

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, January 27, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: J. Chadi, Councillor
P. Meagher, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
D. Leflar, Chief Legislative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
E. Franks, Legislative Coordinator

Call To Order

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer

National Anthem

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Agenda be amended by adding Item #9 – 2015 Ward 1 By-Election; and that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Organizational Meeting - October 28, 2014

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on October 28, 2014 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Minutes from Council Meeting - January 13, 2015

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 13, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Delegations

3. **Chief Allan Adam, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation re: Addition to Reserve**
(6:08 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.)

Chief Allan Adam and John Rigney, Administrator, presented on behalf of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nations seeking support from the Municipality regarding additions to Reserve lands. Chief Allan requested that Council provide a letter indicating support or non-support for the proposed addition to Reserve, or, alternatively, declining to take a position on the matter, as it clearly falls within federal jurisdiction.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 6:38 p.m. and returned at 6:41 p.m.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation by Chief Allan Adam be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in favor of the initiative being pursued by the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

Presentations

4. **Bryan Lutes, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation re: Community Engagement process for the redevelopment of the lands at Franklin Avenue and Hospital Street**
(6:51 p.m. – 9:22 p.m.)

Bryan Lutes, President, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation, Randy Stefanizyn, Chair, Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Board and Ryan Zacharuk, consultant, provided an overview on the community engagement process as well as future plans. Concerns were raised with respect to the sustainability of the development and that the proposed community village model is necessary to offset the cost of aging-in-place facilities. Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation representatives expressed their commitment to providing quality, affordable housing for seniors but that they would have to decline undertaking the project if forced to dedicate the entire site development to aging-in-place because of the prohibitive costs involved, which could not be supported on an ongoing basis.

Exit and Return

Councillor J. Cardinal exited the Chamber at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 6:53 p.m.

Lengthy discussions ensued regarding the housing needs of the seniors. It was requested that the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation provide a further update to Council once the community engagement process has been complete.

Recess

A recess occurred from 8:41 p.m. to 9:03 p.m.

Myrtle Dussault, citizen, objected to the presentation by Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation and requested that Council encourage more dialogue with seniors.

Kim Jenkins, resident and former Board Member, spoke in support of the community engagement process, and noted that the Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation Board and President have no personal agendas, but are committed to providing aging-in-place facilities in a manner that is sustainable and able to address the seniors' housing needs.

Gene Ouellette, resident, suggested that a seniors' facility be subsidized and that Council assist by steering the project in the direction that would benefit seniors.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the presentation from Wood Buffalo Housing & Development Corporation regarding the community engagement process for the redevelopment of the lands at Franklin Avenue and Hospital Street (Willow Square) be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Waterfront Steering Committee Report

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Waterfront Steering Committee Report be deferred to the February 10, 2015 Council Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Michael Cachia, Russell Agnew and Rachel Orser, Regional Recreation Corporation re: Northside Recreation Centre (9:25 p.m. – 11:17 p.m.)

Michael Cachia, Rachel Orser, Russell Agnew, Regional Recreation Corporation, presented three options for Council's consideration including design, construction costs and operating costs for the Northside Recreation Centre.

Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 9:52 p.m. and returned at 9:54 p.m.

Extension of Meeting

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the meeting be extended beyond 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, L. Bussieres,
J. Cardinal, S. Germain, K. McGrath,
J. Stroud

Opposed: A. Vinni

Robb Campre, Fort McKay Industrial Park and Glenn Johnston, ECOdomes Canada, expressed their concerns and suggested that the project go back to the market.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- that Option 1 be selected as the final design for the Northside Recreation Centre project;
- that a design budget be established by Administration and presented to Council to allow construction documents to be advanced to 75% completion, and that the Regional Recreation Corporation be asked not to tender the project until Council has approved a capital budget for it; and
- that Administration identify funding options and timing, and bring forward recommendations for Council's consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that Council move in camera pursuant to Section 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: S. Germain

Moved by Councillor L. Bussieres that the Council meeting reconvene in public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council met in camera from 10:54 p.m. to 11:11 p.m. at which time Councillor J. Stroud assumed the Chair and Mayor M. Blake was not in attendance.

Return

Mayor M. Blake returned to the meeting and assumed that Chair at 11:12 p.m.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the twin arenas proceed as a first phase of the Northside Recreation Centre, and that the Regional Recreation Corporation be instructed to take all prudent measures to achieve the greatest possible cost reduction for the twin arenas phase.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

7. Reserve Designation Removal and Sale of Portion of Block R1, Plan 752 0462 (Gregoire) - Bylaw No. 14/040

(11:18 p.m. – 11:26 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/040 be opened.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Keith Smith, Director, Land Administration, provided a brief introduction on behalf of Administration.

Roger Richard, President, Allstar Property Management Ltd., spoke on behalf of the Applicant and explained that the intended use for the property would be for additional parking.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 14/040 be closed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The public hearing was held between 11:18 p.m. and 11:26 p.m.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 14/040, being a bylaw to remove a portion of the reserve designation within Block R1, Plan 752 0462, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/040 be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

8. Municipal Census 2015 (11:29 p.m. – 11:31 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Council authorize Administration to (1) conduct a municipal census in 2015, and (2) request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves the Shadow Population count be undertaken in the winter of 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. 2015 Ward 1 By-Election (11:31 p.m. – 11:33 p.m.)

Pursuant to Section 161(4) of the Municipal Government Act the Chief Administrative Officer formally advised Council of Councillor G. Boutilier's resignation received on January 24, 2015.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that a by-election be held in Ward 1 of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on Monday, March 30, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer