

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, February 25, 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
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. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

National Anthem

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Mayor Blake invited those so inclined to join her in prayer.

Adoption of Agenda

The following additions were requested:

- Item # 6 - Subdivision Authority Bylaw - Bylaw No. 14/006; and
- Item # 7 - Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Agenda be amended by adding Item #6 - Subdivision Authority Bylaw - Bylaw No. 14/006; and that Item #7 - Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Council Meeting - January 28, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the January 28, 2014 Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

2. Mr. Allen Geary, Northern Alberta Development Council re: Fort McMurray-Peace River Transportation and Utility Corridor (via teleconference)

Mr. Geary, Director of Projects and Research for Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) participated in the meeting via teleconference. NADC is undertaking an analysis of the merits of developing a transportation and utility corridor between Fort McMurray and Peace River and is looking for Council's support at this time.

Mr. Geary confirmed that a map could be provided showing the various leases located within the affected area.

Business Arising from Delegation

3. Fort McMurray-Peace River Transportation and Utility Corridor

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo support the concept of a Fort McMurray-Peace River Transportation and Utility Corridor, linking the two regions.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Nathan Petherick, Brown & Associates, spoke in support of the Subdivision Authority Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the presentation made by Mr. Nathan Petherick be received as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident, came forward and raised a concern regarding the delegation process for Council agendas.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Mr. Jim Rogers be received as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

4. Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowances and Authorization to Sell - Bylaw No. 14/003

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/003 be opened.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Marcel Ulliac, Director, Land Administration, introduced the proposed Bylaw.

Mr. Nathan Petherick, Brown & Associates, spoke on behalf of Pacific Investments and Development Ltd. He provided an overview of the proposed Bylaw.

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the proposed Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/003 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/003 was held between 6:35 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Bylaws

5. Amendment to Local Improvement Debenture Borrowing Bylaws - Bylaw No. 14/004

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/004, being a bylaw to amend local improvement debenture borrowing bylaws for the 1994 Waterways Street Upgrading, South Entry Service Road – Gregoire, Gordon Avenue Upgrading (2003), Highway 63 North Water Supply Line, and the McCormick Drive Local Improvement Projects, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Subdivision Authority Bylaw – Bylaw No. 14/006

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 14/006, being the Subdivision Authority Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

7. Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit

Moved by Councillor S. Germain:

That the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit Statement of Work, dated February 25, 2014 (Attachment 1) be approved and that the request for proposal process commence immediately;

That the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit be funded from the 2014 Council Operating Budget;

That in the event funding cannot be accommodated in the 2014 Council Operating Budget, funding be allocated from the 2014 corporate Operating Budget surplus; and

That in the event funding cannot be accommodated in the 2014 corporate Operating Budget surplus, funding be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reporting - Boards and Committees

- Council Retreat (Councillor L. Bussieres, Councillor J. Cardinal, Councillor P. Meagher, Councillor J. Stroud and Mayor M. Blake)
- Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation (Councillor J. Cardinal)
- Municipal Government Act Review; Northern Mayor/Reeve's Caucus (Mayor M. Blake)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher Motion that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer