

Approved Minutes of an Organizational 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 29, 2013, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

- M. Blake, Mayor
- T. Ault, Councillor
- G. Boutilier, Councillor
- L. Bussieres, Councillor
- C. Cardinal, Councillor
- J. Chadi, Councillor
- S. Germain, Councillor
- K. McGrath, Councillor
- P. Meagher, Councillor
- J. Stroud, Councillor
- A. Vinni, Councillor

Administration:

- G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
- S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
- A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
- J. Brown, Supervisor

Swearing-In of Council

Mayor and Councillors for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo were sworn in at a ceremony held on Monday, October 28, 2013. Copies of the Oaths of Office are appended and shall form part of these Minutes.

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of October 29, 2013 Organizational Meeting Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the October 29, 2013 Organizational Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

2. Appointment of Deputy and Acting Mayor – 2013-2014

The following motion was brought forward by Councillor J. Stroud: “that Council Members be appointed as Deputy and Acting Mayor in accordance with the following schedule: November 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 Deputy Mayor Meagher; Acting Mayor Germain; February 1 – April 30, 2014 Deputy Mayor Chadi; Acting Mayor McGrath; May 1 – July 31, 2014 Deputy Mayor Vinni; Acting Mayor Ault; and August 1 – October 31, 2014 Deputy Mayor Stroud; Acting Mayor Bussieres.”

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of appointing one member of Council as Deputy Mayor for the period November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2014.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Councillor Boutilier be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period of November 1, 2013 to October 31, 2014.

DEFEATED

For: G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres , S. Germain, K. McGrath

Opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal, J. Chadi, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Councillor P. Meagher advised that he would be willing to give up his term (November 1, 2013 – January 31, 2013) as Deputy Mayor for Councillor G. Boutilier. Discussion ensued regarding revisiting the Deputy Mayor Roster Schedule prior to January 31, 2014.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Councillor G. Boutilier be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the period November 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014; and that the appointment of Deputy Mayor be revisited prior to January 31, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Council Members be appointed as Deputy and Acting Mayor in accordance with the following schedule: November 1, 2013 – January 31, 2014 – Deputy Mayor Boutilier; Acting Mayor Germain; February 1 – April 30, 2014 – Deputy Mayor Chadi; Acting Mayor McGrath; May 1 – July 31, 2014 – Deputy Mayor Vinni; Acting Mayor Ault; and August 1 – October 31, 2014 – Deputy Mayor Stroud; Acting Mayor Bussieres.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Council Committee Representation – 2013-2014

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

that Mayor Blake and Councillors Chadi, Germain, Stroud and Vinni be appointed to the Governance, Agenda and Priorities Standing Committee;

that Councillor Cardinal be appointed to represent Council on the Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation;

that Council Members be appointed to represent Council on the following Council Committees: Communities in Bloom Committee – Councillors Ault and Bussieres; Community Identification Committee – Councillors McGrath and Vinni; Community Services Committee – Councillor Chadi; Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality – Councillor Cardinal; and Selection Committee – Mayor Blake and Councillors Bussieres, Chadi, Stroud and Vinni; and

that Council Members be appointed to represent Council on the following external committees: ALPAC Landscape Advisory

Committee – Councillor Chadi; Inter-City Forum on Social Policy – Councillor Stroud; Leadership Wood Buffalo – Councillor Ault; Senior Citizens' Liaison – Councillors Bussieres and Meagher; and Veterans Memorial Highway Association – Councillors Meagher and Stroud.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that Councillor P. Meagher be appointed to the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games Board of Directors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration be directed to bring forward the framework to establish the Transportation, Audit and Budget, Rural Development, and Public Engagement and Communication Committees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor G. Boutilier proposed that Administration amend the governing documents for the Regional Recreation Corporation to allow for the appointment of two Council representatives to the Board of Directors. Conversations occurred and it was noted that there is an understanding that one Councillor would be an urban representative and the other would be a rural representative.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the governing documents for the Regional Recreation Corporation be amended to provide for the appointment of two Councillors to the Board of Directors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Chadi that Administration research the possibility of having Council representatives on the Board of Directors for the Fort McMurray Airport Authority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Council Schedule – 2013-2014

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

that regular Council meetings be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Jubilee Centre Council Chamber, with the exception of Tuesday, November 11, 2014; and that Council meetings conclude at 10:00 p.m., unless a resolution is passed to extend the meeting;

that 2014 Community Engagement Initiatives be held in Conklin, Fort Chipewyan and Saprae Creek, at a date to be determined in consultation with community leaders; and

that a Summer Recess be held from July 9, 2014 – August 24, 2014, and a Holiday Recess be held from December 10, 2014 – January 11, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer