

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, June 10, 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: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
R. Kendall, Supervisor, Legislative Services
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:12 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 adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notices of Motion

Mayor M. Blake served notice that the following motion will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the June 24, 2014 Council Meeting: "THAT the new splash pad at the Syncrude Athletic Park in Timberlea be named the "Dr. K.P. Wong Waterpark"."

Councillor G. Boutilier served notice that the following motion will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the June 24, 2014 Council Meeting: "THAT the existing administrative committee known as the Waterfront Advisory Committee be replaced with a Council Committee called the City Centre Steering Committee to ensure that citizens play a more active role in assisting Council with Policy guidance and direction with respect to future development of the City Centre and waterfront areas."

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - May 27, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes from the May 27, 2014 Council Meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in relation to the Prior Capital Budget Amendments, and he suggested that the Municipality study the natural course of flow of the Hangingstone River and the Saline Creek to determine if erosion control efforts would interfere with its natural flow.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the presentation be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Gene Ouellette, resident, spoke in relation to the Sports and Entertainment Centre (SEC) Summary Recommendations and expressed concern with the lack of public engagement sessions to discuss traffic control and parking issues.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Gene Ouellette be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike Durocher, resident, spoke in relation to the Council Compensation Review Committee Bylaw and commended Council for undertaking this initiative. He also spoke in support of the Sports and Entertainment Centre (SEC) Summary Recommendations, but raised concerns with the traffic flow on the proposed arena site.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation made by Mike Durocher be accepted as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

2. Council Compensation Review Committee Bylaw - Bylaw No. 14/022

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/022, being the Council Compensation Review Committee Bylaw, be read a second time.

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

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/022, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

3. Advisory Committee on Aging Bylaw - Bylaw No. 14/021

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/021, being the Advisory Committee on Aging Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 082 0549 – Bylaw No. 14/026

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that:

- Bylaw No. 14/026, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment specific to Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 082 0549, be read a first time; and
- the required public hearing be held on June 24, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Procedure Bylaw - Bylaw No. 14/025

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/025, being the Procedure Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

6. Sports and Entertainment Centre (SEC) Summary Report Recommendations

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that:

- Administration be authorized to proceed with negotiations with the Lead Proponent for a Non-Binding Letter of Intent encompassing legal, commercial, operational, financial, and design terms and requirements for the Sports and Entertainment Centre on the chosen site which borders Franklin Avenue, Main Street, MacDonald Avenue and Morrison Street; and
- Administration also be authorized to proceed with negotiations with the second highest ranked proponent should Administration not be able to come to an acceptable agreement with the Lead Proponent on a Letter of Intent.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: G. Boutilier

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration be authorized to develop a team of professionals to represent the needs and desires of the Municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussions occurred with respect to the negotiation process and the location of the arena. It was requested that Administration look into alternate plans for the Sports and Entertainment Centre should there be issues that cannot be overcome. It was also requested that Administration provide any reports or information regarding alternate sites that may have been provided to Council members, including the strengths and weaknesses of these sites.

Exit and Return

Councillor G. Boutilier left the chamber at 6:53 p.m. and returned at 6:54 p.m.

Exit and Return

Councillor G. Boutilier left the chamber at 7:22 p.m. and returned at 7:27 p.m.

Recess

A break occurred from 7:35 p.m. to 7:51 p.m.

7. Medevac Services

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that:

- funding of \$1,500,000 be allocated from the 2014 Regional Emergency Services Operating surplus as part of a partnership agreement to fund medevac services for the region for a period of one year, following which it will be reviewed;
- in the event the 2014 Regional Emergency Services Operating surplus is insufficient, the funds be allocated from Office of the COO Division surplus; and
- in the event the 2014 Office of the COO Division surplus is insufficient, the funds be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

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 8:07 p.m.

8. Partnership Opportunity with the Fort McMurray Public School District

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that:

- the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo decline the offer to enter into a Partnership Statement of Commitment that was

- proposed by the Fort McMurray Public School District;
- Administration explore the feasibility of piloting municipal counselling services at Timberlea Landing in 2015; and
- the Accommodation Services 2010-2030 Implementation Plan be updated to reflect the current and future space needs of the Municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor P. Meagher returned to the Chamber at 8:15 p.m.

9. 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment - Revised and New Projects

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that:

- the 2014 and Prior Capital Budget be revised as summarized on Attachment 1, 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Revised and New Projects, dated June 10, 2014; and
- the cash flow of Capital Projects be approved as summarized on Attachment 2, 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Project Cash Flow Summary, dated June 10, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. 2014-2016 Fiscal Management Strategy

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the 2014 - 2016 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated June 10, 2014, be used as a guide for 2015 budget development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion ensued and it was requested that Administration bring forward the Fiscal Responsibility Policy (FIN-160) for discussion at a future Audit and Budget Committee Meeting.

Exit and Return

Councillor P. Meagher left the chamber at 8:34 p.m. and returned at 8:37 p.m.

New and Unfinished Business

11. Notice of Motion – North Side Recreation Centre

Tim Reid, Chief Operating Officer and Mike Cachia, Chair, Board of Directors, Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo spoke and indicated that they can deliver a schematic design and type D costing for Council approval by July 8, 2014.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that:

- the responsibility to lead, construct and operate the North Side Recreation Centre be transferred to the Regional Recreation Corporation; and
- the Regional Recreation Corporation deliver a final design

and costing for Council approval by July 8, 2014.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Notice of Motion Referral

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the Notice of Motion made by Mayor Blake regarding the Timberlea Splash Park naming be referred to the Community Identification Committee.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: L. Bussieres, J. Cardinal,
P. Meagher

Reporting - Boards and Committees

Councillor J. Stroud – FCM Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario
Councillor G. Boutilier – Kids Forever Foundation Reception and Golf Tournament
Councillor P. Meagher – Law Day, KAOS Radio 8th Birthday Bash, Ronald McDonald House Golf Tournament, Hope in the Dark
Councillor A. Vinni – Law Day, FCM Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario
Councillor T. Ault – FCM Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario
Councillor P. Meagher – Golden Years Society Event – Seniors of the Year
Mayor M. Blake – YMM Air Show, 2015 Summer Games Countdown Clock Unveiling Event, Alberta Chamber of Commerce, Launch of Environmental Week, Golden Years Society Event, Community Prayer, MACOY Group
Councillor K. McGrath – Leading the North Conference

Exit

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the chamber at 9:17 p.m.

Adjournment

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer