

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 22, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
G. Boutilier, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor (via teleconference)
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: G. Laubenstein, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:11 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 by adding Item 9 - 2014 Property Tax Rate Bylaw – Bylaw No. 14/019; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Council Meeting - April 8, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the April 8, 2014 Council meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Kimberly Fiske, citizen poet re: National Poetry Month

Kimberly Fiske, resident, presented a poem “The Worry Stone” as part of a Canada Wide Poetry Challenge.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation by Kimberly Fiske, citizen poet, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Erin Schwab, Vice Chair and Sarah Neiman, Treasurer, Wood Buffalo Arts Council re: 2014 Operating Grant

Ms. Erin Schwab, Vice Chair and Ms. Sarah Neiman, Treasurer of the Wood Buffalo Arts Council provided an update to Council on behalf of the Wood Buffalo Arts Council.

It was requested that Administration provide the background rationale for the \$250,000.00 request from Wood Buffalo Arts Council.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the presentation made by Erin Schwab and Sarah Neiman for the Wood Buffalo Arts Council be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Dave Hodson re: Aging in Place

Mr. Dave Hodson, resident, and Mrs. Myrtle Dussault, resident, expressed their concerns to Council regarding the need for an Aging in Place facility within the Municipality, and requested that the Municipality create a Council for Aging to address issues in related to aging in place.

Mayor M. Blake indicated that Administration would undertake research on similar committees and bring a report forward with recommendations on how to proceed.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Dave Hodson regarding Aging in Place be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A break occurred from 7:08 p.m. to 7:24 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in relation to the 2013 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and expressed his concerns about some of the items defined as assets.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Jim Rogers, be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

5. Rachel Gosse, Deloitte re: 2013 Audited Financial Statements

Rachel Gosse, Deloitte, provided an overview of the 2013 Audited Financial Statements.

6. 2013 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the 2013 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo for the year ended December 31, 2013 be accepted as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

7. Land Use Bylaw Amendment – 9206 McCormick Drive – Lot 2, Block 21, Plan 2463 TR - Bylaw No. 14/016

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the public hearing for Bylaw No. 14/016 be re-scheduled to May 13, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Land Use Bylaw Amendment (Eagle Ridge Commercial Site) - Bylaw No. 14/018

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/018 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bradley Evanson, Manager, Community Development Planning, introduced the Land Use Bylaw Amendment on behalf of Administration.

Rick Lewis, Project Architect, Gibbs/Gage Architects, spoke on behalf of the Applicant and explained the plans for the site.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

Mike Durocher, resident, spoke in support of the Land Use Bylaw Amendment.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/018 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing was held between 7:45 p.m. and 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/018, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/050, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 14/018 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

9. 2014 Property Tax Rate Bylaw – Bylaw No. 14/019

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/019, being the 2014 Property Tax Rate Bylaw be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Land Use Bylaw Amendment – A Portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102 1640 (Parsons Creek) - Bylaw No. 14/017

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/017, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to a portion of Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102 1640 (Parsons Creek), be read a first time; and that the required public hearing be held on May 13, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

11. Subdivision Time Extension Request - Saprae Creek (File Number 2011-SU-00083)

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the application for Subdivision Time Extension for Lot 1, Block 5, Plan 082 1581 be approved for one year until March 26, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

12. Appointment of Councillors to Regional Recreation Corporation

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that Councillors McGrath and Cardinal be appointed to the Regional Recreation Corporation Board of Directors, effective immediately.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier,
L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain,
K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Opposed: A. Vinni

13. Notice of Motion – Demolition of Expropriated Properties

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Administration be directed to undertake the immediate demolition and clean-up of all vacant expropriated commercial and residential properties in the City Centre Area, with all work to be completed by no later than June 15, 2014.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier,
L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain,
K. McGrath, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: P. Meagher

Reporting - Boards and Committees

Councillor T. Ault - SPCA Walk to End Animal Abuse

Councillor G. Boutilier – University of Alberta’s awarding of an honorary law degree to Mrs. Elsie Yanik

Exit

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Councillor J. Stroud – 2015 Canadian Ringette Championships, Aboriginal Women in Business Ladies Luncheon, Roundtable discussion on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Councillor J. Cardinal - Roundtable discussion on Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Mayor M. Blake - Volunteer Managers Luncheon, Aboriginal Women in Business Ladies Luncheon, Leadership Wood Buffalo learning day

Councillor K. McGrath – Aboriginal Women in Business Ladies Luncheon

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer