

Minutes of a Meeting of the Rural Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, commencing at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present: Councillor J. Stroud, Chair
Councillor L. Bussieres
Councillor J. Cardinal

Also Present: Councillor A. Vinni

Administration: A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair J. Stroud called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Rural Committee Minutes - November 24, 2015

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Minutes of the Rural Committee meeting held on November 24, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival

Councillor Vinni joined the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

New and Unfinished Business

**2. Rural Water and Sewer Servicing
- Communications Strategy Overview
(3:17 p.m. – 3:26 p.m.)**

Brendan Proce, Acting Manager and Robin Smith, Press Secretary, came forward and provided an overview of the Communications Strategy for the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing project.

R. Smith explained the roll out of the communication plan will match the project's construction schedule.

3. Update on Rural Projects (South)

(3:26 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.)

Emdad Haque, Director, Engineering Services; Kashif Khan, Program Manager, Rural Servicing, and Moges Gebreleoul, Project Manager, came forward to present an update on various rural projects and their expected completion dates. A lengthy discussion occurred during which questions were raised and answered relative to specific projects.

Chair J. Stroud raised a number of questions for which she requested written responses as these questions will be raised during upcoming open houses to be held in Anzac, Gregoire Lake and Conklin.

In response to a request from Councillor Vinni, the Committee agreed that Update on Rural Projects (South) will be included as a standard item on Rural Committee Agendas.

Motion to Move In Camera

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Rural Committee move In Camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Rural Water and Sewer Program - Cost Contribution Alternative

(In Camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

Motion to Reconvene in Public

Moved by Councillor J. Cardinal that the Rural Committee reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee met in camera between 4:35 p.m. and 4:56 p.m.

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that it be recommended that Council amend its resolution of September 23, 2014, relating to the Rural Water and Sewer Program to direct Administration to collect the resident contribution through a service connection fee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all items of business were concluded, Chair J. Stroud declared the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer