

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, May 12, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Present: M. Blake, Mayor
T. Ault, Councillor
J. Cardinal, Councillor
S. Germain, Councillor
K. McGrath, Councillor (via teleconference)
P. Meagher, Councillor
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor
A. Vinni, Councillor

Absent: L. Bussieres, Councillor
J. Chadi, 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

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

National Anthem

Adoption of Agenda

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor C. Tatum served notice that the following motion will be brought forward for Council's consideration at the May 26, 2015 Council Meeting:

"That Administration report to Council by September 30, 2015 on the feasibility and estimated cost of constructing a parkade on lands owned by the Municipality in the vicinity of the Jubilee Building, including the option of a design that incorporates commercial space at ground level."

Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes from Council Meeting - April 28, 2015

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on April 28, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. 2015-2017 Fiscal Management Strategy

(6:10 p.m. – 6:52 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer, Kola Oladimeji, Director, Financial Services and Philip Schofield, Acting Director, Assessment and Taxation, presented an overview of the 2015-2017 Fiscal Management Strategy.

Reegan McCullough, Executive Director, Oil Sands Community Alliance, spoke in relation to the Emerging Issues Reserve Fund.

The following motion was put on the floor:

That the 2015 – 2017 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated April 28, 2015, be approved as a guide for 2016 budget development; and

That the 2014 – 2016 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated June 10, 2014, be rescinded.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the motion be amended by inserting the words 'at a revenue neutral tax strategy'.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault, S. Germain

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, K. McGrath , P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Tatum

Moved by Councillor C. Tatum:

That the 2015 – 2017 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated April 28, 2015, be approved as a guide for 2016 budget development; and

That the 2014 – 2016 Fiscal Management Strategy, dated June 10, 2014, be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Hearings and Related Reports

3. Request for Postponement of Public Hearing re: Willow Lake Area Structure Plan - Bylaw No. 15/006

(6:53 p.m. – 6:54 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the public hearing for Bylaw No. 15/006, being the Willow Lake Area Structure Plan, be postponed to June 9, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Reserve Designation Removal for Portion of Lot 22R, Block 55, Plan 772 0076
(6:55 p.m. – 6:56 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that the public hearing regarding the removal of the reserve designation for a portion of Lot 22R, Block 55, Plan 772 0076, be re-scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bylaws

5. 2015 Property Tax Rate Bylaw - Bylaw No. 15/010
(6:57 p.m. – 7:39 p.m.)

Nick Sanders, President, Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the proposed bylaw but expressed general concerns relative to perceived extra dollars in the Emergency Reserve Fund.

Reegan McCullough, Executive Director, Oil Sands Community Alliance, spoke in relation to the proposed bylaw and suggested the bylaw be amended to include specific references.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 15/010 be amended by deleting \$699,468,320 from the 7th “Whereas” statement, and substituting “\$691,940,422”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that Bylaw No. 15/010, being the 2015 Property Tax Rate Bylaw, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that Bylaw No. 15/010, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following motion was put on the floor:

That the additional net revenue of \$31,539,022 be transferred to the Emerging Issues Reserve and committed for costs associated with assessment complaints.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that the motion be amended by deleting the words “and committed for costs associated with assessment complaints”.

DEFEATED

For: T. Ault, S. Germain, K. McGrath,
A. Vinni

Opposed: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher,
J. Stroud, C. Tatum

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the additional net revenue of \$31,539,022 be transferred to the Emerging Issues Reserve and committed for costs associated with assessment complaints.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: S. Germain

Recess

A recess occurred at 7:40 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

6. Procedure Bylaw - Bylaw No. 14/025

(8:00 p.m. – 8:32 p.m.)

Nick Sanders, President, Chamber of Commerce, raised concerns related to the timeframe in which the agendas were released publicly.

The following motion was put on the floor:

That Bylaw No. 14/025 being the Procedure Bylaw, be read a second time.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/025 be amended by adopting the changes indicated on the marked-up version of the Bylaw that is Attachment #1 to the Council Report dated May 12, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 14/025 be further amended to incorporate the following:

- In Section 37, strike out “24 hours” and replace with “16 hours”;
- In Section 38, replace “Mayor or” with “Mayor and”;
- In Section 41, strike out “has been set” and replace with “has been published on the Municipality’s website”;
- In Section 48.1, delete the word “verbal”; and
- In Section 73, insert “and section 60.1” immediately after “Section 64(d)”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 14/025, as amended, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that Bylaw No. 14/025, be read a third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**7. Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Business Industrial Unserviced Lot District (BIU)
- Bylaw No. 15/011**
(8:33 p.m. – 8:34 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

That Bylaw No. 15/011, being a bylaw to amend the Land Use Bylaw, be read a first time; and

That the required public hearing be held on June 9, 2015.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

**8. Regional Recreation Corporation – Amendments to Corporate Bylaw
Concerning Appointment of Directors**
(8:35 p.m. – 9:04 p.m.)

The following motion was put on the floor:

That the Board of Directors of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo [the “RRC”] be requested to amend the RRC corporate bylaw, as set out in Attachment 1 to the Council Report dated May 12, 2015 (Proposed Amendments to RRC Corporate Bylaw); and

That the RRC be advised that a certified true copy of the above resolution, issued from the office of the Chief Legislative Officer, shall constitute sufficient compliance with the provisions of clause 24(b) and section 44 of the RRC corporate bylaw.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the “Proposed Amendments to the RRC Corporate Bylaw” be revised as follows:

- Clause (c) is deleted and the following is substituted therefor: "Two and only two RMWB Councillors may be appointed as Directors." add at the end “provided that if two Councillors are so appointed, at least one must be elected in a ward that lies in whole or in part within the Rural Service Area.
- In clause (d) change the word “five” to “seven” and delete “unless clause 24(e) applies,” and change the word two to one.
- Delete clause (e)

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, T. Ault, J. Cardinal,
P. Meagher, J. Stroud, A. Vinni,
C. Tatum

Opposed: S. Germain, K. McGrath

Moved by Councillor T. Ault:

That the Board of Directors of the Regional Recreation Corporation of Wood Buffalo [the “RRC”] be requested to amend the RRC corporate bylaw, as set out in Attachment 1 to the Council Report dated May 12, 2015 (Proposed Amendments to RRC Corporate Bylaw) as amended; and

That the RRC be advised that a certified true copy of the above resolution, issued from the office of the Chief Legislative Officer, shall constitute sufficient compliance with the provisions of clause 24(b) and section 44 of the RRC corporate bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Attachment 1 now reads as follows:

1. Delete clauses (c), (d) and (e) of Section 24, and substitute in their place the following:
 - (c) *Two and only two RMWB councillors may be appointed as Directors, provided that if two councillors are so appointed, at least one must be elected in a ward that lies in whole or in part within the Rural Service Area.*
 - (d) *If seven or more directors are appointed then at least one of the directors who are not RMWB councillors must reside in the Rural Service Area;*
2. Delete Section 30 and substitute in its place the following:
 30. ***Manner of Appointment and Term of Office of Directors***
 - (a) *The council of the RMWB may pass a resolution at any regularly scheduled, special or organizational meeting of the council, appointing or revoking the appointment of a director. Notwithstanding any other provision of this bylaw any such meeting of the council of the RMWB is also a meeting of the member under this bylaw and is deemed to be in full compliance with all notice requirements and other procedural requirements of this bylaw and of the Act for a member’s meeting.*
 - (b) *The appointment of a director takes effect on the date specified in the council resolution appointing that director or otherwise in the minutes of the meeting at which the council resolution was passed. The term of office of a director is as specified in the council resolution appointing that director, subject to earlier revocation of the appointment by resolution of the council.*
9. **Municipal Utility Corporation**
(9:05 p.m. – 9:21 p.m.)

Kevin Scoble, Executive Director, Infrastructure and Engineering, provided a brief presentation on the Municipal Utility Corporation.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud:

That the Municipality be authorized to enter into a Master Service and Franchise Agreement and/or lease agreement with 1698718 Alberta Ltd. (Municipal Utility Corporation); and

That the resolution, “the Chief Administrative Officer be appointed for two years as chair of a transitional board of directors to provide continuity”, passed by Council on June 26, 2012, be rescinded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Long Distance Commuting Arrangement Policy - HRM-510

(9:22 p.m. – 9:57 p.m.)

Elsie Hutton, Chief Financial Officer and Tammy Stevenson, Manager of Recruitment Systems and Processes, introduced the policy.

Nick Sanders, President, Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the policy.

Discussions ensued and questions were raised relating to the parameters around transition packages, costs involved and reporting on the use of this policy.

Moved by Councillor S. Germain that item No. 10 - Long Distance Commuting Arrangement Policy be referred back to Administration to include a full look at the transition allowances for the recruiting process.

CARRIED

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

Opposed: C. Tatum

12. Appointment of Council Member to Boards and Committees

(9:58 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Councillor Colleen Tatum be appointed to the following Committees until the 2015 Organizational Meeting of Council:

- Governance, Agenda and Priorities Committee;
- Selection Committee; and
- Water North Coalition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following item was not dealt with at the meeting and has been referred back to the Agenda Review Committee for direction:

11. Gratuity Policy - FIN 230

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

For: M. Blake, J. Cardinal, P. Meagher,
J. Stroud, A. Vinni, C. Tatum

Opposed: T. Ault, S. Germain, K. McGrath

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer