

**Minutes of a Special 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 16, 2014, commencing at 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** J. Cardinal, Councillor  
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 4:19 p.m.

**Reports**

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

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Lower Townsite Redevelopment Incentive Program be extended to December 31, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Urban Snow and Ice Control**

**Robert Kirby, Director, Public Works**, provided a brief presentation and highlighted proposed enhanced Snow and Ice Control services for the 2015/2016 Winter season.

**Enter**

Councillor S. Germain entered the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

It was requested that Administration consider the possibility of amending the bylaw restrictions which prevent snow plowing during the night time hours, and provide possible solutions to remedy this issue.

Council also requested that Administration investigate the possibility of providing municipal snow clearing services in partnership with the Snow Angels program to ensure the safe and efficient removal of snow from the driveways of local seniors and persons with disabilities.

Further, Council requested that Administration examine the possibility of implementing a parking ban on residential streets for 2 consecutive days to coincide with refuse collection.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that Administration implement parking restrictions effective as of April 1, 2015 that would restrict parking on urban municipal roadways one day a week in designated areas from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in order to enhance snow operations in the winter and road maintenance in the spring; and
- that \$2.7 million be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve for hiring 21 new positions to implement enhanced snow operations and road maintenance in the Urban Service Area which takes effect April 1, 2015. In the event of a 2015 Operating Surplus, funds will be allocated from the Public Works Operating Budget or Corporate Surplus, in that order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Recess

A dinner break occurred from 5:33 p.m. to 6:06 p.m. When the meeting reconvened, Councillor Bussieres was not in attendance.

### **3. 2015 Operating Budget, 2016-2017 Financial Plan**

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that \$100,000 be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a community hall in Saprae Creek. In the event of a 2015 Operating Surplus, funds will be allocated from the Community Services Department Operating Budget or Corporate Surplus, in that order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that \$100,000 be allocated from the Emerging Issues Reserve to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of a community hall in Draper. In the event of a 2015 Operating Surplus, funds will be allocated from the Community Services Department Operating Budget or Corporate Surplus, in that order.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Several questions were posed to Administration regarding new staffing requests, enhancing core services and bringing particular services in-house, such as Animal Control and Safety Codes.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- that the 2015 Operating Budget, as amended, in the amount of \$785,905,100 be approved, representing \$500,406,080 for Municipal operations and \$285,499,020 as a funding transfer for capital purposes.
- that the 2016 – 2017 Financial Plan in the amount of \$807,090,720 and \$829,230,142 with funding transfers for

capital purposes of \$293,313,142 and \$302,362,464 respectively, be used as the basis for the development of the respective subsequent budgets.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer