

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, May 27, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: G. Boutilier, Councillor
J. Chadi, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer (Interim)
S. Kanzig, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:06 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

Notice of Motion

Councillor S. Germain served notice that the following motion will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the June 10, 2014 Council Meeting:

"That the responsibility to lead, construct and operate the North Side Recreation Centre be transferred to the Regional Recreation Corporation, and;

That the Regional Recreation Corporation deliver a final design and costing for Council approval by July 8, 2014."

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of previous Council Meeting - May 13, 2014

The following change was requested:

The minutes reflect that the mover of item Number 3; Laurie MacNeill, Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Community Mail Boxes was Councillor S. Germain.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes from the May 13, 2014 Council Meeting be approved as amended.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

Amanda Herbert, Executive Director of the Wood Buffalo Community Village spoke in support of the Lease of Port of Entry Building to Wood Buffalo Community Village report.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Amanda Herbert be received as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath left the chamber at 6:30 p.m. and returned at 6:31 p.m.

Jim Rogers, resident spoke regarding the Notice of Motion – Participation of former Employees in Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation made by Jim Rogers be received as information.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Howard Rensler, UDI Wood Buffalo re: CN Lynton Rail Yard

Howard Rensler, Executive Director of UDI Wood Buffalo spoke and expressed concerns in relation to the CN Lynton Rail Yard and the impact the development could have on the community.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the presentation made by Howard Rensler regarding CN Lynton Rail Yard be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussions ensued and Councillor T. Ault put forward the following motion:

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Administration be directed to convene a meeting or series of meetings with stakeholders from the development community including municipal staff and CN Rail regarding the PNT (Protective Notation).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws**3. Closure of Undeveloped Government Road Allowances and Authorization to Sell - Bylaw No. 14/003**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 14/003, being a bylaw to close Undeveloped Road Allowances, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/003 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/022, being the Council Compensation Review Committee Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: K. McGrath, A. Vinni

Reports**5. Community Identification Committee Recommendation - Airport Roads**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the roads within the Airport Lands be named Saline Creek Parkway, Snow Eagle Drive, Snow Bird Way and Golden Hawk Road.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Lease of Port of Entry Building to Wood Buffalo Community Village

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo enter into a lease agreement with the Wood Buffalo Community Village for the lease of the Port of Entry building located at 400 Sakitawaw Trail, subject to the following:

1. The lease will become effective July 1, 2014;
2. The lease shall be offered for the nominal sum of \$1.00 per year; and
3. The lessee shall be responsible for all costs associated with utilities, insurance and tenant improvements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. 2014 – 2016 Fiscal Management Strategy

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2014 – 2016 Fiscal Management Strategy be brought forward for consideration prior to Council's scheduled summer recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Signing Authority - Cheques & Negotiable Instruments

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the proposed Signing Authority – Cheques and Other Negotiable Instruments, dated May 20, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Investment Policy – FIN-140

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Investment Policy FIN-140, dated May 27, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business**10. Notice of Motion - Participation of former Employees in Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

THAT Administration take all necessary steps to ensure that former employees dismissed without cause during the period 2011-2014 may speak freely with the external Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit team with respect to the circumstances of their dismissal, without being in breach of any contractual obligation of non-disclosure or confidentiality;

THAT written notification of the above be sent to all affected employees on or before June 15, 2014; and

THAT the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and the said employees maintain their contractual obligations of non-disclosure or confidentiality for all other purposes.

Discussions ensued regarding the expectations of reasonable steps to be taken by Administration to contact the affected employees. It was suggested that advertisements be published in the local newspapers, on social media, on the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo webpage in addition to sending written notification by regular mail to the last known addresses of the affected employees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain left the chamber at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 7:28 p.m.

Reporting - Boards and Committees

Councillor T. Ault – TOTAL community engagement luncheon, Miskanaw members night, Fort McMurray Public School Board employee recognition event recognizing Phil Meagher’s 30 years, Prestige Fighting Championship

Councillor P. Meagher - Robotics Championship at Greely Road Public School, Law day, 3rd annual Hope in the Dark event for Centre of Hope

Councillor S. Germain – congratulations to the Fort McMurray Catholic School Board vice chair Keith McGrath for 10 years with the Board

Councillor K. McGrath - Miskanaw members night, Canadian Institute of Mining, Memorial Golf Tournament

Mayor M. Blake – Announcement of Oil Barons new head coach, Water Conservation initiatives, 3rd annual Diversity Summit, Launch of the 211 service, 5th annual Metis Fest, Leading the North Conference

Adjournment

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer