

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

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

Absent: J. Cardinal, Councillor

Administration: M. Ulliac, Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Senior Legislative Officer
A. Hawkins, Legislative Officer
R. Kendall, Legislative Officer

Call To Order

Mayor M. Blake called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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 - November 18, 2015

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 18, 2015 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Exit

Councillor A. Vinni declared a potential pecuniary interest due to a business relationship and exited the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Public Hearings and Related Reports

**2. Bylaw No. 15/028 - Land Use Bylaw Amendment - Business Industrial District
(6:03 p.m. – 6:09 p.m.)**

Mayor M. Blake declared the public hearing open at 6:03 p.m.

Bradley Evanson, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the Land Use Bylaw Amendment – Business Industrial District and indicated that Administration is in support of this change. It was acknowledged that this item came forward to Council on June

23, 2015, and was defeated, and he subsequently noted that Administration had relied on incorrect documentation which led to the recommendation for non-support for this type of use in the Business Industrial district.

Roger Fisher, impacted business owner, spoke in support of the amendment and gave a brief overview of the services the medi-spa will provide to the public.

Mayor M. Blake declared the public hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor T. Ault that Bylaw No. 15/028, being an amendment to Land Use Bylaw No. 99/059 specific to the Business Industrial (BI) district, be read a second time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 15/028, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Return

Councillor Vinni re-entered the Council Chamber at 6:14 p.m.

Bylaws

3. Bylaw No. 15/024 – Amendment to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Bylaw (6:15 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.)

Councillor K. McGrath put the following recommendation on the floor for consideration and debate : “That Bylaw No. 15/024, being an amendment to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Bylaw, be read a third and final time.”

The following motion was then presented by Councillor A. Vinni:

Moved by Councillor A. Vinni moved that Bylaw 15/024 be amended by deleting the existing text from section 2, and inserting the following: “Bylaw No. 15/020 is amended by striking out the date “November 24, 2015” and inserting the date “February 10, 2016” in section 5”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Bylaw No. 15/024, being an amendment to the Land Planning and Development Advisory Committee Bylaw, as amended, be read a third and final time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Reports

4. Residential On-Street Parking (6:20 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

Emdad Haque, Director, Engineering, Dale Bendfeld, Director, Bylaw/RCMP Services, and Mazhar Hajhossein, Senior Transportation Engineer, spoke to the report, noting that Administration is recommending that an in-depth parking review be conducted which will take into consideration Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) standards, comparison data with other municipalities, and current practices and industry standards for the provision of on-street parking.

Gord Opendries, resident, questioned the accuracy of the road widths in the attachment provided with the report, and spoke to the issue of snow removal.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in opposition to the report and indicated his concerns of what he views to be over-regulation and oppression as it relates to the use of residential streets.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Administration complete an in-depth parking study to develop an on-street parking strategy to ensure public safety on each residential street for Council consideration not later than August 30, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Transfer of Athabasca Power Centre Lands to the Municipality (7:00 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)

Brian Moore, Executive Director, Regional Development and Planning, provided an overview of the request to enter into discussions with Provincial officials regarding the potential transfer of the Athabasca Power Centre Lands located at the bottom of the Parsons Creek Interchange, to the Municipality.

Jim Rogers, resident, spoke in support of the report and the Municipality obtaining the land for commercial development.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that Administration enter into discussions with Provincial Administration regarding an agreement for the transfer of the Athabasca Power Centre lands to the Municipality for consideration by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Community Identification System Policy Amendment - PRL-040 (7:10 p.m. – 7:21 p.m.)

Felix Ochieng, Planning and Development, provided a brief overview of the report and indicated that Community Identification Committee proposed amendments to the policy that a sign be presented to the family of the person after whom a street, facility or community was named.

Moved by Councillor K. McGrath that Community Identification System Policy PRL-040 dated November 17, 2015 be approved as amended (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. 2016 Ward 2 By-Election

(7:21 p.m. – 7:27 p.m.)

David Leflar, Director, Legal and Legislative Services, provided a brief overview as to requirements of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) regarding by-elections.

Moved by Councillor P. Meagher that a by-election be held in Ward 2 of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on Monday, February 8, 2016.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Mayor M. Blake declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer