

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, March 24, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

- Present:** M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor
- Absent:** J. Chadi, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor
- Administration:** M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Acting Senior Legislative Officer
S. Harper, Legislative Officer
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Opening Prayer

National Anthem

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - March 10, 2015

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on March 10, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

2. Delegation of Council Authority - Bylaw No. 15/007

(6:08 p.m. - 6:09 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 15/007, being the Delegation of Council Authority Bylaw, be read a first time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports**3. Subdivision Time Extension Request - Lot 2 Block 17 Plan 802 2678 Anzac**
(6:09 p.m. - 6:11 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the application for Subdivision Time Extension for Lot 2 Block 17 Plan 802 2678 be approved for one year until August 16, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Amalgamation 20th Anniversary
(6:11 p.m. - 6:12 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the celebration of the amalgamation be deferred until the 25th anniversary in 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Small Communities Fund Grant Applications
(6:12 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- That Administration submit an application for the Small Communities Fund Grant for the Rural Water and Sewer Servicing capital project.
- That Administration submit an application for the Small Communities Fund Grant for the Beacon Hill Outfall and Pipelines Upgrade capital project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Rescinding of Leave of Absence Motion
(6:16 p.m. - 6:22 p.m.)

David Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer, provided explanation behind the intent of the report and answered questions of Council relative to the process that the Municipal Government Act defines for Councillor leave of absences.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the following resolution passed by Council on November 26, 2013:

“the absence of Councillor John Chadi from regular Council meetings due to health reasons be authorized.”

be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Council Committee Appointments

(6:23 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the following be appointed to the Community Services Committee:

- Michelle Bechtel, effective immediately, until December 31, 2015; and
- Jamie Fraleigh, effective April 1, 2015, until December 31, 2016; and

That Nabil Malik be appointed to the Public Art Committee, effective immediately until December 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Review of 2015 Operating Budget

(6:25 p.m. - 6:58 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, presented Administration's findings in response to the Notice of Motion passed at the March 10 Council Meeting regarding review of discretionary spending in the Operating Budget.

Reegan McCullough, Oil Sands Community Alliance, expressed concerns related to the population growth forecast identified by the Municipality.

Exits and Returns

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 6:51 p.m.

Councillor L. Bussieres exited the Chamber at 6:53 p.m. and returned at 6:55 p.m.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the discretionary spending reductions of \$14,056,400 as identified by Administration within the 2015 Operating Budget be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

The meeting recessed between 6:55 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

9. Review of Approved Capital Projects

(7:15 p.m. - 9:58 p.m.)

Ron Quintal, Fort McKay Metis Community, President, spoke in support of the Construction project for the Fort MacKay Fire Hall.

Reegan McCullough, Oil Sands Community Alliance, spoke in relation to the capital budget review process and highlighted potential areas for consideration including population forecast, optimization model and annual capital budget carry over.

Chief Travis Cramer and Sean Steil, Volunteer Firefighter, Anzac Fire Hall, expressed support for the Anzac Fire Hall Construction.

Bryce Kumka, Chamber of Commerce, spoke in relation to the economic climate and the opportunity for project optimization and local procurement.

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding several of the projects identified in the report.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the District Energy Supply and Return Pipe – PLB Portion Project be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Project Number 27 - Clearwater Park System (Riverside Park System) - Construction Project, and that phases 1b and 2 of Project Number 26 Waterways and Horse Pasture Park be deferred to 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that discussion regarding Project 35 Jubilee Centre Reno/Construction 2014-2016 Project be deferred until April 14, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was requested that Administration provide an itemized cost breakdown relative to the Jubilee Centre Reno/Construction project for the April 14, 2015 Council Meeting.

Recess

A recess occurred at 8:56 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that discussions on Project 22 Transit Facility Construction Green Trip be deferred until April 14, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Project 23 - Conklin Wastewater Treatment Plant - Construction be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Project 25 Road B at Saline Creek - Construction be deferred to 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Projects number 20 Rural Water and Sewer Servicing Conklin and 28 Conklin Multiplex - Construction be coordinated with Conklin Water Treatment Supply Upgrade Phase 2 so that redundant systems can be eliminated and the cost of those systems can be saved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

DEFEATED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal,
S. Germain

Opposed: L. Bussieres, P. Meagher,
J. Stroud, A. Vinni

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer