

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, November 27, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: D. Kirschner, Councillor

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

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Opening Prayer

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

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of November 27, 2012 Council Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

2. Minutes of November 13, 2012

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the minutes from the November 13, 2012 Council Meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

3. Kim Jenkins and Bryan Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation re: 2013 Operational Budget

Kim Jenkins and Bryan Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation, provided an overview of the approved 2013 Operational Budget as well as current , ongoing capital projects.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation presentation regarding the 2013 Operational Budget be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Kim Nordbye, Project Manager re: Social Prosperity Wood Buffalo Project

Kim Nordbye, Dianne Shannon and Cathy Glover, Social Prosperity Wood Buffalo, provided an overview of the Social Prosperity Model and the anticipated sustainable environment for the non-profit sector.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Social Prosperity Wood Buffalo presentation be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Dave Hodson, Joan Furber and Dave McNeilly, Seniors Action Group re: Aging in Place Catalyst Project Funding

Dave Hodson, Joan Furber and Dave McNeilly spoke to the Aging in Place Catalyst Project Funding. The presentation included a list of seven questions that they wish to have addressed.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Seniors Action Group presentation regarding Aging in Place Catalyst Project Funding be received as information and be referred to Administration for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Cathie Langmead and Lorna Spargo, Safe Community Wood Buffalo re: Proposed Pedestrian Charter

Cathie Langmead, Lorna Spargo and Jennifer Smith, Safe Community Wood Buffalo, presented information regarding the St. Martha School safety initiatives and requested that the Regional Municipality endorse the Pedestrian Charter.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Safe Community Wood Buffalo presentation be accepted as information; and that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo endorse a Pedestrian Charter which respects and supports the pedestrian principles of accessibility, equity, health and well-being, environmental sustainability, personal and community safety, and community cohesion and vitality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A recess occurred from 7:30 p.m. to 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Blake invited those in attendance wishing to address any item on the agenda to come forward at this time.

Jim Rogers, resident spoke regarding the Transit – Oriented Development Guidelines and the need for rapid transit.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation made by Jim Rogers be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Brian Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing Development Corporation, spoke in support of the City Centre Waterfront Program and how affordable housing would fit into the plan. Speaking as UDI President, Mr. Lutes indicated that UDI members were engaged in the process, provided with an opportunity to review the plan and have no concerns with the plan as presented.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Bryan Lutes regarding the City Centre Waterfront Program be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Villia Tosio, resident, addressed Council and expressed her support of the City Centre Waterfront Program.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation made by Villia Tosio regarding the City Centre Waterfront Program be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Frank Creasey, Fort McMurray Tourism, spoke in favor of the City Centre Waterfront Program as it will be important to increase tourism in the region.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation made by Frank Creasey, Fort McMurray Tourism, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ryan Taitinger and Kim Wolff addressed Council by stating their opposition to the expropriation process for the road extensions and the Sports Entertainment Complex.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Ryan Taitinger regarding the Expropriations - Road Extensions, and Sports and Entertainment Complex be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michelle Hondale, Fitzsimmons Avenue resident, addressed Council by stating her opposition regarding the expropriation process for the road extensions and the Sports Entertainment Complex, and the resulting impact to her family.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Michelle Hondale regarding Expropriations - Road Extensions, and Sports and Entertainment Complex be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Al Kellen, Gene Oulette and Paul Hunt, S.O.S - Save Our Syne, addressed Council regarding the City Centre Waterfront Program. They expressed support for the redevelopment however noted that more consultation is required regarding recreation and use of the Syne, particularly as it pertains to motorized uses.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Al Kellen, Gene Oulette, and Paul Hunt regarding the City Centre Waterfront Program be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

7. Lease of Municipal Land: TELUS Telecommunication Monopole AB2231 (Parsons Creek Public Utility Lot Site, Fort McMurray)

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that a lease be issued to TM Mobile Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of TELUS Communications Company, for land legally described as a portion of Plan 122 2451, Block 7, Lot 1 PUL, containing an area of 0.010 hectares more or less, as highlighted in red on Attachment 1 – Subject Area Map.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Lease of Municipal Lands - Tridon Communications Tower - (NW 22-89-9-W4M)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that a lease be issued to Tridon Communications, a division of Communications Group Fort McMurray Ltd., for the land legally described as a portion of LSD 14, Section 22, Township 89, Range 9 W4M, containing an area of 1.214 hectares more or less, as highlighted in red on Attachment 1 – Subject Area Map.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the Transit-Oriented Development Guidelines, dated November 2012, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. City Centre Waterfront Program

Ron Taylor, Dr. John Buchco, and Christie Fong introduced the City Centre Waterfront Program Report and provided an overview of the document.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the City Centre Waterfront Program dated November 20, 2012 be approved as a guiding document for future waterfront development in the City Centre area; and that each stage of the plan proceeds annually through an approval process contained in the capital budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting end time be extended past 10:00 p.m. to deal with the items remaining on the agenda.

CARRIED

For: Blake, Blair, Burton, Flett, Meagher, Stroud, Tatum and Thomas

Opposed: Germain and Vinni

Recess

A brief recess occurred between 9:56 p.m. and 10:14 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the agenda be amended by adding the following as Item 19 Re-designation and Naming of Morimoto Drive

CARRIED

For: Blake, Burton, Flett, Meagher, Stroud, Tatum and Thomas

Opposed: Blair, Germain and Vinni

11. Expropriations - Road Extensions, and Sports and Entertainment Complex

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

1. That the issue and registration of a Notice of Intention to expropriate with respect to each of the properties listed in Attachment 1 dated November 27, 2012 be approved.
2. That Administration be authorized to enter into an agreement pursuant to Section 30 of the Expropriation Act (Alberta), either before or after the registration of a Notice of Intention with respect to each of the properties listed in Attachment 1 dated November 27, 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Roadways in Parsons Creek Phase 1A, Block 4

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the subdivision of Parsons Creek Phase 1A, Block 4 be named Heritage Landing at Parsons Creek; and that the roads within Parsons Creek Phase 1A, Block 4 be named Coventry Drive, Clarkson Street, Collicott Drive, and Chalifour Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Council Policy PRL-090 – Citizen Recognition Program

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- THAT the Community Services Committee recommendations for the 2012 Citizen Recognition Program, be approved as identified in Attachment 1, being the Citizen Recognition Program Selected Recipients, dated November 1, 2012; and
- THAT the provisions of Attachment 1, being the Citizen Recognition Program Selected Recipients dated November 1, 2012, remain confidential pursuant to section 17 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A., 2000 c. F-25, as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Request for Tax and Accounts Receivable Arrears Write Off

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the outstanding tax arrears of \$538,816.97 and accounts receivable arrears of \$19,440.00 identified in Attachment 1 - Recommended Tax Arrears and Account Write Off, dated November 2012, be written off.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. Investment Policy Amendment - FIN -140

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Investment Policy - FIN-140 dated November 27, 2012, be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

16. Debt Management Policy Amendment - FIN -120

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Debt Management Policy - FIN-120, dated November 27, 2012, be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. 2013 Election: Internet and Telephone Voting Pilot Project

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo enter into a partnership agreement with the City of Grande Prairie for the purpose of conducting of a shared internet voting pilot project for the 2013 General Municipal Election;
- THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo submit a funding application for consideration under the Province of Alberta's Regional Collaboration Program for the shared internet voting pilot project; and

- THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be designated Project Manager for the Regional Collaboration Program grant application and shared internet voting pilot project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

18. Request for Leave of Absence – Councillor David Kirschner

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Councillor David Kirschner be granted a paid leave of absence for the period January 7 - April 15, 2013, inclusive.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

19. Re-designation and Naming of Morimoto Drive

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Community Identification Committee be requested to bring forward a report which considers applying the name “Morimoto” to the entire length of the proposed waterfront promenade.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the November 27, 2012 Council meeting be adjourned.

DEFEATED

For: Germain and Vinni

Opposed: Blake, Blair, Burton, Flett,
Meagher, Stroud, Tatum and Thomas

Reports on Boards and Committees

- AAMDC Award accepted from Municipal Affairs, Syncrude Dinner (Councillor D. Blair)
- AJAC Games (Councillor P. Meagher)
- AAMDC Resolution for small rural businesses (Councillor J. Stroud)
- Atlantic Liberal Caucus (Councillor R. Thomas)
- Wood Buffalo Food Bank Annual Food Drive (Councillor C. Tatum)
- Inter-City Forum on Social Policy (Councillor C. Burton)
- MACOY (Mayors Advisory Committee on Youth) Peace Medal Awards; State of the Region Address; Lights of Christmas/Santa Claus Parade (Mayor Blake)

Adjournment

19. Adjournment of November 27, 2012 meeting

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the November 27, 2012 Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer