

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, April 23, 2013, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
D. Blair, Councillor
L. Flett, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
R. Thomas, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor (arrived at 6:51 p.m.)

Absent: C. Burton, Councillor
D. Kirschner, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
Audrey Rogers, Acting Chief Legislative Officer
Jade Brown, Supervisor
Rebecca Kendall, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:12 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. Minutes of April 9, 2013

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the minutes from the April 9, 2013 Council meeting be accepted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations**2. Rachel Gosse, Deloitte and David Bastian, Deloitte - Auditors re: 2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

Rachel Gosse, Deloitte, gave an overview of the 2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation by Deloitte regarding the 2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Business Arising from Presentations**3. 2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2012 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ended December 31, 2012, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. 2013 – 2015 Fiscal Management Strategy

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the 2013 - 2015 Fiscal Management Strategy.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the 2013 – 2015 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated April 23, 2013, be adopted as a guide for budget development to replace the 2012 – 2015 Fiscal Management Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws**5. Bylaw No.13/016 – 2013 Property Tax Rate**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the 2013 Operating Budget be amended by increasing transfer to Capital Infrastructure Reserve by \$16,872,861.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 13/016, being the 2013 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that the Mayor send a letter to the Premier of Alberta to convey Council's concerns regarding the elimination of the education tax cap.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**6. User Fees and Charges Policy- FIN-030**

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Community Services User Fee Policy - FIN-110, be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that amended Rate and Charges Policy - FIN-030, dated October 9, 2012, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival

Councillor A. Vinni arrived at 6:51 p.m.

7. Sublease - Displaced Not-for-Profit Organizations

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that displaced Not-for-Profit organizations identified in Attachment 1 be granted a below-market rent rate office space sublease in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Attachment 1; and that the provisions of Attachments 1 (Summary Sublease Terms and Conditions) and Attachments 2 and 3 (Proposed Sublease Floor Plans) remain confidential pursuant to sections 16 and 25 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.A., 2000 c. F-25, as amended.

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Reporting - Boards and Committees

- Anzac Open House, ALPAC meeting (Councillor J. Stroud)
- Communities in Bloom Committee (Councillor P. Meagher)
- MacDonald Island Park Corporation, Regional Recreation Corporation Board (Councillor S. Germain)
- Meeting in Fort Chipewyan re: policing bylaw, Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation (Councillor D. Blair)
- Rotary Club Luncheon, Luncheon with Minister McIver, Veteran's Memorial Highway Association Board Meeting and Luncheon (Mayor M. Blake)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor D. Blair that the April 23, 2013 Council meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer