

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, September 10, 2013, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
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. Blair, Councillor
D. Kirschner, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
J. Brown, Supervisor
R. Kendall, 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

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the agenda be amended to add "Bylaw No. 13/021 – Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowance – Proposed Conklin Multi-use Community Centre Site" as item number 4. b. under the Bylaws portion of the agenda, and that the agenda be adopted as amended."
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of August 27, 2013

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the minutes of the August 27, 2013 Council meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Nathan Petherick and Dennis Doherty, Pacific Investments & Development Ltd.

Nathan Petherick, Brown and Associates Planning Group, and Dennis Doherty, Pacific Investments & Development Ltd., spoke with respect to their request for municipal tax relief for rural non-residential taxes levied in 2012/2013 against Plan 1025452 Lot 1 Block 1. Mr. Petherick also indicated that the need to resolve the issue surrounding the extension of the Urban Service Area boundary is paramount as they are seeing the financial implications of not being included within the boundary.

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the presentation from Pacific Investments & Development Ltd. be accepted as information and referred to Administration for response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other Delegations

Tyran Ault, resident, spoke in opposition to the Elected Official – Administration Communication Policy and indicated that citizens have expressed concern with respect to the perceived lack of transparency. Mr. Ault also indicated that he understood the principles as to why this was put forward, but suggested some reworking of the Policy before being approved.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from Tyran Ault be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the Elected Official – Administration Communication Policy. Mr. Rogers also spoke in opposition to the Fort Chipewyan Noise Bylaw and indicated that he had some concern as to how the bylaw is worded.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

3. Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Saline Creek Plateau Phase I) - Bylaw No. 13/030

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 6:58 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 13/030 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor S. Germain returned to the Chamber at 7:01 p.m.

Tracey Tester, Planning and Development, gave a brief overview of the proposed bylaw and indicated that the proposed bylaw amendment is designed to minimize impact to Highway 69 in its present two-land state and allow development of the Plateau to begin.

Mike Walsh, Rotary Club, spoke in support of the proposed bylaw and indicated that the Rotary Club's objective is to deliver a golf course to the community and to help stabilize housing prices through development of a 200 acre residential subdivision around the golf course. It was indicated that the development of the Saline Creek Plateau is critical to this area.

Kim Jenkins, Keyano Land Trust Corporation, spoke in support of the proposed bylaw, however, indicated that there are concerns regarding Highway 69 not being twinned this year as there are financial implications to their project. Mr. Jenkins emphasized that it is critical to the development of residential lands in Saline Creek that Highway 69 be twinned, and without it, the project will be further delayed.

Further discussions ensued and it was indicated by the CAO that he is working with a Deputy Minister to hopefully find a mutually satisfactory solution to this issue.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 13/030 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing was held between 7:00 p.m. and 7:38 p.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 13/030, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum that Bylaw No. 13/030 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A break occurred between 7:45 p.m. and 8:04 p.m.

Bylaws

4. Fort Chipewyan Noise Bylaw No. 13/025

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that Bylaw No. 13/025, being a Noise Bylaw for the Hamlet of Fort Chipewyan, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 13/025 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.b Bylaw No. 13/021 - Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowance -

Proposed Conklin Multi-use Community Centre Site

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 13/021, being a bylaw to close an undeveloped government road allowance, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 13/021 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Land Use Bylaw Amendment – R5-MU District - Bylaw No. 13/034

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 13/034, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw, be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

6. Urban Service Area Boundary Amendment – Urban Development Sub-Region Alignment

Moved by Councillor R. Thomas that the Government of Alberta be requested to amend Order in Council 817/94 by changing the boundaries of the Urban Service Area (Ward 1) to align with the boundaries of the Urban Development Sub-Region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. 2013 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Revised Project

Councillor R. Thomas exited the Chamber at 8:38 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2013 and Prior Capital Budget be revised as summarized on Attachment 1 (2013 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Revised Project), dated September 10, 2013; and that the cash flow of Capital Project be approved as summarized on Attachment 2 (2013 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Project Cash Flow Summary), dated September 10, 2013.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor R. Thomas returned to the Chamber 8:41 p.m.

8. Elected Official – Administration Communication Policy

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Elected Official - Administration Communication Policy LEG-170, dated September 10, 2013, be approved.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, C. Burton, L. Flett, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, R. Thomas, A. Vinni

Opposed: C. Tatum

Reporting - Boards and Committees

- United Way (Councillor P. Meagher)
- Northern Insights Speakers Series (Councillor C. Burton)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities Subcommittee (Councillor A. Vinni)
- ALPAC Landscape Advisory Committee, Fort McMurray First Nation Treaty Days (Councillor J. Stroud)
- MacDonald Island Park Corporation (Councillor S. Germain)
- United Way, Oil Sands Trade Show (Mayor M. Blake)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer