

Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Audit and Budget Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Monday, November 18, 2013, commencing at 9:15 a.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
L. Bussieres, Committee Member
J. Stroud, Committee Member

Absent: J. Chadi, Committee Member
S. Germain, Committee Member

Also Present: T. Ault, Councillor
G. Boutilier, Councillor

Administration: B. Makey, Chief Operating Officer
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 9:25

- 1. Introduction of Proposed Operating Budget and**
- 2. Municipal-Wide Proposed Operating Budget Overview**

E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and K. Oladimeji, Director, Finance came forward to introduce and provide a municipal-wide overview of the 2014 Proposed Operating Budget

K. Oladimeji noted that the proposed 2014 Operating Budget is \$486M, which translates into an increase of \$30M over the 2013 operating budget.

3. Operating Budget Discussions

B. Makey, Chief Operating Officer, noted that Communications, Council and Legislative Services, Government Relations, Regional Emergency Services and RCMP/Bylaw departments fall under his portfolio.

Arrival

Councillor Boutilier joined the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

S. Sandhu, Executive Director, Corporate & Community Services identified Aboriginal & Rural Relations, Advisory Services, Community Services, Employee Development & Support Services, Information Technology, Land Administration, Legal Services and Public Affairs as the departments under his portfolio.

H. Hunter, Executive Director, Public Infrastructure & Planning identified Engineering, Environmental Services, Planning & Development and Public Operations as the departments within his portfolio.

E. Hutton, Chief Financial Officer then identified Assessment & Taxation, Finance and Supply Chain Manager as the departments within her portfolio.

A number of questions were asked of and answered by various staff relative to municipal services.

Administration was requested to provide the Committee with the following information:

- Placement of heated bus shelters on Alberta Drive;
- Comparison report between the previous and the current transit system operator;
- Alberta Health Services initiative to separate ambulance service from the currently integrated emergency service provided by the Municipality.

Recess

A break occurred from 10:34 a.m. to 11:01 a.m.

5. Capital Budget Prioritization Feedback

The Committee agreed to hold the Capital Budget Prioritization session on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, starting at 9:30 a.m., with all Council Members encouraged to attend.

4. Operating Budget Discussions

The Committee continued to discuss the proposed operating budget and again a number of questions were asked of and answered by various staff members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer