

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, October 23, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: S. Germain, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
S. Soutter, Legislative Coordinator

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

1. Adoption of October 12, 2012 Council Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meeting

2. Council Meeting – October 9, 2012

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on October 9, 2012 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations**3. Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation – Mortgage Renewal Approvals**

Bryan Lutes, Executive Director, and Kim Jenkins, Board Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, addressed Council by requesting approval to borrow \$13,325,000 from the Toronto Dominion Bank for the purpose of renewing mortgages for the properties located at 185 Parsons Creek Drive and 101 Plamondon Drive.

Moved by Councillor D. Blair that the presentation made by Bryan Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Business Arising from Delegation**4. Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation – Mortgage Renewal Approvals**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation be authorized to borrow \$13,325,000 from the Toronto Dominion Bank, on such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Directors of the Corporation, for the purpose of renewing mortgages on the properties located at 185 Parsons Creek and 101 Plamondon Drive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations**5. Jackie Peden and Brad Ramstead, S.O.S. Save our Snye – Future Development of the Snye Area**

Members of the Save our Snye group addressed Council by stating their opposition to the future development plans. They are against any proposed plan that would restrict all vehicular access to the Snye area which would include boats, planes, quads, snowmobiles and jet ski's.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation made by the Save our Snye Group be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations**6. John Wilson and Kevin Grogan, Vista Ridge – Summer Expansion Update**

John Wilson made a presentation to Council highlighting the future upgrades to Vista Ridge. Their past expansion project included the installation of the Syncrude Bison Chair Lift. Future plans will include the construction of an element park and zip line course and an Executive Golf Course.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by John Wilson, Vista Ridge be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Jennifer Vincent and Karen Puga, Communities in Bloom Committee – 2012 National Communities in Bloom Results**

Members of the Communities in Bloom Committee presented a summary of the 2012 National Communities in Bloom results. The Municipality was awarded 5 Blooms in the Special Mention/Recognition Category for Sports Fields, as well as Outstanding Achievement Awards in Scotts Turf Builder Turf and Groundcovers Award and Municipal World WinterLife Award categories.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the presentation made by the Communities in Bloom Committee be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Rogers, resident came forward to speak to the Communities in Bloom Committee and the need to allocate more funding to programs other than Sports.

Public Hearings and Related Bylaws

8. **Bylaw No. 12/039 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Special Events – Lots 5 and 6, Plan 992 0950 (Duvegan Gardens)**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 12/039 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Tom Schwerdtfeger, Supervisor, Community Development Planning provided an overview of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Special Events at Lot 5 and 6, Plan 992 0950 (Duvegan Gardens) to permit special events on a permitted basis at Dunvegan Gardens. The current Land Use Bylaw does not contain a separate definition for special events.

Brad Friesen, Dunvegan Gardens provided an opening statement by stating this proposed amendment would allow Dunvegan Gardens to continue to host charitable events on their property, specifically the Chateau Boo event for the Boys and Girls Club that is scheduled to take place October 26-31, 2012.

Daphne van't Wout, Chair, Draper Road Residents Society spoke in opposition of the Land Use Bylaw Amendment and submitted a list of names of Draper Road residents that they are representing. They feel that the current amendment lacks clarity and simplicity and would like to see the language changed to reflect that the amendment is for the upcoming Chateau Boo event only.

Nancy Hueser, Draper Road Resident spoke in opposition to the Land Use Bylaw amendment and addressed concerns on their quality of life.

Jodi Thorne, Draper Road Resident spoke in opposition to the Land Use Bylaw Amendment and spoke to procedural fairness and how the amendment contradicts the intended use of the land in that area.

Stella Osteneck, Draper Road Resident spoke in opposition to the Bylaw Amendment and spoke to concerns on traffic and safety issues.

Glen van't Wout, Draper Road Resident came forward to speak in opposition to the Bylaw Amendment by requesting Council to allow for a reasonable and fair process for the residents and the need to amend the proposed Bylaw to attain clarity on what is permitted.

Jim Rogers, resident spoke in favour of the amendment noting that residents throughout the region face issues with excess traffic on a daily basis.

Jon Tupper, Past President, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce spoke in favour of the amendment.

Shane Kay, Draper Road Resident came forward to speak in favour of the amendment, by noting the importance of holding such events and the benefits to the community stating that he recently held a 3 day camp for Diabetes on his property, and would like to see future events permitted.

Howard Rinsler, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club spoke in favour of the Bylaw Amendment and commented that Chateau Boo Event is their biggest fundraiser. He also indicated that Dunvegan Gardens was providing the space and facility at no cost.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 12/039 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 12/039 was held between 7.16 p.m. and 8.47 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 12/039 be amended by:

1. Deleting the existing definition of Special Event in section 1 (a) and replacing it with "Special Event means Chateau Boo, a temporary activity that is not part of an existing use of a site".
2. Deleting section 1(c)(e) and inserting the following:
 - “(e) The Special event shall
 - (i) not exceed the following durations:
 - a) The special event shall be a maximum of eight (8) consecutive calendar days in duration, excluding the time required to erect and dismantle the event; and
 - b) The special event shall expire on or before October 31, 2012 excluding the time to dismantle the event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred from 8.48 p.m. to 9.25 p.m.

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 12/039, being a Land Use Bylaw amendment – Special Events – Lots 5 and 6, Plan 992 0950 (Dunvegan Gardens) as amended be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/039 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit

The Chief Administrative Officer left the meeting at 9.38 p.m. and was replaced by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Brian Makey

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. to enable the balance of the agenda items to be dealt with.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Bylaw No. 12/040 – Land Use Bylaw Amendment – MacDonald Island Park – Lots 1-3, Block 1, Plan 1897 TR

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 12/040 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Joel Short and Claire Woodside, Community Development Planning provided an overview of the proposed Land Use Bylaw Amendment to redesignate Lots 1-3, Block 1, Plan 1897 TR from Parks and Recreation District (PR) to Direct Control MacDonald Island District (DC-MI).

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 12/040 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 12/040 was held between 9.53 p.m. and 9.57 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 12/040, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 12/040, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

- 10. Bylaw No. 12/041 - Highway 63/881 Corridor Area Structure Plan Amendment - Lot 1, Block 1, Plan 1025452
- 1st reading**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 12/041, being an amendment to the Highway 63/881 Corridor Area Structure Plan, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

- 11. Development Permit Application 2012-DP-01712 Lots 1-3, Block 1, Plan 1879 TR (MacDonald Island Park)**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Development Permit 2012-DP-01712 for Lots 1-3, Block 1, Plan 1879 TR be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 12. Creation of a New Regional Corporation for Sports and Recreation**

D. MacNamara introduced the creation of a new Regional Corporation for Sports and Recreation and explained that the creation of the proposed new corporation will establish a sustainable framework to lead recreation and sport development in the region.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas:

1. That Council authorize Administration to cause a new corporation to be incorporated pursuant to the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act to deliver comprehensive recreation and sport opportunities throughout the Municipality.
2. That Council authorize Administration to prepare a business plan for the creation and operations of the new corporation and the transition of MacDonald Island Park Corporation, which business plan will be presented to Council on or before May 1, 2013.
3. That Council authorize MacDonald Island Park Corporation and Administration on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to enter into such agreements as may be necessary to provide for the initial design, planning and development of new sport and recreational facilities outside of MacDonald Island on such terms and conditions as may be acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer until such time as the new corporation is established and able to perform and carry out such functions.

4. That Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to make such decisions and to execute such documents and agreements on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo as may be necessary in order to implement the above recommendations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports on Boards and Committees

- Dollars and Sense Presentation from Alberta Treasury Board – Minister Doug Horner/University of Alberta Oilsands Students Delegation/Alberta Apprenticeship Conference/Alberta Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Program/6th Oilsands Banquet/RMWB Employee Recognition (Councillor R. Thomas)
- ACAC Hockey Game (Councillor P. Meagher)
- Communities in Bloom Conference/ALPAC Meeting (Councillor J. Stroud)
- MacDonald Island Park State of the Island, Chamber of Commerce Gala (Mayor M. Blake)

At this time Mayor Blake congratulated Councillor S. Flett on being a recipient of the 2013 Indspire Award for Environment and Natural Resources. Each year awards are given to individuals who serve as role models and leaders who have made a profound impact in their communities and across Canada. The Indspire Award was formerly called the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards. Mayor Blake commended Councillor S. Flett in advocating that the development in Fort Chipewyan be balanced with a regard for tradition and the environment.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor S. Flett that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer