

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, March 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
R. Kendall, Legislative Coordinator
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

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

Opening Prayer

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

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Council Meeting - March 11, 2014

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the minutes of the March 11, 2014 Council meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

Mr. Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in relation to the Urban Service Area Boundary Amendment.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation from Jim Rogers be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Sandy Bowman and Christine Burton re: 2014 Budget Approval - Regional

Municipality of Wood Buffalo Combative Sports Commission

Mr. Sandy Bowman and Ms. Christine Burton gave a brief overview of the 2014 budget for the Combative Sports Commission.

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 6:14 p.m. and returned at 6:18 p.m.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the presentation from Sandy Bowman and Christine Burton be received as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor P. Meagher declared a potential pecuniary interest in the upcoming item as a result of an employment relationship and exited the Chamber at 6:19 p.m.

- 3. Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance and Doug Nicholls, Superintendent of Schools re: Enhanced Community Services Through Partnership**

Mr. Allan Kallal, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance and Mr. Doug Nicholls, Superintendent of Schools, gave a brief overview of the partnership opportunity with the Fort McMurray Public School District.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the presentation from Allan Kallal and Doug Nicholls be received as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the Chamber at 7:43 p.m.

- 4. Michelle Hondl re: Expropriation**

Michelle Hondl, resident, provided an overview of the expropriation of their Fitzsimmons Avenue home and requested that their settlement offer be proceeded with expeditiously.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the presentation from Michelle Hondl be received as information and that Administration be directed to proceed expeditiously.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 5. Combative Sports Commission Budget Approval**

Councillor A. Vinni expressed his concerns with the Combative Sports Commission Budget Approval being that the original budget did not take into account the extra \$6,400.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that \$6,400 in seed funding be allocated from the 2014 Community Services Department's Operating Budget to the Combative Sports Commission.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: A. Vinni

Exit

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the Chamber at 6:57 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor P. Meagher declared a potential pecuniary interest in the upcoming item as a result of an employment relationship and exited the Chamber at 6:58 p.m.

6. Partnership Opportunity with the Fort McMurray Public School District

Sudhir Sandhu, Executive Director, Corporate and Community Service and Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services spoke in relation to the Partnership Opportunity with the Fort McMurray Public School District.

Discussions followed and Council requested the item be referred back to Administration to provide the following information:

- An assessment to determine what the needs for Counselling Services are in the area; and
- A breakdown showing the utilization schedule for gymnasium bookings throughout the Municipality.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain to refer back to Administration for further review based on today's discussion and returning to Council by end of September, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor G. Boutilier and Councillor P. Meagher returned to the Chamber at 7:29 p.m.

Exit

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 7:29 p.m.

Bylaws

7. 2014 Debenture Borrowing for Previously Approved Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the following Bylaws be read a first time: Bylaw No. 14/007; Bylaw No. 14/008; and Bylaw No. 14/009

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: G. Boutilier

8. 2014 Debenture Borrowing for Five New Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the following Bylaws be read a first time: Bylaw No. 14/010; Bylaw No. 14/011; Bylaw No. 14/012; Bylaw No. 14/013; and Bylaw No. 14/014
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor S. Germain returned to the Chamber at 7:31 p.m.

9. Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw No. 14/015

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/015, being a bylaw amendment to Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Library Board Bylaw No. 00/050, be read a first time.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A break occurred from 7:33 p.m. to 7:47 p.m.

Reports

10. 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment - Revised, New and Cancelled Projects

Henry Hunter, Executive Director, Public Infrastructure, Glen Smith, Director, Public Works and Ray Cruickshank, Engineering, answered several questions that were raised from Council.

Discussions followed and Council requested that Administration provide the following information at the next Council meeting:

- All change orders that occurred during the design and construction of the Anzac Recreation Facility; and
- Costing breakdown for the shipment of steel via the winter road and barge to Fort Chipewyan for the Pool construction.

Exit and Return

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the Chamber at 8:04 p.m. and returned at 8:06 p.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:
- that the 2014 and Prior Capital Budget be revised as summarized on Attachment 1 (2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects), dated March 25, 2014; and

- that the cash flow of Capital Projects be approved as

summarized on Attachment 2 (2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Project Cash Flow Summary), dated March 25, 2014.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres , J. Cardinal, S. Germain, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: G. Boutilier, K. McGrath

11. Shadow Population Count

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be authorized to conduct a shadow population count in 2014.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: A. Vinni

12. Resolution Concerning Corporate Governance of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo

The following motion was put forward by Councillor P. Meagher:

That Council, acting in its capacity as the sole Member of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo, pass the resolution included in Attachment 1 – Resolution to Amend RRC Bylaw.

Debate ensued and it was suggested that more Council representation is needed.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that this matter be tabled and be brought back in two weeks time.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: A. Vinni

Exit

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the Chamber at 8:56 p.m.

13. Urban Service Area Boundary Amendment

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud 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 include the privately held non-residential parcels located within the boundaries of the Urban Development Sub-Region identified in Inset Area 2 - Airport Vicinity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor G. Boutilier returned to the Chamber at 8:57 p.m.

14. Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit - Contract Award

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the contract for the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit, as identified in Request for Proposal QU3134, be awarded to KPMG in the amount of \$212,000 plus GST.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: P. Meagher

New and Unfinished Business

15. Notice of Motion – Graffiti Vandalism

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Administration research and report back to Council on best practices for enhanced education and enforcement of graffiti vandalism, including, but not limited to, a bylaw covering the potential for restrictions on commercial spray can storage, sales to minors and vandalism removal timelines.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was subsequently requested that Administration immediately undertake the removal of graffiti from municipal property and forward a request to Alberta Transportation to address graffiti on provincial property, namely the underpass.

16. Notice of Motion – Corporate Structure

At the March 11, 2014 Council meeting, Councillor Boutilier served the following Notice of Motion: "To review the Chief Administrative Officer bylaw pertaining to a new Corporate Structure whereas the Chief Legislative Officer reports directly to Council, the Regional Assessor reports directly to Council, the Chief Financial Officer reports directly to Council, the Internal Auditor reports directly to Council."

The Notice of Motion served at the March 11, 2014 Council Meeting was not presented for Council's consideration. A revised motion was presented by Councillor G. Boutilier as follows:

Moved by Councillor Boutilier that:

1. The following positions shall effective April 23, 2014 become direct reports to the Council:
 - Municipal Auditor
 - Chief Legislative Officer
 - Director of Legal Services/Regional Legal Counsel
2. The Audit and Budget Committee [which includes the members of the Governance, Agenda and Priorities

- Committee] shall make a recommendation to Council, for consideration not later than the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 22, 2014, concerning:
- (a) the details of the reporting requirements and Council oversight for each of the aforementioned positions; and
 - (b) amendments to the employment contracts for the incumbents in those positions to reflect their new reporting structure and reporting requirements.
3. (a) For the purposes of the *Municipal Government Act* effective April 23, 2014 the Municipal Auditor, the Chief Legislative Officer and the Director of Legal Services/Regional Counsel shall have the status of designated officers;
 - (b) The Director of Legal Services/Regional Counsel is hereby requested to bring forward any new bylaws or necessarily consequential amendments to the *Chief Administrative Officer Bylaw*, for consideration by Council not later than the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on April 22, 2014, to give effect to clause 1, 2 and 3(a) above.
4. Effective April 23, 2014, the Audit and Budget Committee is re-named the “Finance Committee”, its mandate is expanded to include responsibility for governance oversight of all aspects of the municipality’s financial affairs, the Executive Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer becomes an additional direct administrative point of contact with the Finance Committee and provides regular reports to meetings of the Finance Committee, and the Director of Legal Services/Regional Legal Counsel is hereby requested to bring forward for consideration by Council not later than the regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 22, 2014 any necessarily consequential amendments to the *Council Committees Bylaw* to give effect to these matters.

Councillor A. Vinni raised a point of order that the current motion was substantially different than the motion served two weeks ago.

Recess

A brief break occurred from 9:18 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

It was noted that the rules of procedure could be waived if 2/3 of the Council members present vote in favour. A show of hands resulted in a tie vote (for: G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath; opposed: M. Blake, T. Ault, P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni); therefore, the motion could not be dealt with. As such, the motion was deemed to be withdrawn, with consent of Council, and notice was then served that the motion would be brought forward for consideration on April 8, 2014 Council meeting.

18. Notion of Motion

Mayor M. Blake served the following Notice of Motion which will be brought forward for Council’s consideration at the April 8, 2014 Council meeting:

“In accordance with the Municipal Governance Act Section 571 (1) (b), Council requests an inspection of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo be performed with regards to any matters connected to governance function and activities of the Mayor and Council.”

Reporting - Boards and Committees

Council Members reported on the following municipal events and activities:

- Councillor K. McGrath – Alberta Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders Awards; Community Identification Committee
- Councillor P. Meagher – 2014 Arctic Winter Games
- Councillor T. Ault – Communities in Bloom Snowflake Soiree
- Councillor L. Bussieres – Grand Slam of Curling Event at MacDonald Island Park
- Councillor J. Stroud – Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Spring Convention; Opening of Anzac Recreation Centre; Northern Lights Summit in Athabasca
- Councillor G. Boutilier – Alberta Chamber of Commerce Business Leaders Awards
- Mayor M. Blake – International Day of Eliminating Racial Discrimination Event; 1st Conference of the Nanny Network; Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Youth (MACOY)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer