

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Development Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

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

Absent: T. Ault, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
D. Soucy, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

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

Chair J. Stroud welcomed delegates from the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, who were observing the meeting: Al Kemmere, President; Tom Burton, District 4 Director; Gerald Rhodes, Executive Director; and Wyatt Skovron, Policy Analyst.

1. Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes of Rural Development Committee Meeting - May 26, 2015

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the Minutes of the Rural Development Committee meeting held on May 26, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

New and Unfinished Business

3. Appointment of Acting Chair

(4:04 p.m. to 4:05 p.m.)

Mayor M. Blake nominated Councillor J. Cardinal to serve as Acting Chair of the Rural Development Committee. Councillor J. Cardinal accepted the nomination and, as there were no other nominations, was declared appointed by acclamation.

4. Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation - Affordable and Seniors' Housing in Rural Areas

(4:06 p.m. to 5:04 p.m.)

Bryan Lutes, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Kerry Collette, Vice-Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation (WBHDC), advised that they were in attendance at the request of the Chair to respond to questions, but had no formal presentation prepared.

Jeffrey O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Council, provided an overview of the concerns with seniors' affordable housing in Conklin.

Almer Herman, President, Christina River Dene Nation Council, spoke on the challenges with affordable and seniors' housing in Janvier.

Bryan Lutes, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Kerry Collette, Vice-Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation (WBHDC), then answered questions regarding affordable housing to senior citizens and low and middle income individuals and families living in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, and specifically with respect to the Rural Service Area.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer