

**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 10, 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  
P. Meagher, Councillor  
J. Stroud, Councillor  
A. Vinni, Councillor

**Absent:** J. Chadi, Councillor

**Administration:** B. Couture, Acting 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 6:06 p.m.

**Opening Prayer**

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

**National Anthem**

**Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**1. Minutes from Council Meeting - February 24, 2015**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on February 24, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Delegations**

**2. Ron Fetzko, Tom Tabbert, and Darrell Scheers - McMurray Sno-Drifters, re: 2016 Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA) Jamboree  
(6:11 p.m. – 6:33 p.m.)**

**Ron Fetzko, President and Tom Tabbert, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, McMurray Sno-Drifters,** announced that the 2016 Alberta Snowmobile Association Jamboree will be held in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and requested a letter of support for the event from Mayor and Council.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath:

- That the presentation from the McMurray Sno-Drifters be accepted as information; and
- That a letter for the McMurray Sno-Drifters be drafted in support of the 2016 Alberta Snowmobile Association Jamboree.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### Exit and Return

Councillor S. Germain exited the Chamber at 6:39 p.m. and returned at 6:40 p.m.

### Bylaws

3. **Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Portions of W 1/2 32-81-6 W4M, NE 32-81-6 W4M, S 5-82-6 W4M, NE 5-82-6 W4M - Highway 881, 77 Km northwest of Janvier - Bylaw No. 15/005**  
(6:34 p.m. – 6:41 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

- That Bylaw No. 15/005, being an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059, be read a first time; and
- That the required public hearing be held on April 14, 2015.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: J. Stroud

### Reports

4. **Fire Quality Management Plan**  
(6:42 p.m. – 7:06 p.m.)

**Chief Darby Allen, Deputy Chief Perry Gillam, and Fire Marshall Nick Brenner,** gave a brief presentation of the Fire Quality Management Plan. They highlighted the inspection process as well as how they assess risks and minimize hazards.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the revised Fire Quality Management Plan, dated March 10, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Amendment to the Community Investment Program Policy**

(7:07 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)

**Carole Bouchard, Director, Community Services**, provided an overview of the proposed changes to the Community Investment Program Policy.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that amended Community Investment Policy - FIN-220, dated March 10, 2015, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Taxable Benefits Policy FIN-250**

(7:11 p.m. – 7:12 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Taxable Benefits Policy FIN-250, be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. 2014 Expense Summary - Council and Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

(7:12 p.m. – 7:13 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the 2014 Expense Summary - Council and Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, be received as information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**New and Unfinished Business**

**8. Review of Approved Capital Projects**

(7:14 p.m. – 7:43 p.m.)

Discussion occurred regarding the current economic climate and the necessity to review the approved capital projects in the 2015 Budget to identify potential cost savings opportunities.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that the agenda for the March 24, 2015 Council Meeting include a review by Council of all approved capital projects for which budget approval has been given in an amount over \$10 million, with the objective of identifying projects that could be cancelled, phased, deferred or reduced in scope.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: M. Blake, P. Meagher, J. Stroud,  
A. Vinni

**9. Review of 2015 Operating Budget**

(7:44 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that administration be directed to review the 2015 operating budget for any cost reduction in discretionary spending and to report back to the Audit and Budget Committee on opportunities for savings prior to March 24, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Recess

A break occurred from 8:00 p.m. to 8:16 p.m.

**10. Secondment of Project Management Staff**

(8:16 p.m. – 8:19 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that administration be directed to explore secondment agreements with industry for Capital Project management professionals and report back to Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11. Preliminary Assessment of Waterfront Steering Committee Recommendations**

(8:20 p.m. – 9:05 p.m.)

**Kevin Scoble, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering,** presented Administration's initial analysis of the Waterfront Steering Committee's Recommendations. The overview consisted of financial impacts, effects on traffic studies as well as next steps for consideration on issues such as development of the Snye Point Park and flood mitigation plans. Kevin Scoble noted that Administration will be meeting with the former Waterfront Steering Committee next week for further discussion on the recommendations.

**Ian Dirom, Chair, Former Waterfront Steering Committee,** indicated that further discussions with Administration would provide clarification on some of the recommendations.

**Paul Hunt, Member, Former Waterfront Steering Committee,** expressed his concerns regarding the functionality of Snye Point Park if it were backfilled to the 250m flood level.

Discussions ensued, and Kevin Scoble committed to providing Council with a status update on the flood mitigation grant process by way of a briefing note.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher:

- That Administration be directed to incorporate the Waterfront Steering Committee recommendations for Snye Point Park in an expedient manner for the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games.
- That Administration be directed to advise the former Waterfront Steering Committee members of the findings of the preliminary review related to Flood Mitigation/Prairie Loop Boulevard and Administration present final recommendations for the upcoming construction season to Council on April 14, 2015.

- That Administration undertake to examine alternatives to the current Flood Mitigation Plan and present those findings to Council on April 14, 2015.
- That Administration seek opportunities to incorporate the Waterfront Steering Committee recommendations, considered to be of medium to low impact and aligned or neutral, with existing or planned projects, programs and services.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Reporting - Boards and Committees**

Councillor J. Stroud – WinterPLAY, Urban Market, Black History month banquet, Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards

Councillor A. Vinni – Announced that the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has been awarded the Fall 2017 Federation of Canadian Municipalities Quarterly Board Meeting

Councillor P. Meagher – KAOS Power Up Banquet, Memorial for George Decker

Councillor K. McGrath – Regional Aboriginal Recognition Awards, KAOS Power Up Banquet, Mountaineers Auction, Black History month banquet, WinterPLAY, Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA), Holy Trinity Pink Day

Councillor J. Cardinal – Winter Carnival in Fort Chipewyan, Fort Chipewyan Community Engagement

Councillor T. Ault - Communities in Bloom retreat, WinterPLAY

Mayor M. Blake – Proclamation for ‘3 Day’ on March 3, Celebration for Women in Business, Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) Provincial Basketball Competition at Keyano College, Leadership Wood Buffalo, Alberta Francophone Association – Francophone Day, KAOS Power Up Banquet

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Mayor

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Chief Legislative Officer