

**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, September 23, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** M. Blake, Mayor  
T. Ault, Councillor  
G. Boutilier, Councillor  
J. Cardinal, Councillor  
S. Germain, Councillor  
K. McGrath, Councillor  
J. Stroud, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor

**Absent:** L. Bussieres, Councillor  
J. Chadi, Councillor  
P. Meagher, 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 6:07 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

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

**National Anthem**

Councillors K. McGrath and J. Stroud entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Minutes of Council Meeting - September 9, 2014**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on September 9, 2014 be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Delegations**

Councillor T. Ault declared a potential pecuniary interest in relation to the upcoming delegate and exited the Chamber at 6:12 p.m.

**Reegan McCullough, Executive Director, Oil Sands Community Alliance**, spoke in relation to agenda item # 3, Assessment Review Boards Bylaw – Bylaw No. 14/033 and requested that Council consider deferring second and third readings until the next Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation heard from Reegan McCullough be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor T. Ault returned to the Chamber at 6:22 p.m.

**Matthew MacEachen, Civeo Canada and Kim Wakefield, Dentons**, expressed interest in speaking on agenda item # 5, Municipal Public Utilities Bylaw No. 14/035. Council's Procedure Bylaw states that "delegations may only speak to an item that is on the regular meeting agenda, with the exception of the following: (a) any bylaw that requires a public hearing, or for which a public hearing has already been held; or (b) any bylaw that is scheduled for first reading". It was requested that the delegates present themselves when the Bylaw is set to receive second and third readings.

## **Presentations**

### **2. KPMG re: Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit**

**John Stelter, Partner and Paul Groch, Senior Manager, KMPG**, introduced themselves and explained they were hired to conduct an external audit in early 2014. The report focused on a timeframe from January 2011 until May 30, 2014. The review outlined eight areas within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo that may need to be enhanced. Discussions ensued and Council asked several questions to the Auditors regarding their findings.

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the Chamber at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration proceed with implementation of the recommendations contained in the Accountability, Integrity and Transparency Audit and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Recess**

A break occurred from 7:51 p.m. to 8:12 p.m.

## **Bylaws**

Councillor T. Ault declared a potential pecuniary interest in relation to Item # 3, Assessment Review Boards Bylaw No. 14/033 and exited the Chamber at 8:13 p.m.

**3. Assessment Review Boards Bylaw – Bylaw No. 14/033**

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that second and third readings of Bylaw No. 14/033 be deferred until October 14, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor T. Ault returned to the Chamber at 8:20 p.m.

**4. Land Use Bylaw Amendment - A portion of NE 31 TWP 76 RGE 7 W4M (Conklin) - Bylaw No. 14/034**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that Bylaw No. 14/034, being a Land Use Bylaw Amendment specific to a portion of NE 31 Twp 76 Rge 7 W4M (Conklin) be read a first time; and
- that the required public hearing be held on October 14, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Municipal Public Utilities Bylaw No. 14/035**

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/035, being the Municipal Public Utilities Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Reports****6. Fort McMurray Flood Mitigation Program: Funding Application to the Province of Alberta**

**Kevin Scoble, Acting Executive Director, Public Infrastructure and Planning,** answered inquiries from Council members.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier:

- that Council approve a three-phase flood mitigation development plan that outlines priorities for flood mitigation in the Lower Townsite over the next four years; and
- that Council direct Administration to apply for flood mitigation funding from the Alberta Community Resilience Program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Rural Water and Sewer Servicing**

**Darcy Dragonetti, Acting Director, Environmental Services – Operations,** gave a presentation on financing options for property owners and answered questions from Council.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that the property owners' contribution of ten percent to capital costs for piped water and sewer systems in Anzac, Conklin, and Gregoire Lake Estates be collected through Local

- Improvement Tax;
- that the property owners' contribution of ten percent to capital costs for piped water and sewer systems in Draper and Janvier be collected through contracts administered by the Municipality;
  - that all property owners receiving piped water and sewer systems in the program have the option to pay any portion of their contribution, from ten percent to one hundred percent, initially in the form of a lump sum payment with the remaining balance to be administered through Local Improvement Tax or contract;
  - that all property owners may pay the remaining balance of their contribution off at any time during the term of the Local Improvement Tax or contract; and
  - that new subdivisions and developments will be required to connect to the piped water and sewer systems and that the costs of these private connections, paid through development service fees, will be the full responsibility of the property owner.

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Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the matter of cost for property owners in Saprae Creek who have septic fields be referred to Administration to develop alternatives which would reduce total costs to approximately five-eighths of the \$16,000 installation charges; and that Administration present its findings and recommendations at the October 14 Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Council Expense Summary – January 1 – June 30, 2014**

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Council Expense Summary for the period January 1 – June 30, 2014 be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**9. 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised Provincial Projects – Fort McMurray Community Development Program**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that the 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, as summarized on Attachment 1 (2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, Provincial Projects – Fort McMurray Community Development Plan program, dated September 2, 2014) be approved; and
- that the cash flow of Capital Projects, as summarized on Attachment 2 (2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, Provincial Projects – Fort McMurray Community Development Plan program – Project Cash Flow Summary, dated September 2, 2014) be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni:

- that the 2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments as summarized on Attachment 1 (2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendments – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects) dated September 2, 2014 be approved; and
- that the cash flow of Capital Projects as summarized on Attachment 2 (2014 and Prior Capital Budget Amendment – Revised, New and Cancelled Projects – Project Cash Flow Summary), dated September 2, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business****11. Transportation Authority**

Moved by Councillor S. Germain: “That Administration be directed to investigate the establishment of a transportation authority; and that consideration for proceeds from provincial land release sales be directed towards the development of transportation infrastructure within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.”

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the second part of Councillor Germain’s motion be amended to read: “that consideration for proceeds from provincial land release sales be directed towards the development of a reliable, effective and efficient transportation infrastructure for safe movement of people and goods within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voting then occurred on the main motion as amended, which reads as follows:

- that Administration be directed to investigate the establishment of a transportation authority; and
- that consideration for proceeds from provincial land release sales be directed towards the development of a reliable, effective and efficient transportation infrastructure for safe movement of people and goods within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**12. Family Bus Pass**

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Administration be directed to investigate a family bus pass to promote the use of public transportation within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Reporting - Boards and Committees**

Councillor A. Vinni – Grand Opening of Wild Play at Vista Ridge, Oil Sands Community Alliance meeting, FCM Committee Meeting

Councillor T. Ault – Communities in Bloom Committee competition

Councillor J. Cardinal – Provincial Heritage Outstanding Achievement Award Recipient (Oliver Glanfield)

Councillor J. Stroud – Strategic Sessions on Transportation and Operational Excellence, Community Meeting in Janvier, Opening of the new Miskinaw Golf Course

Councillor K. McGrath – First HALOS event for the Kids Forever Program at Keyano Sport and Wellness Centre

Mayor M. Blake – Firefighters Memorial on September 11, Police and Peace Officers' Day, Syncrude's kickoff for the United Way, Grand Opening of Wild Play at Vista Ridge, Ground breaking at the Northside Community Recreation Centre for the twinned arena, Playground re-opening at MacDonald Island Park, Rebranding and re-opening of the Miskinaw Golf Course, Fort McKay Bridge Opening

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer