

**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, December 09, 2014, commencing at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** J. Chadi, Councillor

**Administration:** M. Ulliac, Interim Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer  
S. Harper, Legislative Officer  
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

**Call To Order**

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

**Opening Prayer**

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

**National Anthem**

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the agenda be amended by adding the following as Item 1-A. – Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer; and that the agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arrival

Councillor G. Boutilier entered the Chamber at 6:13 p.m.

**1-A. Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer**

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Marcel Ulliac be appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Minutes of Previous Meetings

### 1. Minutes from Council Meeting - November 25, 2014

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on November 25, 2014 be approved as presented.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Public Hearings and Related Reports

### 2. Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Amendment - Bylaw No. 14/038

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/038 be opened.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Phil Walding, Chief Taxi Inspector, Bylaw Enforcement**, provided a brief introduction on behalf of Administration.

**Frank Creasey, Taxicab Advisory Committee**, presented an overview of the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Amendments, as recommended and supported by the Taxicab Advisory Committee.

**Tagay Muktar** spoke on behalf of a number of taxi drivers and expressed concern that they had not been sufficiently consulted during the amendment process.

**Dogar Mohammad**, expressed his concerns regarding the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the Chamber at 6:39 p.m. and returned at 6:43 p.m.

**Ronald W. MacNeill, Owner, Sun Taxi**, spoke in support of Bylaw 14/038.

**Penny Skinner, Office Manager, Sun Taxi**, supported the proposed Bylaw.

**Christian MacNeill, Vice President, Sun Taxi**, expressed support for the Bylaw.

**Younus Alhatimi, McMurray Limo**, expressed his concerns with the proposed Bylaw.

**Abdihanan Hussein** mentioned several issues he had with the proposed Bylaw.

#### Exit and Return

Councillor K. McGrath exited the Chamber at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.

**Farhan Jaraid** thought there could still be more amendments made to improve the Bylaw.

**Jim Haryett, Teamsters Union # 987**, spoke in support of the Bylaw but also recommended more changes be made going forward.

**Dawit Solomon** made reference to costs incurred relative to living and conducting business in the region.

### Exits and Returns

Councillor Boutilier exited the Chamber at 7:21 p.m. and returned at 7:26 p.m.

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the Chamber at 7:30 p.m. and returned at 7:47 p.m.

### Assuming of the Chair

Mayor M. Blake exited the Chamber at 7:56 p.m. and returned at 7:59 p.m. Councillor P. Meagher assumed the Chair during this time.

A number of questions were raised by Council regarding the Taxicab Advisory Committee's consultation process with drivers, work shifts for drivers, airport rates and fees, and licencing.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/038 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was held between 6:16 p.m. and 8:25 p.m.

### Recess

A recess occurred at 8:25 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m. Councillor J. Cardinal was not in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That Schedules "A","B" and "C" to Bylaw No. 14/038, as presented at first reading, be deleted and replaced with the versions of Schedules "A","B" and "C", as identified in Attachment 2 of the report dated December 9, 2014; and
- That Bylaw No. 14/038 be further amended by adding the following new section 132.1:  
"By deleting subsections 78(n), 90(b), and 93(j) and the references to those subsections in Schedule C, and by substituting therefor the following new section "78.1 A Driver shall not operate a vehicle for hire for more than 16 hours in any consecutive 24 hour period"; and  
adding a new line to Schedule C making it an offense punishable by a \$500 fine to contravene section 78.1; and
- That Bylaw No. 14/038, being a bylaw to amend the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, be read a second time as amended.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres,  
J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath,  
P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: T. Ault

Councillor G. Boutilier requested that Administration work in conjunction with the Taxicab Advisory Committee to have discussions with the Fort McMurray Airport Authority regarding the airport rates and fees.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 14/038 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Reports

### **3. 2015 Proposed Budget**

**Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, and Kola Oladimeji, Director, Finance**, provided a high level presentation outlining the 2015 Proposed Budget.

#### Return

Councillor J. Cardinal returned to the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal,  
S. Germain, K. McGrath,  
P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: G. Boutilier, L. Bussieres

**Yvonne McCallum, Board Member, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee (CRDAC)/Community Elder, and Jeffrey O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer, Conklin Resource Development Advisory Committee**, spoke in relation to the Conklin Multi-Use Centre and expressed their view on how this Centre would help host many annual events in the community.

**Verna Quintal, Conklin President; Shirley Tremblay, Metis Local President; Margaret Quintal, Conklin Community Association**, expressed their support for the Conklin Multi-Use Centre.

#### Recess

A break occurred from 9:57 p.m. to 10:06 p.m. Councillors J. Cardinal, G. Boutilier and S. Germain were not in attendance when the meeting reconvened.

**Mike Durocher, resident**, spoke in support of the 2015 Proposed Budget.

#### Return

Councillor S. Germain returned to the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

**Ron Quintal, Fort McKay Metis Community, President**, expressed support for the Conklin Multi-Use Centre.

#### Return

Councillor G. Boutilier returned to the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

Discussion ensued and questions were raised by Council regarding projects in the proposed capital budget.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain:

That the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo (the “RRC”) be advised of Council’s desire that:

- (a) Work on the Twin Arenas phase of the Northside Recreation Centre project be temporarily suspended, effective immediately; and that
- (b) The RRC collaborate with the Municipality’s administration to create a revised scope and a budget for a total Northside Recreation Centre project including but not limited to the Twin Arenas, for Council’s consideration as soon as practicable but in any event not later than the end of January 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Exit & Return

Councillor J. Stroud exited the Chamber at 11:04 p.m. and returned at 11:06 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2015 Capital Budget in the amount of \$362,275,385 and \$312,375 Public Art Fund transfer totaling \$362,587,760 be approved as set out in Attachment 1, 2015 Capital Budget, dated December 9, 2014, as follows:

- Capital Infrastructure Reserve \$250,628,450
- Debenture Financing \$69,109,310
- Grants \$35,600,000
- Offsite Levies/Charges \$7,250,000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the multi-year projects in progress as set out in Attachment 2, 2015 Capital Budget – Multi-Year Projects – In Progress – Cash Flow Changes, dated December 9, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the new multi-year projects as set out in Attachment 3, 2015 New Multi Year Projects – Cash Flow, dated December 9, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the multi-year projects as set out in Attachment 4, 2016 - 2020 Multi Year Projects – Cash Flow dated December 9, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Exits & Return

Councillor G. Boutilier exited the Chamber at 11:35 p.m. and returned at 11:37 p.m.

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 11:44 p.m.

Moved by Councillor G. Boutilier that the 2015 Operating Budget be deferred to a future date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. Urban Snow and Ice Control**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Urban Snow and Ice Control item be deferred to a future date.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, G. Boutilier,  
L. Bussieres, K. McGrath, A. Vinni

Opposed: P. Meagher, J. Stroud

Exit

Councillor G. Boutilier left the meeting at 11:51 p.m.

**5. Extension of Lower Townsite Redevelopment Incentive Program**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Extension of Lower Townsite Redevelopment Program be deferred to a future date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor S. Germain entered the Chamber at 11:52 p.m.

It was noted that a special meeting would be called to deal with the deferred items.

**6. Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the reserve bids and sale conditions be established as listed in the Reserve Bids and Sale Conditions for Tax Sale Properties, dated November 30, 2014, Attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Municipal Facility Park**

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the new Municipal Facility Park in City Centre adjoining Jubilee Centre be named “Jubilee Plaza”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**8. Community Identification Committee Recommendations – Municipal Facility**

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the indoor space in the Jubilee Centre Municipal Facility, currently referred to as The McMurray Experience, be named “McMurray Experience”.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres,  
K. McGrath, J. Stroud, A. Vinni

Opposed: S. Germain, P. Meagher

## 9. Council Committee Appointments

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

1. that Ijad Dewan, Keith Haxton, Phil Klug and Nick Alexanders (alternate) be appointed to the Local Assessment Review Board, effective January 1, 2015, until December 31, 2016; and

that remuneration for Local Assessment Review Board Members be set at the same level as provincial remuneration rates for Municipal Government Board Members.

2. that the following appointments be approved, effective January 1, 2015:

- **Combative Sports Commission:**
  - Sandy Bowman,
  - Christine Burton, and
  - Phil Heinzelman to December 31, 2016;
- **Communities In Bloom Committee:**
  - Lise Bolen,
  - Phil Klug,
  - Elaine Martens, and
  - Theresa E. Wells to December 31, 2016;
- **Community Identification Committee:**
  - Megan Langille, and
  - Frank Reitz to December 31, 2016;
- **Community Services Committee:**
  - Dwayne Edwards,
  - Rick Hulbert, and
  - Tiffany Primmer to December 31, 2016;
- **Fort McMurray Airport Authority:**
  - Allan Kallal to December 31, 2018;
- **Landlord and Tenant Advisory Board:**
  - Al Sanders, and
  - Brian Wyatt to December 31, 2016;
- **Library Board:**
  - Lisa Brown to December 31, 2016;
  - Jonah Lempogo,
  - Cynthia O'Donnell, and
  - Jim Proudfoot to December 31, 2017;
- **Regional Advisory Committee on Inclusion, Diversity and Equality:**
  - Reinalie Jorolan, and
  - Dave Simcoe to December 31, 2016;
- **Regional Recreation Corporation:**
  - Mark Alan Hodson,
  - Gail Sparrow, and
  - David Tien to December 31, 2015;
  - Michael Cachia to December 31, 2016;

- Bruno Francoeur,
  - Mark Power, and
  - Ron Sturgess to December 31, 2017;
  - **Subdivision and Development Appeal Board:**
    - Conrad Field, and
    - David James Secord December 31, 2016; and
  - **Wood Buffalo Housing and Development Corporation:**
    - Dan Fouts,
    - Dave Hodson,
    - Trudie-Ann Plamondon, and
    - Randy Stefanizyn to December 31, 2017.
- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Councillor Bussieres be appointed to the Board of Directors for the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo to fill the remainder of the term for the vacancy created as a result of the resignation of Councillor Boutilier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 a.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer