendments Update, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2014 Fiscal Capital Budget Amendments) dated September 30, 2014, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Extension of Lower Townsite Redevelopment Incentive Program

Felice Mazzoni, Director of Planning and Development; and Brad Evanson, Manager of Community Development Planning, provided a presentation on the Lower Townsite Redevelopment Incentive Program and the proposed extension.

A request was made to have administration investigate potential options for a commercial development incentive program specific to rural areas. Administration indicated that a review of new subdivisions for business development in rural areas would need to be completed first in order to determine whether or not an incentive program would be the most effective option to help stimulate growth in rural areas.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the following be recommended to Council for approval:

- That the Lower Townsite Redevelopment Incentive Program, which reduces off-site levies [and other development charges imposed as conditions of development approval] in the Lower Townsite by 60%, be extended to December 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to Move In Camera

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Audit and Budget Committee move in camera pursuant to section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. Discussion with the Municipal Auditor
In camera pursuant to section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

Exits, Returns and Arrivals

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the meeting at 4:42 p.m. and returned at 4:44 p.m.
Councillor P. Meagher entered the meeting at 5:17 p.m.
Councillor A. Vinni entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Motion to Reconvene in Public

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the meeting reconvene in public.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Audit and Budget Committee met in camera from 4:42 p.m. to 5:37 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the meeting adjourn.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer