

**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, December 11, 2012, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
D. Blair, Councillor  
C. Burton, Councillor  
L. Flett, Councillor (via teleconference)  
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  
A. Rogers, Senior 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 December 11, 2012 Council Agenda**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the December 11, 2012 Council agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**2. Minutes of November 27, 2012**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the minutes of the November 27, 2012 council meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegations**

**3. Ken Chapman Executive Director, Oil Sands Developers Group (OSDG)**

Ken Chapman spoke regarding concerns the OSDG has with the 2013 budget, particularly with respect to housing prices, population projections, transportation issues and the potential for a future decrease in oil prices.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation from the Oil Sands Developers Group be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Jim Rogers, Resident**

Mr. Rogers addressed Council regarding the 2013 Capital and Operating Budgets.

**Reports****5. Extension of the City Centre Area Development Charges Incentive Program**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Incentive Program as set out in resolution 10-377, which reduces development charges in City Centre by sixty percent (60%), be extended to December 31, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Municipal Census 2012 Report**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Municipal Census 2012 report, dated October 2012, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. 2012 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the 2012 and Prior Capital Budget and the future cash flow of multi-year projects be amended as summarized on Attachment 1 (2012 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments - Revised, New and Cancelled Projects, dated December 11, 2012).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. 2013 Capital Budget, 2014 – 2018 Capital Plan**

The following motion was presented by Councillor P. Meagher: “that the 2013 Capital Budget in the amount of \$628,982,702 be approved as set out in Attachment 1 (2013 Capital Budget, dated December 11, 2012).”

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration bring forward an Alternative Capital Financing Policy for consideration prior to presentation of the 2013-2015 Fiscal Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Anzac Fire Hall Predesign project be added to the 2013 Capital Budget.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration provide an update on the status of capital projects as of March 31, 2013 for review, information and possible re-prioritization.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on Councillor P. Meagher's original motion:

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2013 Capital Budget in the amount of \$628,982,702 be approved as set out in Attachment 1 (2013 Capital Budget, dated December 11, 2012).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the 2013 Capital Budget be approved as follows:

- Financial Reserves                   \$278,461,712
- Debenture Financing                 \$319,820,990
- Grants                                     \$ 30,700,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the multi-year projects in progress as set out in Attachment 2 (2013 Capital Budget – Multi-Year Projects - In Progress - Cash Flow dated December 11, 2012) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that new multi-year projects as set out in Attachment 3 (2013 New Multiple Year Project – Cash Flow dated December 11, 2012) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the budget line item figures on Attachments 1-4 remain confidential pursuant to section 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A., 2000 c. F-25, as amended, until such time as the business risk is removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. 2013 Operating Budget, 2014 - 2015 Financial Plan**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$659,662,707 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**10. Appointments to Council Committees**

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the following appointments be approved, effective immediately January 1, 2013:

Assessment Review Board - Amgad Rushdy to December 31, 2013; Ijad Dewan, Chandra Flett and Lee Nordbye to December 31, 2014.

Communities In Bloom Committee – Kristy Lennox to December 31, 2013; Dannette Scott, Phil Klug, John Van Seters, Lise Bolen and Elaine Martens to December 31, 2014.

Community Identification Committee – Megan Kerton and Shelley Tourangeau to December 31, 2014.

Community Services Committee – Tiffany Primmer to December 31, 2013; Dave Simcoe, Kate Shaw and Dwayne Edwards to December 31, 2014.

Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board – Marcin Borowiec to December 31, 2013; Brian Wyatt, Al Sanders and Kerri Buckle to December 31, 2014.

Library Board – Jon Tupper to December 31, 2013; Kevin Thornton and Pratik Tripathi to December 31, 2015.

MacDonald Island Park Corporation – Nick Sanders and David Tien to December 31, 2013, or upon formation of the Regional Recreation Corporation, whichever comes first.

Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality – Laura Roberts, Nargis Zaid and Inder Mohan Singh to December 31, 2014.

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board – Malcolm Edirisinghe and David James Secord to December 31, 2014.

Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation – Tom Diamond to December 31, 2013; Kerry Collette and Ron Benson to December 31, 2015.

#### **11. Promise of Performance – Mayor and Councillors**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Promise of Performance Mayor and Councillors, dated December 11, 2012 be adopted and signed by all Council members to demonstrate our commitment to the office we hold and willingness to work together to effectively govern the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Promise of Performance document was then circulated for signing by all members of Council.

#### **Reporting - Boards and Committees**

- Selection Committee meeting for Boards and Committees, Presentation of Appreciation to Library Board (Councillor P. Meagher)
- Anzac Community Christmas Dinner, Janvier Community Christmas Lunch, Metis Local 1935 Elders Christmas Dinner (Councillor J. Stroud)
- Fort Chipewyan Community Engagement ( Councillor D. Blair)
- Seniors Tea with the Golden Years Society, Community Leaders Holiday Reception, Fort Chipewyan Community Engagement (Mayor Blake)

**Adjournment**

**11. Adjournment of December 11, 2012 Council meeting.**

Moved by Councillor D. Blair that the December 11, 2012 Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer