

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 22, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor
J. Chadi, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
R. Kendall, Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

National Anthem

The National Anthem was performed by local student, Hannah Keller.

Adoption of Agenda

The following motion was presented by Councillor P. Meagher: "THAT the Agenda be amended to add Item No. 7 – Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Appointment; and that the agenda be adopted as amended."

Councillor S. Germain then requested that the agenda be further amended by deleting Item No. 5 – Conklin Multiplex Project. As there was no objection from Council, this was considered as a friendly amendment, and voting proceed on the amended motion, which reads as follows:

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- that the Agenda be amended to add Item No. 7 – Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Appointment;
- that the Agenda be further amended by deleting item 5 – Councillors' Motion re: Conklin Multiplex Project; and
- that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings**1. Minutes from Council Meeting - September 15, 2015**

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 15, 2015 be approved as presented.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws**2. Bylaw No. 15/022 - Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment Gateway District - Quarry Ridge**

(6:14 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Bylaw No. 15/022, being a Land Use Bylaw Text Amendment specific to the Gateway District, be read a first time, and that the required public hearing be held on October 13, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**3. Oversight Committee Recommendation - Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation Request for Approval of Financing Terms and Conditions for Siltstone Place and Venture Terrace**

(6:15 p.m. – 6:16 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation (WBHDC) be authorized to secure financing to a maximum of \$33,700,000 for the Siltstone Ridge project and \$3,400,000 for the Venture Terrace project for an amortization period not to exceed 25 years, on the best commercial terms that WBHDC is able to negotiate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Timberlea Sewer Backups – Financial Support for Impacted Homeowners

(6:17 p.m. – 6:56 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that a decision on providing financial support in addition to or in lieu of compensation through the Municipality's insurer, for residents affected by the July 12, 2015 sewer back-up flooding in the Timberlea area, be deferred until:

- (a) a detailed engineering investigation and proximate cause analysis with respect to the July 12, 2015 storm event is complete and delivered to Council; and
- (b) the Municipality's insurer has made a determination as to whether it will pay claims relating to that event.

David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, provided an overview of the options provided by Administration with respect to possible financial support for impacted homeowners, and advised that Administration recommends that Council defer a decision on this matter until a thorough investigation has been completed.

Kathi Gouthro, resident, spoke in opposition to the recommendation stating that the suggested compensation would not be sufficient and there should be full distribution on a case-by-case basis.

It was subsequently noted that it could take two to three months for the engineering review to be conducted, at which time a further report will be presented to Council.

During the course of discussion, specific reference was made to a possible sewer smell in the vicinity of the Ptarmigan Bridge on the Wolf Trail. The Deputy CAO indicated that he would have the matter investigated and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors' Motions

5. Conklin Mutliplex Project

This item was deleted from the Agenda.

6. Governance Review (6:56 p.m. – 7:14 pm.)

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the Government of Alberta be requested to perform an inspection of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo with regard to any matters connected to its governance function and the activities of the Mayor and Councillors, in accordance with Section 571(1)(b) of the Municipal Government Act.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: A. Vinni

7. Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Appointments (7:15 p.m. – 7:16 pm.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that John Mulhall, public-at-large, be appointed to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee effective immediately to October 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer