

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: J. Stroud, Chair
M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor

Administration: K. Scoble, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
B. Couture, Executive Director, Community and Protective Services
B. Moore, Executive Director, Planning and Regional Development
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair J. Stroud called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Minutes of August 25, 2015

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Rural Committee meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

**2. Development Charges Reduction Program for Rural Development Projects
(4:02 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.)**

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that the Rural Development Committee recommend that Council establish a Development Incentive Program for the rural areas within the municipality [similar to the program set out in Resolution 10-377 for the Lower Townsite] to reduce development charges in rural areas of the municipality by sixty percent (60%) for a trial period expiring on December 31, 2016.

B. Evanson, Director, Planning & Development, gave an overview of the program. He confirmed that only developments requiring a municipal development permit and requiring municipal infrastructure such as sidewalks, roads, water/sewer will be eligible to apply for the reduction program.

Arrival

Councillor A. Vinni joined the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Reference was made to the water and sewer servicing project in relation to which Council has approved a cost of \$16,000 to existing residents for connection purposes. In terms of future development, the 60% reduction would apply to the construction cost of infrastructure required to support a specific development.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Communication Plan - Rural Water & Sewer Servicing Project (4:25 p.m. – 4:59 p.m.)

C. Bouchard, Director, Community Services; E. Haque, Director, Engineering; and D. Dragonetti, Director, Environmental Services, were present to speak to this matter.

E. Haque mentioned that based on the complexity of the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Project, an internal Steering Committee has been established and will be providing project updates on a quarterly basis.

The importance of communicating with the residents about the work being done, timelines, how it will occur, and so forth, was stressed. It was requested that when the 2016 construction season begins, the project updates be provided on a monthly basis. It was further suggested that the next update provide information relative to the different techniques available for installing pipes.

Reference was made to the trees at the end of Sapræ Crescent which have been taken down and it was requested that Administration look at planting trees to protect the existing trail system.

Mr. Conrad Kuncio, resident, came forward, noting he resides at the corner of Highway 881 and Highway 63, and expressed frustration with the lack of stakeholder engagement as it relates to the waterline proposed to run alongside his property. Mr. Kuncio indicated that he has been told that he will not be able to tie into the waterline, and indicated that his attempts to engage his ward Councillor and municipal Administration regarding this matter have been unsuccessful.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer K. Scoble confirmed that Administration is aware of the concerns brought forward by Mr. Kuncio, and is investigating options to address the situation. Mr. Scoble clarified that the line in question is actually a high pressure line as opposed to a distribution line and is not part of the rural water and sewer servicing project.

Chair J. Stroud thanked Mr. Kuncio for coming forward, and encouraged him to continue working with Administration.

4. Governance Discussion

Moved by Mayor M. Blake that Item #4 - Governance Discussion
be deferred to the next Rural Committee Meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer